

LEADERSHIP PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 4th December 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Bill McIntosh (Chair), Bill Grant, John McDowall, Rita Miller, Robin Reid, Philip Saxton and Margaret Toner.

Attending: D. Anderson, Chief Executive; H. Garland, Executive Director – Children and Community; L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Development and Environment; V. Andrews, Head of Legal and Administration; K. Leinster, Head of Head of Community Care and Housing; H. Carswell, Head of Children’s Services; J. McQuillan, Head of Property and Neighbourhood Services; C. Monaghan, Head of Policy, Performance and Communications; M. Hastings, Enterprise Manager; R. Kingisepp, Office Manager; C. Cox, Planning Manager; A. Gerrish, Committee Services Officer; and D. Knight, Democratic Services Administrator.

Community Services – Housing and Customer First.

1. 70 Kirkoswald Road, Maybole.

There was submitted a joint report (issued) of 19th November 2012 by the Executive Director – Children and Community and Executive Director – Environment and Development

- (1) advising
 - (a) that the property at 70 Kirkoswald Road, Maybole formed part of the School Estate and was formerly held as tied accommodation for any janitor employed at Carrick Academy;
 - (b) that with Janitors expressing a concern of facing potential homelessness following a period in tied accommodation such as this, an insistence on such accommodation forming part of a janitor’s contract had been removed and that this house in Maybole had been vacant since 10th June 2005; and
 - (c) that the property was a three bedroom detached house with current vehicular parking within the school car park and had suffered from vandalism over the years and was in poor condition internally with the boundary to the school being a wire metal hatched fence which offered no privacy to the property;
- (2) requesting that the former janitor’s house at 70, Kirkoswald Road be declared surplus to requirements within the Education Account; and

- (3) seeking approval of its transfer to the Housing Revenue Account and authorising expenditure on works to let it as Housing stock.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to when this property would be available for renting and whether the tenant would be able to buy this property in future.

Decided:

- (i) to declare the former janitor's house at 70 Kirkoswald Road, Maybole surplus to requirements of the Education Account and available for transfer to the Housing Revenue Account for a sum of £62,986;
- (ii) to authorise the release of £75,000 from the Commuted Sums Account to support acquisition and to contribute towards the required repairs; and
- (iii) to approve anticipated expenditure of £41,014 on repairs and conversion to be funded through Commuted Sums and the Housing Revenue Account.

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2. **Transit site funding for Gypsies / Travellers.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of 9th February 2010 (Page 92, paragraph 7) when it had been agreed to accept the Scottish Government's funding support of £81,375 in 2009/10 towards the scoping and delivery of a transit site by 2011/12 for gypsies / travellers and there was submitted a report (issued) of 8th November 2012 by the Executive Director – Children and Community

- (1) advising
- (a) that the Scottish Government's funding had been offered on the basis that a transit site be delivered by March 2012 and that if no suitable sites could be identified, funds would to be returned to the Scottish Government and that in consultation with the Scottish Government, an extension had been granted to allow further consideration of this project to be given;
- (b) that between February and June 2010, 111 sites in Council ownership had been assessed for their suitability for a transit site and that this process had ruled out the majority of sites due to land conditions, current use and location and that three potential sites had been shortlisted as follows:-
- the former St. Quivox Primary School, Ayr;
 - Grangestone Industrial Estate, Girvan; and
 - former Nursery Site, Coalpots Road, Girvan;

- (c) that the Community Services Standing Scrutiny Panel had visited each of these sites towards the end of 2010 and had further ruled out the site at St. Quivox due to its small size and close proximity to existing housing, and the two sites in Girvan had offered greater potential, with less impact on existing communities, however, extensive consultation with gypsies / travellers had suggested that Girvan was too close to the Irish ferries as a stopping point and too far from the central belt, where most work opportunities existed; and
 - (d) that sites in the private sector had been dismissed, as the acquisition cost of land of a suitable size would have been in excess of £100,000; and
- (2) reporting that over the past year, tentative discussions had taken place with neighbouring local authorities to investigate the possibility of a joint approach to delivery of a transit site, however, these authorities had indicated that they were not in a position to progress a transit site at this time.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to if a suitable site became available in the future, would the Council be able to ask the Scottish Government for this funding and whether Officers were satisfied that all reasonable steps had been taken to find a suitable site.

