

**DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL.**

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,  
on 28th January 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Ann Galbraith (Chair), Andy Campbell, Ian Cochrane, Peter Convery, William J. Grant and Mary Kilpatrick.

Apologies: Councillors Kirsty Darwent and Brian McGinley.

Attending: L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment; and A. Gibson, Committee Services Officer.

**1. Chair.**

In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Galbraith, Vice-Chair took the Chair.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

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

**3. Items for Call-in.**

The Panel noted that there had been no call-ins for this meeting.

**4. Minutes of previous meeting.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 10th December 2013 (issued) ([link attached](#)) were submitted and approved.

**5. Consideration of Programme of Reviews – Verbal Update.**

The Executive Director – Development and Environment advised

- (1) that this Panel had now completed the two Reviews that it had undertaken relating to Grounds Maintenance and the Library Service;
- (2) that suggestions for scrutiny reviews could come from performance review or discussions about performance prompted by presentations to the Panel members over recent months or performance queries raised by members' constituency work;
- (3) that in this regard, information on performance review relating to "amber" and "red" items scrutinised by this Panel at its meeting on 3rd September 2013 (Page 2, paragraph 6) would be reported to the next meeting of this Panel, scheduled to take place on 25th February 2014;
- (4) that the Scrutiny/Governance Management Panel was currently undertaking a review of scrutiny processes;

- (5) that previously the Panel had suggested the following areas that it could review, namely:-
- (a) energy use;
  - (b) sponsorship of leisure and culture events; and
  - (c) roads maintenance, which had been subject of review some time ago by a former Scrutiny Panel of this Council.

A full discussion took place relating to the various areas that this Panel could review.

**Decided:**

- (i) to agree that the Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment provide information to the next meeting of this Panel, scheduled to take place on 25th February 2014 relating to the following areas that the Panel might wish to review:-
  - (A) leisure facilities, including an update on the current pitches strategy work; consideration of the Council's support to communities in relation to public football pitches; and the finances/attendance figures relating to Council leisure centres; and
  - (B) roads maintenance, specifically details of the previous review that had been undertaken; and
- (ii) to note the following areas for potential further consideration as scrutiny review topics:-
  - (A) waste management; and
  - (B) energy management.

The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.