

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**CABINET**

**Minute of Meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 19 June 2014.**

**Present:**

Councillor Jim Fletcher (Leader)	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Tony Buchanan (Deputy Leader)	Councillor Ian McAlpine
Councillor Danny Devlin	Councillor Mary Montague
Councillor Elaine Green	Councillor Vincent Waters

Councillor Fletcher, Leader, in the Chair

**Attending:**

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Caroline Innes, Deputy Chief Executive; Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Louise Pringle, Head of Customer and Business Change Services; Iain MacLean, Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration); Erik Sutherland, Planning and Performance Manager; Stuart Free, Principal Officer (Asset Management); Julie Nicol, Principal Planning Officer; and Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**1113.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**COSLA AWARDS – PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES**

**1114.** The Leader of the Council presented certificates to various members of staff from a number of Council departments who had won a range of COSLA awards in 2013/14.

The Cabinet noted the presentation.

**AREA FORUM MINUTES**

**1115.** The Cabinet considered the Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted Area Forums which form Appendices 1, 2 and 3 accompanying this Minute:-

- (i) Newton Mearns South, Busby, Clarkston and Eaglesham Area Forum – 27 May 2014;

- (ii) Giffnock and Thornliebank, Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood Area Forum – 28 May 2014; and
- (iii) Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North and Barrhead Area Forum – 29 May 2014.

The Cabinet agreed to note the Minutes and approve the recommendations therein.

### **AUDIT SCOTLAND ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE 2014/17**

**1116.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Council of 15 May 2013 (Page 528, Item 550 refers), the Cabinet considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of the annual update to the Council's Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) which was based on a shared risk assessment undertaken by all scrutiny bodies which interact with the Council. A copy of the plan was appended to the report.

The report referred to the Local Area Network (LAN) established previously to bring inspectors and auditors together to share relevant information held about the Council and to agree a scrutiny plan for it. The first AIP which had been published in July 2010 set out a programme of scrutiny activity for the Council for the period 2010-13 based on a shared risk assessment. The AIP had been updated annually with the last report being considered in May 2013.

Whilst noting that the shared risk assessment review had been carried out in 2013 to determine the focus of future assessments, the report highlighted that as a result, this year's shared risk assessment had looked at the Council's current position in implementing the Scottish Government's reform agenda in areas such as police and fire; health and social care integration and welfare reform. The assessment also scrutinised risk in relation to the Council's improvement and transformation programme.

The report explained that the AIP for 2014/17 covered a risk assessment across four broad themes. These included local priorities and public sector reform, corporate assessment (i.e. the Council's management arrangements and Best Value obligations); service performance and improving and transforming public services and public performance reporting. Furthermore, each Council in Scotland had undergone a similar process to determine the planned level of scrutiny. It was noted that all 2014/17 AIP reports were published on the Accounts Commission's website and a copy of the Council's report would also be made available on the Council's website.

The AIP report presented an extremely positive external assessment and given that this was the second year the Council had achieved the LAN's decision that no external risk based scrutiny was required at a corporate or service level, it demonstrated the Council's and employees' ongoing commitment to be the best the Council could be, and to deliver better outcomes for the Council's customers and residents.

The Cabinet:-

- (a) commended the Council's positive assessment by external scrutiny bodies and noted that the 2014/17 AIP was published on the Accounts Commission website;
- (b) noted the Local Area Network's (LAN) conclusion that 'no risk based scrutiny work was required' with only Housing services being required to provide further information to the Scottish Housing Regulator in two areas; and

- (c) noted the external scrutiny plans as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report which listed the timescales for the joint inspection of the Council's children's services; that this inspection was part of a planned programme; and was taking place during May and June 2014.

## **STRATEGIC END-YEAR PERFORMANCE 2013/14 - PRESENTATION**

**1117.** The Leader invited the Deputy Chief Executive and Head of Customer and Business Change Services to give a presentation on the Council's end of year performance for 2013/14.