Decided: to agree to return £81,375 of funding to the Scottish Government due to changing gypsy / traveller travelling patterns and that no Council owned land that met both the requirements of the settled and Gypsy/Traveller communities being available.

3. Housing Capital Programme 2012/13 – Monitoring Report at Period 6, 30th September 2012.

There was submitted a joint report (issued) of 28th November 2012 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment and Executive Director – Corporate Services

- (1) informing of the progress being made with the Housing Capital Programme for 2012/13 as at 30th September 2012 (Budget Monitoring Period 6);
- (2) advising that Appendix 2 of the report provided the progress made on projects to 30th September 2012;
- (3) intimating that as outlined in Table 2 of Appendix 2 of the report, there were adjustments that required budgets to be re-profiled from 2012/13 to 2013/14 (Table 2, ref 1 - 4) and in year programme adjustments (Table 2, ref. 5 - 6), with corresponding borrowing adjustments also being required and, therefore, requesting that the required adjustments be approved as outlined in Table 2 of Appendix 2 of the report; and
- (4) reporting that as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, at the end of Period 6, actual expenditure stood at £5,020,441 representing expenditure of 27.6% of the total budget with the net impact of the proposed programme adjustments being outlined in section 4.2 of the report and that detailed in Table 2 of Appendix 2 of the report was a net reduction in programming expenditure of £1.985m with a corresponding reduction in borrowing.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the underspend in the buy back of properties for 2012/13 and the slippage within the Programme.

Decided:

- (a) to note the progress made on the delivery of the Housing Capital Programme to 30th September 2012;
- (b) to approve the amendments as outlined in Section 4.2 of the report and as detailed in Table 2 of Appendix 2 of the report; and
- (c) to request that the Head of Property and Neighbourhood Services submit a report to the meeting of the Panel on 19th February 2013 with proposals and options on how the under-performance of and slippage within the Housing Capital Programme could be improved.

4. Performance Inspection of South Ayrshire Council's Social Work Services.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 19th November 2012 by the Executive Director – Children and Community

- (1) advising
 - (a) that services within Children and Community had been inspected by external scrutiny bodies on a regular basis which activity was welcomed as it contributed to an overall programme of continuous improvement and service modernisation which ultimately led to better outcomes for the people the Council was here to serve; and
 - (b) that the Care Inspectorate's performance inspection process this year had comprised of a two stage process;
- (2) intimating
 - (a) that the Care Inspectorate summarised their initial Stage 1 findings in a report issued to South Ayrshire Council in August 2012 and that based on the evidence provided, the Care Inspectorate had evaluated this Council's social work services positively in four out of nine 'risk' areas; and
 - (b) that for Stage 2 scrutiny, the Care Inspectorate had had obtained further information in relation to the five risk areas, through focus groups and interviews with a variety of staff, managers, elected members, carers and partner agencies for the Stage 2 scrutiny activity;
- (3) recommending that as the Care Inspectorate's performance inspection was designed to inform and support each local authority's approach to continuous improvement, they had made six recommendations for South Ayrshire Council, based on their inspection findings, which they believed were key to delivering improvements to the social work services the Council provided; and

- (4) reporting
- (a) that social work managers were working with staff to draw up an Action Plan to address the recommendations made by the Care Inspectorate in their scrutiny report and that this Action Plan would link both strategically to the objectives detailed within Children and Community's Directorate Plan as well as linking into operational service improvement plans; and
 - (b) that in line with standard processes, the link inspector in the Care Inspectorate would remain in regular contact to monitor the performance of the service including progress made with the recommendations for improvement and that the link inspector would also continue to offer support for self-evaluation and improvement activity and information from the scrutiny report would also be fed into the annual review of the Council's Assurance and Improvement Plan by the link inspector as part of the shared risk assessment process.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the Action Plan to address the six recommendations that had been made by the Care Inspectorate.

Decided:

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to agree the planned activity currently underway to develop an action plan to address the six recommendations detailed within the scrutiny report; and
- (iii) to request that the Head of Children's Services submit a report to the meeting of the Panel on 19th February 2013 with the proposed Action Plan to address the six recommendations.

Development and Environment - Economic Development, Tourism and Leisure.

