

COMMUNITY SERVICES
STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL (SPECIAL)

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 13th January 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John Allan (Chair), Ian Douglas, Ann Galbraith, Bill Grant, Hugh Hunter, Elaine Little, Alec Oattes and Philip Saxton.

Attending: K. Leinster, Head of Community Care and Housing; H. Carswell, Head of Children's Services; W. Gray, Property and Asset Manager; P. Linton, Performance and Change Management Manager; C. Gardiner, Senior Strategic Planning and Performance Management Officer; A. MacLeod, Performance and Business Manager; G. Boyce, Service Planning and Performance Management Officer; and A. Gerrish, Committee Administrative Officer.

1. Progress Against the Council Corporate Plan to 30th September 2010

There was submitted a report (issued) of 16th November 2010 by the Head of Policy Performance and Communication outlining the progress which had been achieved to date against the Council Corporate Plan in relation to the Directorate objectives and tasks which had fallen within this Panel's remit.

The Performance and Change Management Manager referred to the recent workshop that had allowed initial discussion of the report and it had been agreed that scrutiny should focus on those areas that had been identified during this session as being of concern.

Accordingly a full discussion took place and various points were made by Members of the Panel in relation to:-

- (1) the way in which Members were advised of progress in relation to South Ayrshire Council's Properties;
- (2) the progress that was being made to deliver affordable homes within South Ayrshire;
- (3) the coordination of more complex repairs for tenants and the ability for Members to check on progress;
- (4) the progress being made towards achieving the Scottish Housing Quality Standard by 2015;
- (5) the programme of apprenticeships within Property and Design (Trading);
- (6) the opportunities for Looked After Children in terms of Educational Attainment;
- (7) the shift in the balance of care and South Ayrshire's response to the Change Fund; and
- (8) the progression of the proposals for children's' residential units.

Various detailed questions were raised, to which the relevant officers responded accordingly.

Decided: to note the progress achieved to date against the Council Corporate Plan as detailed through the updates provided against its Directorate Plans to 30th September 2010.

The meeting ended at 11.50 a.m.