

LEADERSHIP PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 22nd January 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending: E. Howat, Executive Director – Corporate Services; H. Garland, Executive Director – Children and Community; L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Development and Environment; V. Andrews, Head of Legal and Administration; M. Williamson, Head of Curriculum and Services Improvement; K. Leinster, Head of Head of Community Care and Housing; C. Monaghan, Head of Policy, Performance and Communication; K. O’Hagan, Head of HR and Organisational Development; M. Newall, Head of Planning and Enterprise; M. Hastings, Enterprise Manager; L. Jarvie, Sustainable Development Policy Officer; W. Phillips, Revenue Manager; A. Greenwood, Asset Co-ordinator; D. Bell, Managing Director, Ayr Renaissance; A. Gerrish, Committee Services Officer; and D. Knight, Democratic Services Administrator.

Apologies: Councillor Philip Saxton, Miss Phil Davey, Rev. David Gemmell, Mrs. Mairi Raeburn and Pastor Alastair Simmons.

Also Attending: Sarah Lawton, Senior Auditor and Alan McKenzie, Auditor, Audit Scotland

1. Declaration of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors’ Code of Conduct.

Community Services - Lifelong Learning/Social Services/Housing and Customer First.

2. Children and Community Annual Report 2011/12.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 7th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Children and Community outlining the Annual Report for Children and Community relating to the financial year 2011/12 attached as an Appendix to the report and seeking approval for the publication of this document on the Council's website and via other electronic media in such a way as to make it accessible to stakeholders including staff, partners, other local authorities and service users.

Having commented favourably on the report and the level of detailed information that it contained, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the publication of the Annual Report for Children and Community for 2011/12;
- (2) to refer the Annual Report for Children and Community to the Community Services Standing Scrutiny Panel for further consideration; and

- (3) to request that a briefing session with workshops be arranged for all Elected Members, to take place in approximately one month's time to further consider the Annual Report and to examine how the successful elements and aspects of this document could be extended across other services.

Community Services – Social Services.

3. Draft Ten Year Vision for Joint Services: Reshaping Care for Older People.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 10th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Children and Community

- (1) advising of the draft 'Ten Year Vision for Joint Services – Reshaping Care for Older People' and the continuous engagement process for seeking the views of service users, families, carers, staff and the wider public;
- (2) outlining the proposals as contained within the report; and
- (3) seeking approval for the draft Ten Year Vision for Joint Services – Reshaping Care for Older People and the continuous engagement process.

Clarification having been sought and provided in relation to the projected numbers of older people within this Council area and how it compared to other Local Authorities in Scotland, the Panel

Decided: to approve the draft Ten Year Vision for Joint Services – Reshaping Care for Older People and the continuous engagement process.

Community Services – Housing and Customer First.

4. Rehousing of Owners from the Lochside Maisonettes.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 7th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Children and Community seeking an agreement to award priority for Council housing to owners and private tenants residing in the Lochside maisonettes, where they were at risk of homelessness as a result of planned demolition.

Clarification having been sought and confirmation provided that the priority offer to be made to owners and private tenants would be an appropriate offer, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to award priority for Council housing to owners and private tenants currently residing in the maisonettes on Ferguson Street and Sloan Street, where they were unable to secure suitable alternative accommodation in the Private Sector and were at risk of homelessness as outlined in 3.3 of the report; and
- (2) that offers of priority re-housing be considered using the process for dealing with 'individual cases' as outlined in the South Ayrshire Council Housing Allocations Policy.

Development and Environment – Economic Development, Tourism and Leisure.