5. European Fisheries Fund - Axis 4 - Sustainable Development of Fisheries Areas.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23rd November 2012 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising
- (a) that discussions had been held with various Councils and organisations to identify potential partners to take forward an expression of interest in the development of a joint Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) who would act as the governing body for the EFF project;
 - (b) that South Ayrshire Council and Argyll and Bute Council had submitted a joint application to Marine Scotland, Scottish Government on 11th September 2011 to develop a joint FLAG following a successful initial expression of interest and that the FLAG communities within South Ayrshire had been identified as Ballantrae, Girvan, Maidens, Ayr, Prestwick and Troon and that the local action group would be known as the ABSA FLAG;

- (c) that Marine Scotland had made a formal offer of funding to South Ayrshire Council on 13th January 2012 of €156,211 (€1 = £0.85365, based on December 2011 exchange rate = £133,349.52) and that the EFF funds required to be matched on a 50%-50% basis from a public sector source, and would also require a privately sourced funding contribution, depending on the intervention rate set by the FLAG as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
 - (d) that the purpose of the funding was to provide a project resource to local communities affected by decline in the fishing industry and that a diverse range of projects were eligible, including projects to provide skills training for local people, enhancing environmental protection, community renewable energy projects and improvements to tourism services to attract more visitors with the aim of improving quality of life and generating social and economic benefits;
- (2) intimating that the ABSA FLAG would be the governing body for the EFF funds and would form a legally constituted group of representatives from the South Ayrshire area, Argyll and Bute area, including fisheries industry and related sectors and that an Officer from Enterprise Services would represent South Ayrshire Council on the FLAG who would oversee the FLAG business plan and be the decision making body on appropriate applications for grant support to the EFF;
- (3) proposing
- (a) that as the larger funding partner, Argyll and Bute would undertake the Lead Partner responsibilities for the administration and financial management of the funds;
 - (b) proposing that any applications by organisations or community groups from the South Ayrshire area to the ABSA FLAG be match-funded on a project by project basis and would require applicants to source match funding for their projects which would be a mix of both private and public funding; and
 - (c) that a Service Level Agreement between Marine Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council as Lead Partner would be negotiated and that thereafter, an Agreement would be formed between South Ayrshire Council and Argyll and Bute Council, with Marine Scotland providing further Guidance, where appropriate; and
- (4) reporting that there were financial implications for the Council, the acceptance of the award of grant of £133,349.52 from Marine Scotland and the 10% administration fee of £13,334.95 payable to Argyll and Bute for Lead Partner Services and that the budget to meet the costs of the 10% administration fee would be met from the Leader match-fund budget within existing Enterprise Service budgets which had sufficient funds.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the timescale for the use of the funds and whether Prestwick was a flag community that could apply for funding.

Decided:

- (i) to accept the Marine Scotland's award of £133,349.52 and the continuing development and formal constitution of the Argyll and Bute and South Ayrshire Fisheries Local Action Group (ABSA FLAG);
- (ii) to agree that Argyll and Bute Council undertake the Lead Partner role for the ABSA FLAG;
- (iii) to note that, under the Fund rules, there was a 10% fee for the administration of the grant, equivalent to £13,334.95 of the EFF grant award for South Ayrshire;
- (iv) to agree that applicant organisations for the EFF monies would be required to source match funding, from both private and public sources, for their projects; and
- (v) to grant delegated authority to the Executive Director - Development and Environment to continue negotiations with Marine Scotland and Argyll and Bute Council, and to finalise the Service Level Agreement and associated underpinning agreement.

6. Scottish Government National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy Review.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23rd November 2012 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising
 - (a) that the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act, 2006, established that a National Planning Framework should set out Scottish Ministers' development strategy for Scotland and establish where development could and should occur and that the framework designated certain types of development as "national development" to emphasise the national importance of such developments;
 - (b) that the Framework was part of a system of hierarchical development plans in Scotland and that all local development plans (including South Ayrshire Council's Local Development Plan) should conform to its content;
 - (c) that the existing National Planning Framework 2 set out current national development priorities and sought to facilitate sustainable economic growth, through improved infrastructure, particularly strategic transport routes and international gateways and that the national developments identified in National Planning Framework 2 that affected South Ayrshire were Glasgow Prestwick Airport, the Central Scotland Green Network and West of Scotland strategic rail enhancements whilst recognising the role of Ayr Port and Ayr Renaissance;
 - (d) that the Scottish Government was currently consulting on the emerging National Planning Framework 3 (to replace National Planning Framework 2) which would identify main issues and would target a low carbon economy and sustainable economic growth;