The Deputy Chief Executive began by providing an overview of the Council's performance during the course of 2013/14. She indicated that during the course of 2013-14 the Council had approved a new corporate statement entitled 'Your Council Your Future' and that the new Single Outcome Agreement and Outcome Delivery Plan had seen the number of outcomes being reduced from 11 to 5. It was noted that performance had been very positive over the last year with targets either having been met or exceeded in respect of 81% of the 182 performance indicators. She also highlighted that the Council had received a very positive Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) update from Audit Scotland as reported in the immediately foregoing item of business. Concluding her opening remarks, she explained that the Council's performance was measured against four key areas which were noted as Outcomes, Customer, Efficiency and People.

The Head of Customer and Business Change Services summarised the performance over the last year by reference to the 5 outcomes in the Single Outcome Agreement that the Council had agreed to deliver for local residents. These were noted as Early Years; Life, Learning and Work; Economy and Environment; Safer, Supported Communities; and Older People. Detailed information on the Council's achievements in respect of each of the outcomes was provided as part of presentation.

Concluding the presentation, the Deputy Chief Executive explained that more detailed information on the performance of individual Council departments together with the annual efficiency statement would be submitted to a meeting of the Cabinet in August 2014. Furthermore, the Council's performance had been recognised nationally in a range of ways with awards in the form of amongst other things Investors in People for Education and Customer First and Customer Service Excellence.

The Cabinet noted the terms of the presentation.

## **STRATEGIC END-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14**

**1118.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, summarising the performance of the Council and Community Planning Partnership at end-year 2013/14 based on performance indicators in the Outcome Delivery Plan (2013/16) and Single Outcome Agreement (2013/14). Detailed performance results together with information against a new set of Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) complaints handling indicators appeared as appendices to the report.

The report summarised a high level overview of the East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership and Council's performance at end-year 2013-14. The information presented showed an overall positive picture with good progress towards the majority of targets and identified areas where there was a need for improvement. The Council continued to strive to deliver highly valued services and achieve positive outcomes for its local residents.

The Cabinet, having expressed their thanks to all members of staff for their efforts in achieving good performance results over 2013/14:-

- (a) approved the report as a summary of the Council's and Community Planning Partnership end-year performance for 2013/14;
- (b) noted the Council's performance against the suite of SPSO complaints indicators for 2013/14 as detailed in Annex 2 to the report and that these would be reported publicly; and
- (c) noted that the Community Planning Partnership performance had been discussed at the Performance and Accountability Review (PAR) meeting on 27 May 2014 and improvement actions arising from that meeting were contained in Annex 3 to the report.

## **OPEN SPACE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**1119.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, providing details about the East Renfrewshire Open Space Asset Management Plan 2014. A copy of the plan was appended to the report.

The report explained that the Open Space Asset Management Plan sought to provide a policy context for open space and provided an overview of the quantity, existing uses and current activities. Furthermore, the plan identified future actions and potential risks and sought to provide a well managed, accessible, attractive environment with a variety of opportunities for residents and visitors to exercise, learn and enjoy. The context for the Plan had been informed by a range of legislation, policy, plans and strategies. There were also a range of key drivers which served to shape the content of the plan and these were mainly development issues, performance measures and future activities.

The Plan highlighted that open space management and maintenance within the East Renfrewshire area was moving forward and a great amount was currently being achieved. Increased emphasis was now placed on the benefits that open space provision could bring to an area and its residents. Significant funding was in place to assist development of a network of sites, sports facilities and access routes which would provide multiple benefits for the area and its residents. There was however greater need for a co-ordination of efforts across Council services and the development of a better understanding of the Council's assets in terms of condition, future requirements and associated financial expenditure.

A number of actions were identified in the Plan which prioritised activity and which sought to achieve a strategic approach to open space management resulting in multiple benefits and value for money. These actions would be updated annually and reported back to Cabinet in due course.

The Cabinet approved the East Renfrewshire Open Space Asset Management Plan.

## **Resolution to Exclude Press and Public**

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Leader, the Cabinet unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

**PROPOSED SALE OF GROUND ADJOINING TO BRAESIDE COTTAGE, 2 SPRINGHILL ROAD, BARRHEAD**

**1120.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for the proposed sale of an area of ground adjacent to Braeside Cottage, Springhill Road, Barrhead. A copy of a plan showing the area of ground to be sold was appended to the report.

The Cabinet approved the proposed sale of an area of Council owned land adjacent to Braeside Cottage, Springhill Road, Barrhead.