5. Interreg 4a – Business Improvement District Project.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 14th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising
 - (a) that the Business Improvement District Project was a joint project of five local authorities, Ballymena Borough Council, Colerain Borough Council, Larne Borough Council, Sligo County Council and South Ayrshire Council with Ballymena Borough Council acting in role of Lead Partner;
 - (b) that this project had been funded through the European Union Interreg 4a Programme;
 - (c) that the aim of the project was to promote the Business Improvement District model as a template to engage the private sector and deliver improved town centre performance across the five partner local authorities; and
 - (d) that the objective of the project was to deliver measurable improved performance across the five town centres and to create a network for sharing learning and best practice;
- (2) reporting
 - (a) that the total funding awarded to this project across the five partners was £716,000 and the allocation for Ayr totalled £121,851, with £91,388 of Interreg 4a funding and £30,462 of Council match funding; and
 - (b) that this Council's contribution could be met from within existing resources over the period 2012/13 to 2014/15; and
- (3) seeking approval to implement the Business Improvement District Action Plan to enable the drawdown of Interreg 4a funding.

Clarification having been sought and provided in relation to challenges being faced by retailers in the High Street, changes in people's shopping habits whether out of town or via the internet, the challenges and financial contributions for retailers arising from the Business Improvement District Project, the process for engaging with retailers and the involvement of Ayr Renaissance and Townscape Heritage Initiative in the project and whether the Project Officer would work closely with Ayr Renaissance and Townscape Heritage Initiative, the Panel

Decided:

- (i) to approve the allocation of the Interreg 4a funds as recommended by the Partnership Development Action Plan as outlined below:-

Activity	Estimated Cost (£) (over two years)
Project Officer	50,000
Project activity	31,851
Footfall counters	15,000
Communications	10,000
Customer and Business Surveys	7,000
Consultancy support	7,000
Annual report	1,000
Total	121,851

- (ii) to approve the appointment of a project officer on a fixed term, two year contract, 75% funded by Interreg 4a funds.

6. Long Term Significant Event Development.

Reference was made to the Minutes of the 6th November 2012 (Page 530, paragraph 27) when it had been agreed

- (1) to approve a financial support package for the staging of the British Women's Open Championship at Turnberry in 2015 as detailed in the report;
- (2) to approve a financial support contribution to the Royal and Ancient as detailed in the report for essential infrastructure improvement works to allow future stagings of The Open at Royal Troon in 2016 and beyond and to delegate authority to the Executive Director - Development and Environment to agree detailed terms and conditions of the support; and
- (3) to request the Executive Director - Development and Environment to submit a report to a future meeting of this Panel setting out in more detail, the approach to be taken to support an on-going 10 to 15 year rolling programme of major golf events in South Ayrshire.

there was submitted a report (issued) of 15th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment seeking approval to develop a long-term approach to securing significant events that would deliver tourism and economic benefits for South Ayrshire.

Clarification having been sought and provided that events development for smaller organisations and smaller events would not suffer as a result of this proposal, as to what were the anticipated financial benefits to this Council and how the financial benefits to the local economy were measured, the Panel

Decided:

- (a) to approve the development of a long-term approach to securing significant events for South Ayrshire, in collaboration with EventScotland which would deliver sustainable tourism and economic benefits to the area;
- (b) to approve the creation of a dedicated Tourism Event Development Fund within the Enterprise Service, to allow expenditure on activities associated with delivering significant events over the long-term, to be funded annually from within existing event development budgets;
- (c) to agree that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director - Development and Environment to approve funding for specific event support activities as described in the report, from the existing ring-fenced fund and based on the following outline criteria:-
 - the event was of a significant scale (to be minimum £100,000 net additional injection to local economy);
 - the event directly aligned to the Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Strategy;
 - the majority of the participants/spectators were expected to be visiting from outwith South Ayrshire;
 - the support was the minimum necessary to ensure it proceeded and delivered the targeted level of tourism/economic benefit; and
 - the Council's significant event support was a minority of the overall event delivery funding.

Development and Environment – Sustainability and Environment.**7. Fields in Trust.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 8th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising
 - (a) that the National Playing Fields Association, operating as Fields in Trust, a registered charity, was undertaking the Queen Elizabeth Fields challenge to protect 2012 playing fields and spaces across the country;
 - (b) that this project was being undertaken to build on lasting legacy from the Diamond Jubilee, the London Olympics and Paralympics 2012 and the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow 2014; and
 - (c) that given the Commonwealth Games were in 2014, Fields in Trust had set a target of 214 protected spaces in Scotland as a contribution to this challenge; and
- (2) seeking approval in principal for the submission of a number of open spaces as the local nomination for the Queen Elizabeth Fields Challenge run by Fields in Trust.

