

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**

**Minute of Meeting held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 17 December 2014**

Provost Alastair Carmichael  
Deputy Provost Betty Cunningham  
Councillor Tony Buchanan  
Councillor Danny Devlin  
Councillor Jim Fletcher (Leader)  
Councillor Charlie Gilbert  
Councillor Barbara Grant  
Councillor Elaine Green  
Councillor Alan Lafferty

Councillor Ian McAlpine  
Councillor Gordon McCaskill  
Councillor Stewart Miller  
Councillor Mary Montague  
Councillor Paul O’Kane  
Councillor Ralph Robertson  
Councillor Jim Swift  
Councillor Gordon Wallace  
Councillor Vincent Waters

Provost Carmichael in the Chair

**Attending:**

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Caroline Innes, Deputy Chief Executive; Julie Murray, Director of Community Health and Care Partnership; Mhairi Shaw, Director of Education; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Kate Rocks, Head of Children’s Services and Criminal Justice (Chief Social Work Officer); Louise Pringle, Head of Customer and Business Change Services; Ken McKinlay, Head of Education Services (Culture, Sport and Continuing Education); Fiona Morrison, Head of Education Services (Schools Performance and Provision); Iain MacLean, Head of Environment (Planning, Property and Regeneration); Gillian McCarney, Planning and Building Standards Manager; Gillian McNamara, Principal Projects and Programmes Officer; Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; and Paul O’Neil, Committee Services Officer.

**Apologies:**

Councillors Kenny Hay and Tommy Reilly.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**1325.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**PRESENTATION OF PROVOST’S AWARD TO LAUREN COSGROVE**

**1326.** Provost Carmichael advised the Council that the recipient of the Citizen of the Year 2014 was Lauren Cosgrove who was a pupil at St John’s Primary School, Barrhead.

He explained that despite suffering from a life threatening illness Lauren had set up her own charity and had dedicated her spare time to organising fundraising events. It was noted that Lauren's charity had raised almost £16,000 and that in 2015 she had more fundraising plans to boost her charity.

Provost Carmichael presented the Award to Lauren, who was heard in reply.

### **PRESENTATION BY SIR HARRY BURNS, PROFESSOR OF PUBLIC GLOBAL HEALTH, UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE: "WHAT CAUSES WELLNESS?"**

**1327.** Provost Carmichael introduced Sir Harry Burns who had been invited to the meeting to give a presentation on the theme "What causes wellness?"

Sir Harry Burns gave his presentation to the Council following which there was a short question and answer session.

Provost Carmichael on behalf of the Council thanked Sir Harry Burns for his most informative presentation.

### **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**1328.** The Council considered and approved the Minute of the meeting held on 29 October 2014.

### **MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES**

**1329.** The Council considered and approved the Minutes of the meetings of the undernoted, except as otherwise referred to in Items 1330 to 1332 below:-

- (a) Local Review Body – 5 November 2014;
- (b) Cabinet – 13 November 2014;
- (c) Audit and Scrutiny Committee – 13 November 2014;
- (d) Education Committee – 20 November 2014;
- (e) Appeals Committee – 21 November 2014;
- (f) Cabinet (Police and Fire) – 27 November 2014;
- (g) Planning Applications Committee – 3 December 2014;
- (h) Cabinet – 4 December 2014;
- (i) Licensing Committee – 4 December 2014; and
- (j) Licensing Committee – 10 December 2014.

### **CABINET – 13 NOVEMBER 2014 – COUNCIL HOUSE RENT POLICY AND HARMONISATION**

**1330.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet of 13 November 2014 (Page 1217, Item 1281 refers) when the Cabinet approved a delay in the introduction of Rent Harmonisation pending a re-assessment of whether harmonisation was deemed to be appropriate, Councillor McCaskill sought clarification when the Council was going to address this issue given that the Council had previously approved a delay in the implementation of the proposal.

In reply, Councillor Devlin explained that in view of the implications of the government's Welfare Reform proposals on Council tenants, it was not considered to be the appropriate time to implement the policy.

Responding to Councillor Devlin's comments, Councillor Swift stated that there was a need for equity in terms of the rents paid by Council tenants across East Renfrewshire, that fair rent policy should be implemented and he could not understand why the Council was unable to implement such a policy.

The Council noted the position.