CHAIR



**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**NEWTON MEARNS SOUTH, BUSBY CLARKSTON AND EAGLESHAM AREA FORUM**

Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Mearns Castle High School on 27 May 2014

**Present:**

Provost Alastair Carmichael  
Councillor Barbara Grant

Councillor Alan Lafferty  
Councillor Ian McAlpine

Bill Duguid, (Eaglesham and Waterfoot Community Council); Colin Scott (Busby Community Council); and John Seenan (East Renfrewshire Neighbourhood Watch Association)

Provost Carmichael in the Chair

**Attending:**

Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager.

**Also Attending:**

Kate Munro, Community Engagement, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

**Apologies:**

George McLachlan and Irene Yona.

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. The forum considered the Minute of the meeting of 4 March 2014.

Referring to the 2014/15 project proposals, (Minute Item 5 refers), Councillor McAlpine reported that the fencing project at Broomburn Park had been completed.

In addition, Mr Seenan reported that a new fence had been erected in Busby to replace the "instant village" that had been damaged in the winter storms, Councillor McAlpine also reporting that part of the fencing from Busby had been erected in Clarkston.

Noting the additional information, the forum approved the Minute.

## PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2014/15

2. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive giving details of the expenditure and projects associated with the allocated General Services budget for 2014/15.

Following discussion the forum agreed as follows:-

<b>General Services Budget</b>		<b>£2,695</b>
<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>COSTS/COMMENTS</b>	
Installation of small slide and matting at children's playpark, Cartside Road, Busby	£2,700, (balance being funded by Parks Section)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	£2,500	
<b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>	<b>NII</b>	

## QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

3. Mr Daly reported on the forthcoming public consultation on the proposals by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland for councillor numbers in Scottish councils. He explained that the consultation would commence on Thursday 29 May and would run for 12 weeks.

## NEW SOUTH GLASGOW HOSPITALS CAMPUS

4. Provost Carmichael welcomed to the meeting Kate Munro, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, who had been invited to give the forum an update on progress in the development of the new South Glasgow hospitals campus.

Thanking the forum for the opportunity to address the meeting and explaining that NHS staff were happy to visit any community groups to discuss the project, Ms Munro explained the background to the creation of the campus site which was an £842 million project comprising 4 hospitals on a single site along with associated infrastructure.

She explained that on completion, there would be 2 major hospitals on the south side of Glasgow: the new south Glasgow hospital and the Victoria. The new hospital would be for unplanned care such as A&E services and would also be the main inpatient site for south Glasgow as well as providing some "national" services such as for spinal injuries, whilst the Victoria would mostly deal with planned visits such as appointments and GP referrals, with a small number of beds for patients undergoing day surgery.

Full details of all the services to be provided on the new campus were outlined, it being explained that the buildings were now complete and wind and watertight. A number of rooms had already been fitted out and sealed pending hand over which would take place in January 2015 with the anticipated moves taking place between April and June 2015.

It was explained that patients had been heavily involved in room design and all bedrooms would be single rooms with ensuite facilities. There had also been significant patient involvement in the design of A&E facilities.



Further details on the new children's hospital were outlined. In particular it was explained that family support facilities such as Ronald McDonald House would be opening at the same time as the hospital.

Full details of the laboratory services to be provided having been outlined, Ms Munro provided more information relating to the supporting infrastructure, particularly in respect of the arrangements for attending hospital either by car or public transport, and car parking.

She explained that the health board had invested in a number of public transport routes and were also investing in public transport interchanges at various locations. £1.5 million was also being invested in Fastlink bus routes from the city centre.

Full discussion then took place on the challenges around the provision of adequate parking, not only for patients but also staff, and the provision of good public transport links. It was noted that Glasgow City Council were in the process of introducing parking restrictions in around the hospital sites and the planning assumptions during development of the hospitals was that there would be no parking for staff.

It was noted that there were no direct public transport links between the eastern part of the authority and the new south Glasgow site, although Ms Munro explained that the majority of patients attending hospital would most likely be planned attendances at the Victoria. It would only be unplanned visits such as to A&E or inpatient visits where attendance at the south Glasgow site would be required. Any concerns about a lack of services should be directed to SPT.

