

## **AYRSHIRE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE**

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,  
on 19th February 2016 at 11.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Alec Clark, Peter Convery, John McDowall and Nan McFarlane, South Ayrshire Council; and Councillors Bobby McDill and Maureen McKay, East Ayrshire Council.
- Chair: Councillor John McDowall, South Ayrshire Council.
- Apologies: Councillors Tom Cook and Douglas Reid, East Ayrshire Council; and Councillor Willie Gibson, North Ayrshire Council.
- Attending: Lesley Bloomer, Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment and Ralph Riddiough, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, South Ayrshire Council; Chris McAleavey, Depute Chief Executive (Safer Communities) and Paul Whip, Group Finance Manager, East Ayrshire Council; Stewart Turner, Head of Roads; Kevin Braidwood, Operations Manager and Alasdair Sneddon, Programme Manager, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; Lauren Sands, Committee Services Officer, South Ayrshire Council.

### **1. Minutes of previous meeting.**

The Minutes of 11th December 2015 (issued) ([links attached](#)) were submitted and approved.

## **AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE**

### **2. Revenue Financial Monitoring Report.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of February 2016 ([link attached](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer Economy and Skills updating the Joint Committee on the revenue budget monitoring position at Period 9 (to 13th December 2015) for the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

A Member of the Joint Committee raised concerns regarding the differentiating split within the budget allocation as she understood that there were ongoing political decisions regarding the input of funding and work and that the core costs should remain the same irrespective of political decisions. The Head of Roads - Ayrshire Roads Alliance confirmed that there were core costs and that the proposal was to better reflect the true core costs of each Council at both local and strategic levels. The Group Finance Manager, East Ayrshire Council, also advised that there was an extra tier and that the paper provided details of the figures and the split and how the split was arrived at.

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to recommend the revised funding mechanism as outlined in section 6 of the report to each Council for approval;
- (2) to note the financial management position of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance;

- (3) to request a further financial update at the next meeting of the Joint Committee; and
- (4) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **3. Budget Realignment 2015-16.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of February 2016 ([link attached](#)) by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer Economy and Skills seeking Joint Committee approval of the revenue budget for 2015-16 for the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to approve the budget realignment outlined within the report; and
- (2) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **4. Risk Report and Register.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 13th January 2016 ([link attached](#)) by the Head of Roads – Ayrshire Roads Alliance advising the Joint Committee on the management of risk associated with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

A Member of the Joint Committee passed on their appreciation of the good work carried out by the Ayrshire Roads Alliance in relation to the Risk Report and Register.

#### **Decided:**

- (1) to note the revised risk register presented in the report;
- (2) to continue to receive quarterly updates on the progress; and
- (3) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **5. Roadworks Programme 2015/16**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18th January 2016 ([link attached](#)) by the Head of Roads - Ayrshire Roads Alliance advising the Joint Committee of the progress made with the road improvement programmes within the geographical boundaries of East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire for financial year 2015-2016.

A Member of the Joint Committee requested an update on bridge strengthening, particularly West Clerkland Bridge. The Head of Roads - Ayrshire Roads Alliance advised that there were land acquisition issues holding up the finalisation of the work and he would update the Member individually on the progress.

The question was raised as to why resurfacing work to the A714, Barrhill, Killantrigan, was on hold and the Operations Manager – Ayrshire Roads Alliance advised that some funding had had to be directed elsewhere in Carrick to cover slippages. He advised that the resurfacing work to the A714 would move into the next financial year.

**Decided:**

- (1) to note the Ayrshire Roads Alliance works progress; and
- (2) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**6. 2015/16 Service Plan Update.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 13th January 2016 ([link attached](#)) by the Head of Roads – Ayrshire Roads Alliance advising the Joint Committee on the progress made to date against the draft 2015/16 Ayrshire Roads Alliance Service Plan.

The Chair asked a question regarding how the recent flooding issues were factored in to Action 4 of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance Improvement Action Plan relating to the publishing of the Flood Risk Management Strategy. The Head of Roads - Ayrshire Roads Alliance advised that information within the national strategy indicated the weather was getting worse and that the Flood Risk Management Plan covering the next 6 years would be coming to Councils in June. He also advised that at a national level there were currently 42 flood prevention schemes within Scotland but only 1 within East and South Ayrshire, in New Cumnock.

**Decided:**

- (1) to note the progress against the Draft 2015/16 Service Plan presented in the report;
- (2) to continue to receive progress updates; and
- (3) to otherwise note the content of the report.

**7. Update on Performance Scorecard.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 15th January 2016 ([link attached](#)) by the Head of Roads - Ayrshire Roads Alliance advising the Joint Committee regarding progress made to date against the Performance Scorecard.

A Member of the Joint Committee raised concerns regarding a decrease in improvement when he had compared current figures against old figures within pages 6-8 of appendix 1. The Head of Roads - Ayrshire Roads Alliance advised that the current figures were reported in a different format from previous figures therefore it was difficult to compare them like-for-like but that Ayrshire Roads Alliance were focussing on targeting the more dangerous roads.

**Decided:**

- (1) to note the performance scorecard and performance metrics presented in the report;
- (2) to continue to receive performance scorecard and performance metrics updates; and
- (3) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.