### **CABINET – 13 NOVEMBER 2014 – GIFT OF GYM EQUIPMENT TO TUVALU**

**1331.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet of 13 November 2014 (Page 1216, Item 1280 refers), when the Cabinet approved that the gym equipment scheduled to be replaced in Eastwood Leisure Centre Action Zone be gifted to the commonwealth country of Tuvalu to enable the creation of a gym on the largest island of Funafuti, Councillor Swift enquired whether the equipment that was being gifted to Tuvalu was so dysfunctional that it could not have been used in another leisure facility in East Renfrewshire.

In reply, the Head of Education Services (Culture, Sport and Continuing Education) advised that the equipment would not have met the needs of the Council's customers and if not gifted would have been disposed of in any event. He also emphasised that the decision to gift the gym equipment would continue the legacy of the Commonwealth Games.

The Council noted the position.

### **CABINET (POLICE AND FIRE) – 27 NOVEMBER 2014**

**1332.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet (Police and Fire) of 27 November 2014 (Page 1235, Item 1301 refers) when the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service performance report for the second quarter of 2014/15 had been noted, Councillor Montague requested that the Minute be amended to reflect that the 'Safety in the Park' event referred to in the report had been organised by 'Magic Wand' a voluntary group in Barrhead.

The Council approved the Minute subject to the following amendment:-

Page 1235, Item 1301, Paragraph 4: At the end of the paragraph the words "It was noted that the Safety in the Park event had been organised by Magic Wand." be added.

### **EAST RENFREWSHIRE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2013/14**

**1333.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet of 13 November 2014 (Page 1215, Item 1278 refers) when it had been agreed to recommend to the Council that the East Renfrewshire Council Annual Accounts for 2013/14 be approved, and the Audit and Scrutiny Committee of 13 November 2014 (Page 1220, Item 1286 refers) when the accounts, the related annual audit report to the Council and Controller of Audit for 2013/14 providing an overview of the main issues arising from the 2013/14 audit and related comments made had been noted, the Council considered a report by the Chief Executive regarding the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014. A copy of the Accounts and the External Auditor's report on the Accounts was appended to the report.

The report explained that the Council had received an unqualified audit report from the External Auditors which demonstrated the continuing excellent financial performance of the Council, with an overall surplus for the financial year of £1.385 million being recorded in the accounts. Transfers totalling £5.3 million were made from the General Fund balance to specific reserves. These included £4 million to the Capital Reserve, £1 million to the Modernisation Fund and £300,000 to the Insurance Fund.

Whilst noting that capital expenditure of £21.54 million had been invested in the Council's General Services and Housing Capital Programmes, the report also highlighted that an operating deficit of £415,000 on the Housing Revenue Account had been incurred, this reducing the accumulated surplus balance to carry forward to £507,000.

The Council:-

- (a) approved the 2013/14 East Renfrewshire Council Annual Accounts; and
- (b) noted the External Auditor's report.

#### **INTERIM TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**1334.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet of 13 November 2014 (Page 1216, Item 1279 refers), when it had been agreed to recommend to the Council that the organisations listed in the report for investment of surplus funds be approved, the Council considered a report by the Chief Executive providing information relative to the Council's treasury management activities for the first 6 months of 2014/15.

The Council agreed that the organisations listed in the report for the investment of surplus funds be approved.

#### **GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

**1335.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet of 4 December 2014 (Page 1243, Item 1309 refers), the Council considered a report by the Chief Executive, recommending adjustments to the 2014/15 General Fund Capital Programme in light of issues that had arisen since the programme had been approved.

The Council:-

- (a) approved the movements within the programme; and
- (b) noted that the shortfall of £235,000 would be managed and reported on a regular basis.

#### **HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

**1336.** Under reference to the Minute of the meeting of the Cabinet of 4 December 2014 (Page 1243, Item 1310 refers), the Council considered a report by the Chief Executive, recommending adjustments to the 2014/15 Housing Capital Programme in light of issues that had arisen since the programme had been approved.

The Council:-

- (a) approved the movements within the programme; and

(b) noted that the shortfall of £164,000 would be managed and reported on a regular basis.

## **PROVOST'S ENGAGEMENTS**

**1337.** The Council considered and noted a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, providing details of the civic engagements attended by and civic duties performed by Provost Carmichael since the last meeting.