- (e) that the current consultation sought proposals for national developments, where they met certain criteria and aligned with the strategic priorities of the Framework; and
 - (f) that following the consultation, the Government would publish a main issues report on the National Planning Framework 3 in March 2013 with the National Planning Framework 3 being finalised during summer 2014 and that the Council would have the opportunity to comment on the next stages of the National Planning Framework 3;
- (2) indicating
- (a) that the Scottish Planning Policy review consultation sought views on connections and tensions between policy subjects and, in particular, what aspects of the existing documents worked or not;
 - (b) that the consultation also sought views on how Scottish Planning Policy could be changed to focus on sustainable economic growth and to emphasise place making;
- (3) outlining the implications of the Scottish Planning Policy review for this Council as detailed in the report; and
- (4) seeking approval to respond to Scottish Government consultations on the National Planning Framework 3 and Scottish Planning Policy review.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the need for Affordable Housing and whether this could be supported within the Planning system, the development of brownfield and greenfield sites in relation to planning policy, the implications of the planning framework for Central Scotland Green Network Development and the timescale for the submission of the Council's response.

Decided:

- (i) to approve considerations relating to the National Planning Framework 3 consultation, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2 of the report, as the basis for the Council's response to the Scottish Government with the addition of a reference to the Airport and Business Park and the sea ports of Ayr and Troon recommended as national development and also the Central Scotland Green Network Development to continue to be included in the National Planning Framework 3;
- (ii) to approve considerations relating to the Scottish Planning Policy consultation, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 of the report, as the basis for the Council's response to the Scottish Government; and
- (iii) to agree that the Council's formal response to both of these consultations based on the foregoing be submitted to the next meeting of the Portfolio-holders for their confirmation prior to submission to the Scottish Government.

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7. A Proposed South Ayrshire Economic Development Strategy 2013-2023.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23rd November 2012 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising
 - (a) that in the summer 2011, the Economic Development Partnership (EDP) had raised concerns about the continuing deterioration in economic performance locally, coupled with a number of policy and priority shifts taking place at regional and national level;
 - (b) that there had been a wide range of consultations throughout the development of the strategy and that a formal public consultation had been undertaken from July to September 2012 and that although broadly supportive of the strategy, there was a clear concern that connectivity issues had not been given sufficient prominence, resulting in the addition of a further priority outcome area around high quality connectivity; and
 - (c) that a Strategy had been prepared and sat within a wider framework of economic development across Scotland, including the work of the Ayrshire Economic Partnership, but was first and foremost aimed at responding to local challenges through co-ordinated partnership actions;
- (2) intimating the EDP was now developing a supporting two-year action plan with subsidiary performance measures, which would be used to manage specific actions and outputs that drove towards the ten-year outcomes, managed within the wider Community Planning structure; and
- (3) recommending that the Panel
 - (a) endorse, in principle, the new South Ayrshire Economic Development Strategy (2013-2023) and the outline approach to implementation within it, proposed by the members of the Economic Development Partnership;
 - (b) note that this strategy might require further adaptations to ensure alignment with a new Single Outcome Agreement being developed for South Ayrshire, by the Community Planning Partnership; and
 - (c) note that the Community Planning Partnership Board would meet on 28th November 2012 to consider their endorsement of the strategy.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the inclusion within the strategy of farming industry and the development of a supporting Action Plan.

Decided:

- (i) to endorse the strategy in principle, subject to alignment with a new Single Outcome Agreement being developed for South Ayrshire by the Community Planning Partnership; and

- (ii) to agree that the proposed two year Action Plan with subsidiary performance measures being developed by the Economic Development Partnership which would be used to manage specific actions and outputs that would drive towards the ten year outcomes would be considered at a future meeting of the Community Planning Board and thereafter, would be submitted to the meeting of this Panel on 19th March 2013 for consideration.