Clarification having been sought and provided in relation to the terms of the draft Minute of Agreement and the ability to vary such an Agreement in the future, the Panel

Decided:

- (i) to note the project to create protected outdoor spaces for sports, play and recreation;
- (ii) to agree to nominate the following fields for consideration:-
 - Corsehill Gardens, Monument Road, Ayr;
 - Recreation Ground, Main Street, Colmonell;
 - Kirkmichael Playing Field, Bolestyle Crescent/Straiton Road, Kirkmichael;
 - Symington Playing Field, Brewlands Road, Symington;
 - Orchard Gardens, The Avenue, Girvan;
 - Straiton Playing Field, Main Street/Knockbreck Road, Straiton; and
 - The Deer Park, Belleisle Estate, Ayr; and
- (iii) to delegate authority to the Executive Director - Development and Environment to agree the detail of the terms of the agreement with Fields in Trust.

Corporate and Community Planning – Corporate, Strategic and Community Planning.

8. Raising our Ambitions: Progress Report 1

Reference was made to the Minutes of South Ayrshire Council of 27th September 2012 (Page 448, paragraph 13) and there was submitted a joint report (issued) of 15th January 2013 by the Head of Policy, Performance and Communication and Head of HR and Organisational Development

- (1) providing the first progress report on 'Raising our Ambitions' and outlining the timeframe for presenting progress reports to future meetings of this Panel prior to Summer Recess; and
- (2) highlighting six major strands of activity as summarised below:-
 - (a) recruitment of Head of Community, Enterprise and Development;
 - (b) programme of meetings with the trade unions;
 - (c) two forward look events held;
 - (d) 2013/14 Budget agreed;
 - (e) Chief Officer remits finalised; and
 - (f) public engagement on strategic priorities scoped.

Following discussion, the Panel

Decided:

- (i) to note this first progress report on Raising our Ambitions and request that this report be referred to the next meeting of the Corporate and Community Planning Standing Scrutiny Panel for its consideration; and
- (ii) to agree that it was unacceptable that it had taken four months for a progress report to be submitted to this Panel, contrary to the instruction of the Council in September 2012.

Corporate and Community Planning - Resources and Performance.

9. Audit Scotland Charges – 2012/13 Audit.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15th January 2103 by the Executive Director - Corporate Services

- (1) advising
 - (a) that Audit Scotland set an 'indicative fee range' in respect of each body which represented a 10 per cent flexibility (up or down) against an 'indicative fee';
 - (b) that the 'indicative fee' for South Ayrshire had been constructed based on a number of factors as outlined within the report; and
 - (c) that the 'indicative fee range' for South Ayrshire Council was £244,400 to £298,720 (*£256,460 to £313,450 in 2011/12*) and that Audit Scotland had provided a fee proposal which set the 'agreed fee' £271,560; and
- (2) proposing
 - (a) that the proposed total charges for the 2012/13 audit were £271,560 (*£290,000 in 2011/12*) and that a budget of £286,767 was held within the Miscellaneous Services/ HRA budget; and
 - (b) that, in addition, the Council would receive a one-off rebate equivalent to 6 per cent of the 2011/12 fee.

Following discussion, the Panel

Decided: to approve the fee level of £271,560 for the 2012/13 audit accommodated within the Miscellaneous Services/ HRA budget.

10. Approvals under Delegated Authority during Period of Recess.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services outlining a number of matters that had been determined under Delegated Authority during the recess period.

Having raised a concern as to why these matters (of which Officers must have been aware in advance) had not been brought to Panel before the Christmas recess had commenced, the Panel

Decided: to note the matters determined under delegated authority during recess.

