

PARTNERSHIPS PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 9th October 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Sandra Goldie (Chair), Ian Cavana, Ann Galbraith,
William J. Grant, Mary Kilpatrick and Helen Moonie.

Apologies: Councillors John Allan and John Hampton.

Attending: V. Andrews, Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation;
L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment;
C. Monaghan, Head of Communities; and J. McClure, Committee Services
Officer.

1. Chair.

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was Chaired by Councillor Goldie.

2. Opening Remarks.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first meeting of this Panel.

3. 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.

4. Panel Remit.

There was submitted an excerpt from the Council's Scheme of Delegation (issued [\(link attached\)](#)) relating to the remit of this Panel.

The Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation outlined the remit of this Panel and the alternative approach that this Panel would require to take in acknowledging and supporting how the various services were delivered.

Decided: to note the position.

5. Work Programme and Action Plan.

There was submitted a draft form (issued) ([link attached](#)) proposed for the use of this Panel to assist in developing a Work Programme/Action Log.

The Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation advised that, following requests from various Elected Members, it was proposed that a standard Work Programme and Action Plan be introduced for the four Panels to maintain a consistent approach to tracking the decisions made by each Panel.

Decided: to agree to the use of a Work Programme and Action Plan for tracking the decisions of the Panel.

6. Remit and Forward Work Programme.

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 29th September 2014 by the Executive Director - Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment

- (1) advising that this Panel provided a route for democratic scrutiny by the Council of a range of organisations which operated outwith or in partnership with the Council and that, by their nature, most of the organisations and functions which the Panel would scrutinise had their own governance structures, therefore, consideration required to be given to the role of the Panel and how it differed from the scrutiny work undertaken by other relevant governance structures; and
- (2) outlining
 - (a) the remit of the Panel as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report; and
 - (b) the anticipated role of the Panel in relation to the role of other relevant governance structures and the proposed frequency and subject matter of reports to the Panel, as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report.

The Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment advised that, in liaison with the Executive Director – Resources Governance and Organisation and the Head of Communities, Appendix 2 had been prepared. This outlined how this Panel might exercise its scrutiny function as the various outside bodies being scrutinised had their own governing structures and that this Panel would wish to complement the work carried out by the other bodies and keep duplication to a minimum.

Discussion then took place on the proposed frequency of reporting on the work of the Ayr Renaissance LLP, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and whether the suggested frequency for each of these services was appropriate; the possible lack of a quorum due to members declaring an interest in relation to certain services; the lack of a Business Plan for consideration of the Common Good Funds which would make it more difficult to scrutinise performance; and the role of Elected Members on outside bodies. The Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation advised that, as this Panel was at an initial stage, she would welcome suggestions on the operation of the Panel and the business to be considered.

The Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation further advised on the varied range of organisations funded by the Council; the range of ways in which Elected Members were involved in these organisations; the need for the Panel to look at each of these organisations individually; and the reason why the Health and Social Care Shadow Integration Board was not included on the list of services to be scrutinised.

Decided:

- (A) to approve the forward programme of reports to be submitted to this Panel which would include:-

25th November 2014	Police Six Month Performance Report Fire Six Month Performance Report
10th February 2015	Police Forward Plan for 2015/16 Fire Forward Plan for 2015/16
21st April 2015	Reports on Performance of Organisations Receiving Funding from Council for Service Delivery
9th June 2015	Report on Performance of Common Good Funds and Assets Ayr Renaissance Report on 2014/15 Ayrshire and Arran Tourism Team Report on 2014/15
15th September 2015	Ayrshire Roads Alliance Report on 2014/15 Report on Performance of Community Planning Funded Projects for 2014/15
Reports which can be Considered at any time	Reports on Performance of Organisations Receiving Funding from Council for Service Delivery;

- (B) that reports on Ayr Renaissance should be reported to this Panel bi-annually;
- (C) that, having scrutinised the reports outlined in (A) above, should Panel Members have concerns on any of the services, an additional report could be requested at any time; and
- (D) to note that the Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation would compile a report for submission to a future meeting of this Panel outlining the outside organisations whose work could be scrutinised by this Panel, the members of the Panel who were members of each organisation and the implications of this in relation to conflicts of interest.

7. Offer from Scottish Police Authority to Brief Panel Regarding Police Scrutiny Arrangements.

The Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment advised

- (1) that the Scottish Police Authority was the body that held Police Scotland to account at national level and that a representative from the Scottish Police Authority had offered to brief this Panel on the Police scrutiny arrangements at the meeting scheduled to be held on 25th November 2014 when the Police Six Month Performance Report was also being considered; and

- (2) that she had outlined to the representative the Panel's wish for more information on how Police Scotland's budget was allocated in South Ayrshire.

Decided: to agree that a representative from the Scottish Police Authority should attend the meeting of this Panel scheduled to be held on 25th November 2014 to give an overview on Police scrutiny arrangements.

The meeting ended at 11.00 a.m.