8. Next Generation Broadband – “Step Change 2015”.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23rd November 2012 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising of the proposals to develop Next Generation Broadband (NGB) infrastructure in South Ayrshire through the Scottish Government’s “Step Change 2015” project;
- (2) seeking approval of a conditional funding contribution to ensure key local priorities were addressed; and
- (3) reporting
 - (a) that there was a risk that the central funds would fail to deliver the predicted 75% coverage level in South Ayrshire and, therefore, it was proposed that all of the Council contributions to Step Change 2015 be conditional upon this coverage level being delivered from central funds;
 - (b) that Scottish Government had set a deadline of 14th December 2012 for Local Authorities to indicate if providing any additional financial contributions to the Step Change 2015 project;
 - (c) that the installation would take place between mid 2013 and the end of 2015 but no installation plan would be available until after the procurement was completed; and
 - (d) that the Scottish Government proposed to enter into a Service Level Agreement to formalise the funding contributions and proposed additional coverage outcomes for South Ayrshire.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the position for the Grangestone Industrial Estate, Girvan should no such fibre-duct be accessible.

Decided: to approve

- (i) a financial contribution of £700,000 to increase the level of premises coverage for the supply of Next Generation Broadband (NGB) achieved from 75% to 80% by 2015, subject to;
 - the Scottish Government “central” funds achieving 75% premises coverage for South Ayrshire, and
 - 80% coverage supplying NGB to the core settlements of Ayr, Troon, Prestwick, Maybole and Girvan, subject to the limitations described at paragraph 3(11) of the report; and

- (ii) a financial contribution of up to £50,000 to deliver NGB capability to the Grangestone Industrial Estate, Girvan, on the assumption that an accessible fibre-duct to the site was already in place and should no such fibre-duct be accessible to the successful contractor, then Officers be requested to take forward discussions with local employers to ascertain if this matter could be progressed.

Corporate and Community Planning - Corporate, Strategic and Community Planning.

9. Carrick Community Council Forum Tourism Project Cashflow Support provided under Delegated Powers.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 26th November 2012 by the Head of Policy, Performance and Communication

- (1) advising
 - (a) that Carrick Community Council Forum (CCCF) had secured LEADER funding as part of a package of financial support to a major tourism development project it was taking forward which project focused on locally conceived and driven tourism development;
 - (b) that on 5th November 2012, the Council had been approached and asked if it would be possible to offer cashflow support for the reasons set out at paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 of the report and that the specific request was for two tranches of cashflow support: £24,000 to be advanced to CCCF in November 2012 to be repaid to the Council in April 2013; and a further £24,000 in September 2013 to be repaid in December 2013;
 - (c) that following consideration by Officers, the project was advised on 14th November 2012 that a report on this matter would be submitted to this Panel requesting agreement for cashflow support; and
 - (d) that the Chair of the Forum had advised by telephone on the evening of 16th November 2012 that the situation was acute and that further work could not be undertaken on the project until cashflow support was provided;
- (2) reporting that cashflow support had been provided to the Carrick Community Council Forum Tourism project using delegated powers under G3 of the Scheme of Delegation;
- (3) intimating that details of the next LEADER programme were not yet available but that once they were, consideration should be given to how best the cashflow issues of funded projects could be addressed within the parameters of EU and LEADER funding to relieve this pressure for projects; and
- (4) recommending
 - (a) that as the current LEADER project concluded in December 2013, the Executive Director – Corporate Services be given delegation to consider requests for cashflow on a case by case basis for the remainder of this programme up to the total value of £20,000; and

- (b) that this should only apply to South Ayrshire projects and if the other Ayrshire projects wished to provide cashflow support then this could be facilitated by this Council as lead partner but it would not be reasonable for this Council to take on financial risk for non-South Ayrshire projects.

Decided:

- (i) to note that cashflow support of £24,000 has been provided to the Carrick Community Council Forum using delegated powers to deal with emergency situations;
- (ii) to note that CCCF have been asked to repay this to the Council as soon as they were able to and not later than April 2013;
- (iii) to agree that a further £24,000 cashflow be provided to the CCCF in September 2013 to be repaid once LEADER have made the final project payment (expected December 2013);
- (iv) to request Officers to ensure that when the next LEADER programme was established, proposals be developed for dealing with cashflow issues which arose for funded projects, and
- (v) to agree that for the remainder of the current LEADER programme (end 2013), the Executive Director - Corporate Services had delegated powers to consider requests for cashflow support for South Ayrshire Council LEADER projects on a case by case basis up to the value of £20,000.

Corporate and Community Planning - Resources and Performance.