11. Supporting Business – Promoting Growth – Business Rates Consultation.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services

- (1) seeking approval of a draft response to the Scottish Government's consultation on business rates 'Supporting Business – Promoting Growth', attached as an Appendix to the report with this response to be submitted by 22nd February 2013; and
- (2) advising that the consultation
 - (a) was based on how the business rates system could better support sustainable economic growth whilst delivering the same level of income needed to provide the local services on which businesses and communities rely; and
 - (b) was seeking views on the effectiveness of current reliefs, the valuation appeals system, transparency of the rating system and the general principle that tax avoidance in the rating system should be closed where possible.

Having raised concerns as to the proposed wording in Answer 11a in relation to the granting of licenses and the formation of new companies by individuals and families and that the discretion to award relief for new business start-ups might be a burden to existing businesses and having sought and received clarification as to the power to vary the rate poundage, the Panel

Decided:

- (i) to approve the submission of the draft response to the Scottish Government as set out in Annex A of the report subject to minor amendments in relation to the wording of the answer to Question 11a regarding the granting of licenses and the formation of new companies by individuals and families; and
- (ii) to request that the Executive Director – Corporate Services circulate the amended draft response to Members prior to its submission to the Scottish Government.

12. Property Asset Management Action Plan Timescales.

Reference was made to the Minutes of 6th November 2012 (Page 513, paragraph 3) and there was submitted a report (issued) of 15th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising of action plan timescales relating to the Property Asset Management Plan recommendations as outlined within the report;
- (2) informing that a review of the initial timescales had been required in light of the decisions which had been reached as part of the budget process for 2013/14 and proposals for providing the balance of funding through the 2014/15 budget process; and
- (3) indicating that provision had been made within the 2013/14 Revenue Budget to address revaluation of insurance values with further funding of £70,000 being required in 2014/15 to undertake the review of the non operational estate and develop access plans for Council buildings.

Clarification having been sought and provided in relation to concerns about the completion of service asset reviews and the long timescales specified in the Action Plan for certain activities, and the requirement to outsource the review of the Non-Operational Estate and having noted that ongoing reporting provided some reassurance regarding timescales, the Panel

Decided:

- (a) to agree the proposed action plan timescales as outlined within the report and the additional funding for 2014/15 of £70,000 to undertake the review of the non-operational estate and to develop access plans for Council buildings; and
- (b) to request that the Executive Director – Corporate Services check the position with regard to the Localities paper and would advise the members of the Leadership Panel.

13. Job Re-evaluation Procedure.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15th January 2013 by the Head of HR and Organisational Development

- (1) seeking approval of the draft Job Re-evaluation Procedure which reflected a number of key principles whereby re-evaluation of a job would only be triggered by changes to job content, not just volume of work, which were:-
 - significant and permanent;
 - essential for ongoing effective service delivery; and
 - required and agreed by the line manager; and
- (2) informing that the procedure had been discussed in detail with the joint trade unions and the initial draft had been amended to reflect most of their comments and suggestions, as summarised in Appendix 2 of the report, with the only outstanding issues relating to the factors to be considered during re-evaluation and the arrangements to consider appeals, as detailed within the report.

Clarification having been sought and provided in relation to wording within Appendices 1 and 2 and concerns were raised in respect to what had been agreed or not with the Trades Unions, the Panel

Decided: to approve the Job Re-evaluation Procedure as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.

14. Central Repairs Account 2012/13.

There was submitted a joint report (issued) of 10th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment and the Executive Director – Corporate Services

- (1) providing details of the actual expenditure incurred by the Central Repairs Account for the period from 1st April to 31st December 2012;
- (2) highlighting the reasons for increasing levels of expenditure;
- (3) informing of the management action taken to date to reduce the projected year end out-turn; and
- (4) advising of a projection of the position to 31st March 2013.