She also reminded the forum that for people using A&E services it was open to patients to use whatever hospital they wished so Hairmyres could still be used.

In response to further questions it was explained that the old Victoria Infirmary would close at the end of summer 2015, that the proceeds from the sale of the old hospitals would go towards the cost of the new buildings and that no decisions had been reached in terms of names for the new hospitals on the campus.

On behalf of the forum, Provost Carmichael thanked Ms Munro for her presentation

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 9 September 2014 at 7pm in Williamwood High School.



**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**GIFFNOCK AND THORNLIEBANK, NETHERLEE STAMPERLAND AND**  
**WILLIAMWOOD AREA FORUM**

Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in Woodfarm High School, Woodfarm on 28 May 2014.

**Present:**

Councillor Mary Montague (Chair)  
Councillor Jim Fletcher

Councillor Ralph Robertson

Bill Considine (Stamperland and Netherlee Community Council); Monty Cowen (Jewish Representative Council); Savio D'Souza (Giffnock Community Council); and Helena Shanks (Thornliebank Community Council).

Councillor Montague in the Chair

**Attending:**

Paul O'Neil, Committee Services Officer.

**Apologies:**

Martin Armitage (Muirend and Netherlee Residents Association); Lynne Arnott (Thornliebank Seniors Forum); and Lisa-Marie Patton (Thornliebank and Giffnock Tenants and Residents Association)

**NEW SOUTH GLASGOW HOSPITALS CAMPUS**

1. Councillor Montague welcomed to the meeting Kate Munro, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde who had been invited to give the forum an update on progress in the development of the new South Glasgow Hospitals Campus.

Thanking the forum for the opportunity to address the meeting and explaining that NHS staff were happy to visit any community groups to discuss the project, Ms Munro explained the background to the creation of the campus site which was a £842 million project comprising four hospitals on a single site along with associated infrastructure.

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It was noted that patients had been heavily involved in room design and all bedrooms would be single rooms with en suite facilities. There had also been significant patient involvement in the design of A & E facilities.

Further details on the new children’s hospital were outlined. In particular, it was explained that family support facilities such as Ronald McDonald House would be opening at the same time as the hospital.

Whilst outlining the laboratory services that would be provided, Ms Munro provided more information relating to the supporting infrastructure, particularly in respect of the arrangements for attending hospital either by car or public transport, and the associated car parking arrangements.

She explained that the Health Board had invested in a number of public transport routes and were also investing in public transport interchanges at various locations. In particular, £1.5 million was also being invested in Fastlink bus routes from the city centre.

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In response to further questions it was explained that the old Victoria Infirmary would close at the end of summer 2015, that the proceeds from the sale of the old hospital would go towards the cost of the new buildings and that no decisions had been reached in terms of the names of the new hospitals on the campus. Ms Munro also explained the proposed catering arrangements for the new hospitals.

On behalf of the forum, Councillor Montague thanked Ms Munro for her presentation.

## **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. The forum considered the Minute of the meeting held on 26 February 2014.

In the course of giving consideration to the Minute, Councillor Montague advised of the sad passing of Mr Bernard Fishman, a long standing member of the forum who had represented East Renfrewshire Crime Prevention Panel on the forum for many years.

Messrs Cowen and D'Souza and Ms Shanks also paid tribute to Mr Fishman highlighting that it was always a pleasure to meet him.

It was agreed that the forum should record its appreciation for the many years of public service that Mr Fishman had given particularly to the work of the forum.

The forum approved the Minute.

### **PROJECT MONITORING 2013/14 AND PROPOSALS 2014/15**

3. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of a project previously approved by the forum in 2013/14; the balance outstanding in the General Services budget for 2014/15; and details of a project that had been submitted for consideration.

The Clerk explained the reasons why the expenditure associated with the purchase and installation of 2 x LED zebra beacons at the zebra crossing at Orchard Park Avenue, Giffnock at a cost of £1,900 could not be committed by 31 March 2014. It was noted that given the circumstances the Roads and Transportation service had confirmed that it would arrange for the project to be carried out in 2014 and would meet the costs from its own budget.