## **STATEMENTS BY CONVENER**

**1338.** Provost Carmichael intimated that no statements had been received.

## **STATEMENTS BY REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT BOARDS/COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITY**

**1339.** Provost Carmichael intimated that no statements had been received.

## **CABINET (POLICE AND FIRE) – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

**1340.** The Council considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, seeking approval for changes in the appointments of Chair and Vice Chair of the Cabinet (Police and Fire).

The report explained that at the statutory meeting of the Council on 23 May 2012, following the local elections earlier that month, Councillors Fletcher and Buchanan were appointed as Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, and consequently as Chair and Vice Chair of the Cabinet. At the same meeting, the Council also approved proposals that the Cabinet (Police and Fire), with an extended membership to include Councillors Grant and Wallace, would be the vehicle by which police and fire services in the area were subject to scrutiny by elected members. As the new body was in effect the Cabinet, albeit with an extended membership, Councillor Fletcher had Chaired meetings since then.

Furthermore, Councillor Montague was appointed as Convener for Community Services and Community Safety at the statutory meeting as noted above. Given that part of her remit included police and fire, the report proposed that Councillor Montague be appointed to the position of Chair of the Cabinet (Police & Fire), with Councillor Fletcher being appointed to the position of Vice Chair.

It was noted that the situation in respect of ordinary meetings of the Cabinet would remain unchanged, with Councillors Fletcher and Buchanan remaining as Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Council approved the appointment of Councillors Montague and Fletcher as Chair and Vice Chair respectively of the Cabinet (Police and Fire).

## **RENFREWSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

**1341.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Deputy Chief Executive, advising of the dissolution of the current Renfrewshire Educational Trust, the establishment of a new Trust; and seeking approval for the appointment of 2 elected members to serve on the new Trust.

The report explained that the Renfrewshire Educational Trust was an independent private trust with a public ethos for educational advancement. Operating within the geographical area of the East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire and Inverclyde Councils, it provided financial assistance for educational purposes to those in financial need; for example, children in low income households taking part in school trips and excursions; funding towards further education qualifications, or development in music or the arts.

Whilst noting that the current board of governors comprised 21 members including 3 elected members from East Renfrewshire Council who were Councillors Gilbert, Green and O’Kane, the report explained that the proposed changes to the structure of the Renfrewshire Educational Trust had arisen as a result of legislative changes. The opportunity had also been taken to introduce more streamlined processes. The main change affecting the Council was the reduction by one in the number of elected members serving on the Trust.

The Council:-

- (a) noted the dissolution of the Renfrewshire Educational Trust in its current form and the establishment of a new Trust; and
- (b) agreed that Councillors Green and O’Kane be appointed as Trustees to the new Trust.

#### **CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14**

**1342.** The Council considered a report by the Director of the Community Health and Care Partnership providing details of the Chief Social Work Officer’s activities for 2013/14. A copy of the annual report was appended to the report.

The report provided an overview of the areas of work in which the social work service was engaged together with the particular responsibilities held by the Chief Social Work Officer across the delivery spectrum. Whilst noting that there continued to be a number of significant challenges and risks facing social work and the Council in East Renfrewshire, the report highlighted that these included the continuing challenging financial climate for all public services, the increasing expectations and demands from the public and stakeholders, the increasing cost of supporting vulnerable people within the area, the significant changes in the welfare system which will affect the most vulnerable in the Council’s communities, the increased child poverty in the area and the management of increased service demand with decreased staff numbers.

The report emphasised that given the difficulties described above this clearly produced significant challenges for social work and the Council in delivering social work services that remained high quality, responsive and provided value for public money against a background of budgetary constraint. Notwithstanding these difficulties every effort would be made to ensure best practice within the allocated resources was achieved in all areas of social work responsibility, particularly in those areas of high risk for individuals, the community the Council served, and the Council.

The Council noted the report.

#### **REPLACEMENT BARRHEAD HIGH SCHOOL**

**1343.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Education providing an update on the Council’s proposal for the proposed replacement Barrhead High School project and seeking approval for an appropriate course of action.

The report explained the recent background to the project, in particular the legal proceedings which were instigated to seek clarification in relation to the potential “common good” issue, in light of the “Portobello” judgement. This related to a Court of Session judgement which overturned a previous ruling and established that local authorities could not use inalienable common good sites for other public uses. It was noted that the decision was particularly relevant given that the factual circumstances of the case closely reflected those faced by the Council.