Clarification having been sought and provided in relation to the emergency repairs that had been carried out in Ayr Academy and what progress was being made with regard the project team for the new school and having commented on the high level of reactive repairs, the Panel

Decided:

- (a) to note the contents of this report and the management actions being taken to ensure that the Central Repairs Account did not overspend against its revised 2012/13 budget;
- (b) to approve the allocation of the Central Repairs Budget over the programme areas as highlighted in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (c) to request that the Executive Director – Corporate Services submit a report to the next meeting of this Panel advising of the progress being made with the Schools Project.

15. Revenue Budget 2012/13 Monitoring – Management Action .

Reference was made to the Minutes of 4th December 2012 (Page 28, paragraph 10) and the Corporate and Community Planning Standing Scrutiny Panel of 13th December 2012 (Page 55, paragraph 6) and there was submitted a joint report (issued) of 14th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment and the Executive Director – Corporate Services

- (1) outlining proposals to ensure that the Directorate of Development and Environment achieved a break-even position for year ended 31st March 2013;

- (2) proposing
- (a) that any underspend in Road repair budgets and Enterprise and Tourism budgets be carried forward for use in 2013/14 with these currently projected at £113,000 and £128,000 respectively; and
 - (b) that, in order to bring the Directorate's budget in on-line, management had identified numerous alternative management actions totalling £241,000;
- (3) indicating that the Panel had asked that alternative proposals also be brought forward to be considered as alternatives to proposed savings in grounds maintenance of £44,000 that would be saved by taking a one year break from the cyclical shrub replacement programme;
- (4) intimating that the sum of £44,000 could be released from the Building Standards budget and advising that the potential service impact of this included no provision for emergency works to address flooding problems, no provision for emergency works or specialist advice to deal with dangerous buildings if owners could not be located timeously and that this could also have knock on effects on road closures and adjacent buildings; and
- (5) recommending, however, that the saving of £44,000 be made by taking a one year break from the cyclical shrub replacement programme, rather than the alternative proposal relating to the Building Standards Budget as outlined at (4) above.

Clarification having been sought and provided in relation to whether long term weather forecasts were available to assist in considering the allocation of resources, the Panel

Decided:

- (i) to approve the management actions totalling £241,000 as follows:-

£	Service Area	Comments
10,000	Planning	Defer printing and advertising of two supplementary planning guidance policies from March until April 2013;
5,000	Fleet Management	Deferral of Certificate of Professional Competence training and examinations;
15,000	Building Standards	Work to repair two collapsed culverts cannot, for operational reasons, take place until April 2013. This work was funded from the flooding budget held within Building Standards;
15,000	Trading Standards	Restriction or deferral of administration costs until end of year including deferral of advertising campaign;

20,000	Environmental Health	Savings from telecoms contract that was not now required (£10,000) and restriction or deferral of administration costs until year end (£10,000);
5,000	Directorate Support	Achievable assuming that there were no hardware or software issues that required use of the on-call support budget before end March;
50,000	Neighbourhood Services	Current stocks of replacement domestic bins, skip and litter bins were sufficient for the remainder of the financial year. No further spend proposed until April 2013;
50,000	Directorate-wide	Deferral of professional training, e.g. CDM (Construction, Design, Management) and HAUC (Highway Authorities and Utility Companies) training; deferral of advertising, e.g. regarding placement of A Boards, and deferral of advertising promotion of recycling messages; and
71,000	Roads	Winter gritting – this was a current projected underspend (based on the mild winter to date) but entirely dependent on weather conditions; and

- (ii) that the further required saving of £44,000 be made by taking a one year break from the cyclical shrub replacement programme.

16. Fleet Vehicle Maintenance Contract.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 14th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment seeking approval for a short term extension to the existing Fleet Maintenance Contract with Kerr and Smith (Ayr) until a new contract was awarded and a start date agreed.

Concerns having been expressed in relation to the timing of contract renewal which had led to the requirement for an extension, and how this was planned by Management and clarification was sought and provided that there would be no disruption to the testing of taxis and private hire cars resulting from these proposals, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to authorise the Head of Planning and Enterprise to negotiate and agree a short term extension to the existing Fleet Maintenance Contract with Kerr and Smith (Ayr) until a new contract was in place; and
- (2) to request that Executive Directors take steps to ensure that contract renewal was planned and completed within the appropriate timescales.