10. Budget Management – Revenue Budgetary Control 2012/13 – Position Statement at 30th September 2012.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 28th November 2012 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services

- (1) presenting an overview of the General Services Revenue Account, Housing Revenue Account and Common Goods Accounts for 2012/13 as at 30th September 2012;
- (2) advising that the unaudited General Services surplus at 31st March 2012 was £18.026m, the unaudited Housing Revenue Account surplus was £15.714m and the combined Common Good revenue surplus for all Common Good Funds was £0.934m and that the 2011/12 audit was completed on 30th September 2012 with no changes to the reserves positions being required;

- (3) outlining the current position with regard to:-
- overview of services position at 30th September 2012;
 - targeted reductions;
 - Council Tax Income;
 - Repairs and Renewal Fund; and
 - Accumulated Balance at 30th September 2012;
 - Contingency Balance 2012/13;
 - General Reserve Balances;
 - Housing Revenue Account Balance; and
 - Common Good Funds; and
- (4) reporting that all Directorates had committed to bringing their budget in on-line as minimum by 31st March 2013 and that an accumulated surplus of £9.307m was currently anticipated at 31st March 2013 for General Services, £1.857m accumulated surplus for the Housing Revenue Account and a combined £0.542m accumulated surplus for the Common Good Funds.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the projected overspend to determine if asbestos was present in Council properties and how long it would take to survey all houses and the rents lost due to voids and the Executive Director – Development and Environment advised that she would submit a briefing note to Elected Members detailing how the projected underspend due to lost voids could be improved.

Decided:

- (a) to approve the virement as outlined in the Directorate financial performance reports as outlined in Appendix 1 and summarised in 4.1 (2) and 4.4 (3) of the report;
- (b) to note the revised earmarking for carry forward of resources to 2013/14 as outlined in 4.1 (3) of the report;
- (c) to approve the £0.150m draw from contingency to meet one off costs to make safe dangerous privately-owned buildings as outlined in 4.1 (4) of the report;
- (d) to agree the management action being taken by Directors to ensure a break-even position at 31st March 2013 as outlined in 4.1 (5) of the report;
- (e) to approve the allocation of £0.500m to the Central Repairs Account from the projected in year surplus as outlined in 4.1 (6) report;
- (f) to note the Council Tax collection rates as outlined in 4.2 report;
- (g) to agree with reference to paragraph 4.1(5) of the report that the Executive Director - Development and Environment submit proposals to the next meeting of this Panel on 22nd January 2013 outlining alternative management action to ensure a break-even position for her Directorate as at 31st March 2013 to avoid reducing spending on tourism development, economic development, road repairs or grounds maintenance;

- (h) to agree to form a Working Group consisting of Councillor McIntosh, Councillor Reid as Portfolio-holder and the Executive Director – Corporate Services to meet with the Executive Directors as required, to discuss the implications of the Budget Management Report;
- (i) to remit this report to the next meeting of the Corporate and Community Planning Standing Scrutiny Panel to allow that Panel to give this report detailed consideration and examination; and
- (j) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

11. General Services Capital Programme 2012/13: Monitoring Report as at Period 6: 30th September 2012.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 28th November 2012 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services

- (1) outlining
 - (a) the General Services Capital Programme for 2012/13 as at 30th September 2012 and detailing that at the end of Period 6, actual expenditure stood at £2,669,733m and represented expenditure of 15.9% of the total budget; and
 - (b) the progress being made on projects to 30th September 2012 as highlighted in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) reporting
 - (a) that Appendix 2 to the report provided the progress made on projects to 30th September 2012, each table providing the following information:-
 - **Table 1:** detailing the latest position in terms of current expenditure, full year income and expenditure budget and projected out-turn;
 - **Table 2:** highlighting financial impacts on projects which required approval by members;
 - **Table 3:** providing commentary on projects where target milestones have not been met but where there were no financial implications at the reporting period; and
 - **Table 4:** summarising the three year income and expenditure impact if approval was granted for the changes set out in Table 1; and
 - (b) that as outlined in Table 2 of Appendix 2 of the report, income expectations in relation to capital receipts from asset sales required to be revised downwards in 2012/13 by £0.370m (Table 2, ref 2) and that also there were a number of adjustments that required budgets to be re-profiled from 2012/13 to 2013/14 (Table 2, ref 3-10, 14) and that in year programme adjustments (Table 2, ref 1, 11-13), with corresponding borrowing adjustments also required;

- (3) requesting
- (a) that consideration be given to implementing a range of property related capital investment projects which would meet identified property needs and that the impact of this would be brought forward as part of the 2013-18 Capital Plan which was due to be brought before Council on 18th December 2012 (Table 2, ref 15); and
 - (b) requesting that the Panel approve the required adjustments outlined in Table 2 of Appendix 2 of the report; and
- (4) reporting that in total £4,783,131 of projects required to be re-profiled to 2013/14 as outlined in Table 2, ref 3-10, 14) with a corresponding re-profiling of borrowing.