Whilst noting that in August 2014, the Court of Session issued its decision which meant that the Council was unable to progress the school at the proposed (“bandstand”) site in Cowan Park, the report provided details of the options available to the Council, proposing that relocating the replacement school to the Johnny Kelly pavilion site in Cowan Park was the preferred option of those available.

The report also explained that an additional £3.5 million would be needed to progress the school at the proposed new location as a result of a number of factors including the impact of construction inflation, flood mitigation measures and the need to relocate the existing Johnny Kelly pavilion. In addition, work would need to be undertaken to relocate the existing skate park and to create an area which would then allow East Renfrewshire Cricket Club to install its own wicket. The report also highlighted that subject to Council approval of the proposed alternative site, the additional capital contribution necessary would be factored into the Council’s Capital Plan which would be submitted to the Budget meeting of the Council on 12 February 2015.

The report concluded by indicating that the proposal to construct the replacement Barrhead High School in and around the Johnny Kelly pavilion site was considered to be the best option available, taking into account the factors outlined in the report.

Councillor McCaskill referred to the additional cost of the project, in the course of which he expressed concern about the impact this would have on the Council and the residents of East Renfrewshire. He stated that in his opinion, it was unacceptable for the Council to be asked to make a decision on the project in the absence of detailed information about what impact the additional cost would have on the Council’s Capital Plan given that this would not be considered until the Budget meeting in February 2015.

In reply, Councillor Fletcher explained that it was unfortunate that the Council had had to go to the Court of Session to secure a clean title for the project. However, he emphasised that there was a need for a new high school in Barrhead and the Council wanted to build the school in the right location. Whilst acknowledging that the delay would have cost implications to the Council, he explained that the Council was required to make a decision at the meeting in order to secure funding being made available from the Scottish Futures Trust.

Whilst highlighting that the Council had been warned by local residents about building the proposed high school on common good land, Councillor Swift sought clarification why the Council had taken so long to test the case in the courts and why there was no contingency plan put in place. He also expressed concern about the potential revenue and capital implications of proceeding with the project which were not outlined in the report. He suggested that the additional cost of the project could lead to other capital projects in the Capital Plan being deferred. Concluding his remarks, he further suggested the Council should be provided with full details of the implications of the additional cost of the project before making a decision on the matter.

In reply, Councillor Fletcher stated the site chosen was considered to be the best site and that the Council had made moves to secure a clean title from the court to allow the construction of the school to take place on common good land. He acknowledged that the increase in the costs of the project would put additional pressure on the Capital Plan but in his view this was the best way forward.

The Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) explained that the project would be incorporated into the Capital Plan in the course of which she explained the need to approve both the Revenue Budget and Capital Plan at the same Council meeting in February 2015. Concluding her remarks, she explained that the additional cost of the project would have no impact on the revenue budget insofar as the Council was not proposing to borrow money to fund the additional cost of the project and as a result it would not incur loan charges.

Councillor Buchanan was heard in support of the proposal, in the course of which he highlighted that consideration had been given to building the school on other sites as detailed in the report although the site chosen was considered the most appropriate site. Concluding his remarks, he stated that the reasons for the additional cost of the project were outlined in the report.

The Council:-

- (a) noted the current position with the proposed replacement Barrhead High School project;
- (b) approved the proposal to re-locate the replacement school to the "Johnny Kelly" site;
- (c) agreed to abandon legal appeal proceedings;
- (d) approved the additional £3.5 million capital funding needed to deliver the project;
- (e) noted that the additional cost of the project would be factored into the updated and/or re-phased Capital Plan, which would be considered by the Council in February 2015; and
- (f) agreed that it be delegated to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Director of Education and Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement) to progress the project through planning and construction to its completion.

## **CITY DEAL GOVERNANCE**

**1344.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for a proposed assurance framework for the city deal and the establishment of a joint committee to govern the delivery of the City Deal.

The Council:-

- (a) noted the progress made in formalising structures and process relating to the delivery of the city deal;
- (b) approved the creation of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Cabinet as a joint committee, with Glasgow City Council acting as the lead authority;



- (c) approved the delegation of functions to the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Cabinet; and
- (d) noted the progress being made to finalise the assurance framework in discussions with the UK and Scottish Governments.

## **EAST RENFREWSHIRE CULTURE AND LEISURE TRUST**

**1345.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Education bringing forward a draft business plan and seeking approval that arrangements should now be put in place to establish a Culture and Leisure Trust (CLT) from July 2015.