17. Authority to Negotiate for Scottish Welfare Fund Administration System.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Corporate Services seeking approval to acquire a computer system to assist in the administration of the Scottish Welfare Fund from 1st April 2013 without competition.

Clarification having been sought and provided in relation to whether the Council had received funding from the Scottish Government for this contract, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to agree that the purchase of a system to administer the Scottish Welfare Fund be exempt from the provisions of the Standing Orders relating to Contracts; and
- (2) to authorise the Executive Director – Corporate Services to procure the necessary services through the appointment of Northgate, pay for the services in advance and conclude contract negotiations.

18. 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 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

19. Sale of land at Craig View, Coylton.

There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) of 8th January 2013 by the Executive Director - Development and Environment requesting that the Panel declare surplus and approve the disposal of an area of land at Craig View, Coylton currently held in the Housing Revenue Account and as identified on the plan attached to the report. After discussion, the Panel

Decided: to declare the land at Craig View, Coylton surplus to requirements and available for disposal to Colin Kirkwood for the price offered by him on such terms and conditions as might be agreed by the Executive Director – Corporate Services when concluding the legal transaction.

20. Proposed Disposal of Ground at the Esplanade, Ayr.

There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) of 15th January 2013 by the Executive Director - Development and Environment seeking consent to grant a twenty-five year ground lease and option to purchase to Dion Property Ltd. of an area of ground extending to 236 square metres held within the Ayr Common Good fund and located at the Esplanade, Ayr as detailed on the plan attached to the report. After discussion, the Panel

Decided: to approve the disposal of 236 square metres adjacent to the Ayr Pavilion building, by the granting of a twenty-five year ground lease and option to purchase to Dion Property Ltd on such terms and conditions as might be agreed by the Executive Director – Corporate Services when concluding the legal transaction.

21. Contract Award – Child Centred Family Support Service.

There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) of 16th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Children and Community seeking agreement to the award of a contract for a Child Centred Family Support service in the Carrick area of South Ayrshire.

Having discussed the tendering process in respect of Best Value, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the appointment of Children 1st as provider of a Child Centred Family Support service in the Carrick area, commencing 1st April 2013 until 31st March 2016 with the option to extend for a further two periods each of one year as outlined in the report; and
- (2) to request that the Executive Officers' Group should examine the tendering process in relation to an indicative budget being included within the invitation to tender documentation and amending future reports to be explicit about how budget figures were estimated.

Community Services - Housing and Customer First.

22. Land Negotiation for Council New Build, Bakery Site, Ayr.

There was submitted a report (issued to Members only) of 8th January 2013 by the Executive Director – Children and Community seeking agreement to enter into negotiations with Robertson Homes to build fifteen new Council houses as part of a mixed tenure housing development on the former Bakery Site in Heathfield, Ayr.

Confirmation having been sought and provided that this project was affordable within the 30 year Housing Revenue Account, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the procurement route for fifteen affordable homes in Heathfield, Ayr without prior advertising and to agree to subsequent publication of a Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice on completion of negotiations as outlined within the report; and
- (2) to agree that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director - Children and Community to negotiate, without competition, and enter into a contract with Robertson Homes to deliver fifteen new Council houses on the former bakery site in Ayr to be completed within fifteen months.

23. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Reports.

Having heard the Head of Legal and Administration, the Panel

Decided:

- (a) not to authorise the disclosure of the whole or part of any documents of the following reports falling under Standing Order 31.2:-
- Sale of land at Craig View, Coylton;
 - Proposed Disposal of Ground at the Esplanade, Ayr;
 - Contract Award – Child Centred Family Support Service; and
 - Land Negotiation for Council New Build, Bakery Site, Ayr;
- (b) that the Head of Legal and Administration should make the necessary arrangements to redact a confidential report on a test basis and circulate it to this Panel for information.

The meeting ended at 11.50 a.m.