Following discussion, the forum agreed:-

- (a) that the following project be approved

#### **General Services Budget – Opening Balance £9,760**

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>COST/COMMENTS</b>
Replacement of 3 dead trees on Eastwoodmains Road, Giffnock	£1,758
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,758</b>
<b>REMAINING BALANCE</b>	<b>£8,002</b>

- (b) the purchase and installation of 3 further trees on Eastwoodmains Road, Giffnock be continued for further consideration; and
- (c) to otherwise note the terms of the report.

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**POLICE/FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES - UPDATE**

4. There were no police or fire representatives in attendance at the meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5. It was noted that the next meeting would be held in Woodfarm High School on 3 September 2014 at 7 pm.

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**NEILSTON, UPLAWMOOR AND NEWTON MEARNS NORTH AND BARRHEAD**  
**AREA FORUM**

**Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in the Council Offices, 211 Main Street, Barrhead on 29 May 2014.**

**Present:**

Councillor Kenny Hay (Chair)

Councillor Tony Buchanan

John Divers (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); David Jesner (Mearns Community Council); and Rosaleen Reilly (Barrhead Community Council).

Councillor Hay in the Chair

**Attending:**

Jennifer Graham, Committee Services Officer.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Betty Cunningham, Elaine Green and Paul O’Kane; Grace Brookmyre (East Renfrewshire Faith Forum); Rita Connelly (Auchenback Tenants and Residents Association), Linda McCullagh (Hillside Tenants and Residents Association) and Alan Walker (Neilston Development Trust).

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. The forum considered and approved the Minute of the meeting held on 27 February 2014.

**POLICE/FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES – UPDATE**

2. Councillor Hay invited Station Commander Divers to give an update on the activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the forum’s area since the date of the last meeting.

Station Commander Divers advised that he was now the station manager for Barrhead and Clarkston following introduction of the new Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in April and that Local Area Liaison Officers had been appointed. He reported on local fire and rescue statistics advising that these had improved since the last report partly due to the Shanks Business Park site being secured. He thanked East Renfrewshire Council for their assistance in securing this site and hoped that this would lead to a further reduction in fire raising incidents at that location.

Station Commander Divers advised that fire safety awareness raising events had taken place at the Tesco supermarket in Barrhead and that these events would continue to take place approximately quarterly throughout the year. In order to encourage participation at these events, Tesco had arranged for a prize draw to take place with the winner receiving a Tesco hamper. As 2014 was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Barrhead Fire Station a number of events would take place to mark the occasion throughout the year including an open day to be held in October.

There followed a short question and answer session in the course of which Station Commander Divers clarified a number of operational issues in the forum's area.

The forum noted the position.

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Concerns were expressed regarding the number of beds available at the new hospital when compared to the beds available currently as it appeared there would be a significant reduction in the number of beds available in future. Ms Munro explained that there were different categories of beds within a hospital and that, for example, beds in A&E were not counted as they were used by many people throughout the day and were not used to accommodate people overnight. However, she advised that she would provide clarification on bed number to members in due course. In response to further questions, Ms Munro advised that she would also seek clarification regarding ambulance response times and the helipad at the new campus.

On behalf of the forum, Councillor Hay thanked Ms Munro for her presentation

#### **PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2013/14**

4. Under reference to the Minute of meeting of 27 February 2014 (Item 3 refers) when organisations were encouraged to submit project proposals to be considered before the end of the financial year, the forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive providing details of projects approved in 2013/14, including those approved under delegated powers.

The forum noted the report.

#### **PROJECT MONITORING AND PROPOSALS 2014/15**

5. The forum considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, giving details of the general services budget allocation for 2014/15 and advising that no project proposals were available for consideration.

The forum noted the report.

#### **QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

6. The following issue was raised:-

##### Abandoned Property – Newton Mearns

Mr Jesner referred to an abandoned house in Newton Mearns which had been subject to vandalism, and sought clarification regarding whether or not the Council could take appropriate action to protect the property. Councillor Buchanan advised that the Council would need to find out who owned the property before taking any action. Mr Jesner intimated that he would forward the property details to Councillors Buchanan and Hay to allow the matter to be investigated.

The forum noted the position.

#### **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

7. It was reported that the next meeting of the forum would be held in the Council Offices, Main Street, Barrhead on Thursday 11 September 2014 at 7.00pm.