Clarification was sought in relation to the progress being made with the Project Team for the Marr College and Ayr Academy Projects and the Chief Executive advised that he would circulate a note to Elected Members outlining the progress being made on these matters.

Decided:

- (i) to note the progress made on the delivery of the General Services Capital Programme on projects to 30th September 2012;
- (ii) to approve the adjustments as outlined in Section 4.2 and Table 2 of Appendix 2 of the report; and
- (iii) to agree that the Head of Property and Neighbourhood Services would include in the report to be submitted to the meeting of the Panel on 19th February 2013 as detailed on Page 20, paragraph 3, recommendation (c), proposals and options on how the under-performance of and slippage within the General Services Capital Programme could be improved.

12. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Declaration of Interest.

Councillor McDowall declared an interest in the contract relating to South Ayrshire Care and Repair as he was a Director of that organisation and when that contract was being discussed he would withdraw from the meeting. However, he remained in the meeting during consideration of the contract relating to a support service for Children Affected by Parental Substance Misuse.

13. Contract Renewals.

There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) of 15th November 2012 by the Executive Director – Children and Community seeking the Panel's agreement to award contracts managed and monitored within the Children and Community Directorate.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the tendering process.

Decided: to approve the appointment of

- (1) Children 1st as provider of a support service for Children Affected by Parental Substance Misuse (CAPSM), commencing 1st April 2013 until 31st March 2015 with the option to extend for a further two periods each of one year as outlined at paragraph 4.2 of the report; and
- (2) South Ayrshire Care and Repair as provider of a care and repair service commencing 1st April 2013 until 31st March 2016 with the option to extend for a further two periods each of one year one as outlined at paragraph 4.3 of the report.

Councillor McDowall rejoined the meeting at this point.

Community Services - Housing and Customer First.**14. Housing with Care Development: Old Street, Girvan.**

There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) of 1st November 2012 by the Executive Director – Children and Community seeking the Panel's agreement to enter into negotiations to amend an existing contract with Trust Housing Association to develop a 'Housing with Care' service from their complex at Old Street in Girvan.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the standard and costs of care.

Decided: to agree, in principle, that the Council amend the existing contract with Trust Housing Association to develop a 'Housing with Care' service at their Old Street complex in Girvan; and subject to Standing Orders Relating to Contracts, to delegate authority to the Executive Director - Children and Community to negotiate and enter into an amended contract with Trust Housing Association, as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.

Development and Environment - Economic Development, Tourism and Leisure.

15. Application for Loan Funding from the West of Scotland Loan Fund Ltd.

There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) of 23rd November 2012 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment seeking approval to award a loan from this Council's funds held in the West of Scotland Loan Fund as detailed in the report.

Decided: to approve the award of a loan from the Ayrshire Development Funds held within the West of Scotland Loan Fund to the applicant company on the terms proposed at paragraph 4.1 of this report, subject to agreement of satisfactory security arrangements with the borrower.

Development and Environment - Economic Development, Tourism and Leisure.

16. Ayr Community Recycling Centre.

There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) of 26th November 2012 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment seeking approval for a three month extension to the Council's main waste treatment contract with Barr Environmental Ltd. for the continued provision of the Ayr Community Recycling Centre and the procurement of a new contract thereafter.

Clarification was sought and provided in relation to the Ayr Community Recycling Centre and the terms of the existing and proposed Contracts and the timescale for the proposed procurement.

Decided: to agree

- (1) to grant permission to negotiate a three-month extension to the Council's waste treatment contract with Barr Environmental Ltd. from 1st May 2013 to 31st July 2013 for the continued provision of Ayr Community Recycling Centre; and
- (2) the procurement of a new contract for a Community Recycling Centre for Ayr for a period of two years plus the option of a one year extension commencing 1st August 2013.

The meeting ended at 11.20 a.m.