Councillor Robertson sought clarification why the Council was now proposing to proceed with the creation of a Trust given that it had previously considered a similar proposal in 2008 and had decided not to proceed at that time on the grounds that it was not viable. He also commented on the position of General Manager of the Trust, and queried whether a senior member of Council staff could be made redundant by the Council as a consequence of the creation of the Trust but still be in a position to apply for and be appointed to the position of General Manager of the Trust.

In reply, the Director of Education explained that there were a number of reasons why the proposal was now viable including the fact that due to the number of services proposed to transfer to the Trust, the Council would be able to achieve savings through NDR and VAT. As regards the staffing issue, she highlighted that those members of staff affected by the proposal would transfer to the Trust under TUPE regulations and that appointments to the Trust would be made by the Board that would be established. She emphasised that there would be nothing to stop a member of Council staff applying for the post of General Manager if they found themselves subject to the circumstances described by Councillor Robertson. In reply to a further question, she explained the reasons why certain senior officers were not transferring to the Trust insofar as they had other responsibilities in the Council.

Councillor Swift suggested that there appeared to be a significant gap between the cost of establishing the Trust and the savings that could be achieved and sought clarification whether the management fee would be a fixed fee. In reply, the Head of Education Services (Culture, Sport and Continuing Education) explained that the management fee would be reviewed on an annual basis.

The Provost advised that one of the recommendations required the Council to agree to nominate four members to serve on the Trust Board.

Councillor Fletcher suggested that the members be drawn as follows:- three members from the Administration consisting of two Labour and one SNP with the other member being drawn either from the Conservative Group or Councillor Robertson. This was agreed.

The Council:-

- (a) agreed that arrangements now be put in place to establish an East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust;
- (b) agreed that the Trust be established as a company limited by guarantee;
- (c) endorsed the draft business plan and noted that this would be developed further by the Trust Board and brought back to the Council for consideration prior to the Trust's implementation;

- (d) approved the draft articles of association that would inform and govern the workings of the Trust and noted that these would be developed in consultation with the Trust Board and brought back to the Council for approval in June 2015;
- (e) agreed to the recruitment of a Trust Board with nine members, four of whom would be elected members nominated by East Renfrewshire Council (2 Labour, 1 SNP and 1 Conservative/Independent with the names to be submitted to the Deputy Chief Executive), with a further four independent members externally recruited and a final representative of relevant trade unions;
- (f) instructed the Director of Education and the Director of Corporate and Community Services to commence negotiations with trade unions with regard to the transfer of effected staff to the Trust under TUPE regulations;
- (g) noted that a detailed legal transfer of services agreement would now be developed between the Council and the Trust and instructed the Director of Education to bring this back to the Council for approval in June 2015; and
- (h) agreed to use its discretion in favour of the Trust by granting it exemption from the discretionary element of NDR relief.

#### **HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 - CENTRAL HEATING BUDGET**

**1346.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval to commit £110,000 of the 2015/16 Housing Capital Programme to enable the installation of central heating alongside external wall insulation/render (EWI).

The report explained that the Council had been successful in bidding for Scottish Government Home Energy Efficiency Scheme: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS: ABS) grant to fund the owner/occupiers' share of costs for installing external wall insulation at a number of solid wall dwellings in Neilston and Busby.

Whilst noting that the Council had approved a budget for its share of the cost of the EWI project in February 2014, the report highlighted that due to delays in the Scottish Government's notification of the award of grants, the project would not now start on site until April 2015.

The report provided details of the number of dwellings that would form part of the contract, together with the necessary works that required to be undertaken for the installation of the new central heating systems. It was noted that tenders were currently being prepared for the EWI contract and ideally these would include central heating installation.

The report highlighted that the 5 year Housing Capital Programme 2015-2018/19 that had been approved by the Council in February 2014 anticipated a 2015/16 central heating budget of £423,000. It was noted that the 2015/16 Housing Capital Programme budget would be submitted to the meeting of the Council for approval in February 2015. It was also noted that standing orders relating to contracts stated that unless there were special circumstances budgets should be approved prior to the inclusion of works in tender documentation. However, to enable the central heating to be included in the EWI contract tender documents without having to apply a special circumstances clause (and subsequently, in the contract) the Council needed to approve now the commitment of £110,000 of the 2015/16 budget.

