

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 1 September 2016

Present

Councillors Burns (Convener), Howat (Vice-Convener), Burgess, Child, Edie, Godzik, Ricky Henderson, Hinds, Lewis, Main (substituting in SNP Vacancy), Mowat, Rankin, Rose, Ross and Rust.

1. Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 4 August 2015 as a correct record.

2. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan September to December 2015

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for September to December 2015 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for September to December 2015.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan September to December 2015, submitted.)

3. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Rolling Actions Log

Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

Decision

- 1) That completion dates be provided for Actions 2, 9 and 16.
- 2) To note that, in regard to Action 12, a report would be considered at this meeting.
- 3) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Appointments to the Welfare Reform Working Group 2015-16

The Committee was invited to appoint the membership of the Welfare Reform Working Group for 2015/16.

Decision

To appoint Councillors Aldridge, Burgess, Day, Ricky Henderson, Howat, Rose and Work to the Welfare Reform Working Group.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 13 May 2014 (item 5); report by the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, submitted)

5 Smoke Free Policy

Details were provided on a proposal to replace the Council's current Control of Smoking at Work Policy by a new Smoke Free Policy which extended smoking restrictions to surrounding areas for Council premises including entrance areas, car parks, playgrounds and courtyards within the boundary of Council premises. The restrictions would also apply to the use of e-cigarettes.

Motion

- 1) To approve the draft Smoke Free Policy.
- 2) To call for an update on the developing evidence on e-cigarettes as it related to this smoke free policy, in 2 cycles.

- moved by Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Howat

Amendment

- 1) Not to approve the draft smoke free policy at this time.
- 2) To call for an update on the developing evidence on e-cigarettes as it related to this policy, in 2 cycles.

- moved by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	3 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Burns.

(Reference – report by the Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, submitted.)

16. Safecall CEC 114 – Update Report on Management Action

The Committee, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

The Committee had agreed to receive a further report detailing progress and outcomes of the ongoing management actions, including the ongoing work of the Chief Social

Work Officer and a response to the outstanding concerns expressed by members in regard to the recommendations of Safecall Report CEC 114.

Details were provided on the progress made.

Motion

- 1) To note the report by the Chief Executive and to accept all the recommendations in Appendix 2 and that progress on their implementation be reported to the Education, Children and Families Committee.
- 2) To recognise that no further disciplinary action would be instigated in relation to these matters until all relevant information was available.
- 3) To agree that a further report would thereafter be considered by Committee advising of any further management action.

- moved by Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Howat

Amendment

- 1) To note the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To note with concern, Appendix 2: Early Indicative Findings – Review of Complaints in Education Service.
- 3) To recognise that no further disciplinary action would be instigated in relation to these matters until relevant information was available.
- 4) To instruct that in the light of information which had come to light during current enquiries, the Chief Executive ensure, whether through the Review referred to in 2) above or otherwise include a detailed review of all complaints and grievances, past and ongoing, about or dealt with by, any of the four current or past employees subject to the main investigation.

Voting

The voting was as follows;

For the motion	-	11 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Burns.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 9 June 2015 (items 6 and 16); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)