The report concluded by indicating that the early commitment of 2015/16 resources would ensure central heating was installed in dwellings prior to the installation of external wall insulation/render, avoiding additional work and potential damage aesthetically or physically to that installation/render.

The Council approved the commitment of £110,000 from the 2015/16 Housing Capital Programme to enable obsolete central heating to be renewed prior to the installation of external wall installation/render.

## **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN - SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE**

**1347.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval of the proposed local development plan supplementary planning guidance for publication and consultation. Four supplementary planning guidance documents had been prepared for Council approval and these were appended to the report.

The report explained that supplementary planning guidance formed an important and statutory part of the proposed local development plan and provided an opportunity for the Council to provide detailed guidance on key matters that shaped and influenced the growth and change of East Renfrewshire up to 2025 and beyond.

The four supplementary planning guidance documents provided detailed guidance on the delivery of the housing and economic requirements in Barrhead and Neilston, provided improved access and visitor facilities at the country park and provided the criteria for influencing the design of residential proposals identified within the proposed local development plan. In addition, they would also provide a mechanism, through development contributions, for delivering infrastructure.

It was noted that the local development plan was on schedule to be adopted by the spring of 2015, subject to a positive and prompt outcome from the Scottish Government's Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals, currently expected early in 2015. The documents appended to the report would be formally adopted as supplementary planning guidance alongside adoption of the local development plan.

The Council:-

- (a) approved the following supplementary planning guidance for formal publication and consultation: Barrhead North Master Plan; Residential Street Design; Neilston Infill Development Strategy; Dams to Darnley Country Park; and
- (b) agreed that it be delegated to the Director of Environment to approve any minor inconsequential changes to the guidance prior to publication for consultation.

## **THE EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL (PART OF GREENLAW WAY, NEWTON MEARNS) (STOPPING-UP) ORDER 2014**

**1348.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval to confirm the East Renfrewshire Council (Part of Greenlaw Way, Newton Mearns) (Stopping-Up) Order 2014.

The report explained that the confirmation of the Stopping-up Order would enable the planning permission granted to Robertson Homes on appeal by the Scottish Ministers on 19 December 2012 for the erection of a residential development approved under application reference 2014/0270/TP at Greenlaw Way, Newton Mearns to be implemented.

The Council confirmed the East Renfrewshire Council (Part of Greenlaw Way, Newton Mearns) (Stopping-Up) Order 2014, to enable the implementation of the approved planning permission for a residential development at Greenlaw Way, Newton Mearns.

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

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Provost, the Council 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act".

### **ACQUISITION OF LAND AT CROSS ARTHURLIE STREET, BARRHEAD AND PROPOSED CHANGES TO CAPITAL PLAN**

**1349.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval for the purchase of the former bingo hall site in Cross Arthurlie Street, Barrhead to help facilitate the regeneration of Barrhead Town Centre, and to recommend changes to the approved Capital Plan to facilitate the acquisition and other project opportunities which had arisen since the 2014/15 Capital Plan had been agreed by the Council in 2014. A plan showing the site of the former bingo hall in Cross Arthurlie Street was appended to the report.

The Council:-

- (a) agreed to the acquisition of the site of the former bingo hall in Cross Arthurlie Street, Barrhead from the existing owner for the sum detailed in the report; and
- (b) that the Capital Plan be amended in accordance with Appendix 2, for the reasons outlined in the report.

### **PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF LAND AT NEWFORD GROVE, CLARKSTON AND EAGLESHAM ROAD, CLARKSTON**

**1350.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for the proposed acquisition of land at Newford Grove, Clarkston and Eaglesham Road, Clarkston.

The Council approved the acquisition of:-

- (a) a strip of land extending to approximately 30m<sup>2</sup> from Green Belt Holdings Ltd and Mactaggart & Mickel Ltd at Newford Grove, Clarkston to facilitate access to the Council's proposed family centre; and
- (b) an area of land approximately 15m<sup>2</sup> (opposite Millerston Cottages on Eaglesham Road, Clarkston) from Mactaggart & Mickel to create a new bus stop.

**PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION AT WATERFOOT ROAD, NEWTON MEARNES**

**1351.** The Council considered a report by the Director of Environment, seeking approval to acquire a 3.24 hectare (8.0 acres) site at Waterfoot Road, Newton Mearns from Mactaggart & Mickel to facilitate a new faith schools' joint campus with pre-5 provision.

The Council agreed that consideration of the matter be continued.

PROVOST

