

PARTNERSHIPS PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 7th June 2016 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John Hampton (Chair), John Allan, Andy Campbell, Ian Cavana, Ann Galbraith, Sandra Goldie, Mary Kilpatrick and John Wallace.

Attending: L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment; R. Riddiough, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; C. Monaghan, Head of Communities; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; Acting Superintendent F. Hussain and Chief Inspector E. Taylor, Police Scotland and S. Turner, Head of Roads, and K. Braidwood, Operations Unit Manager, Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

1. 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.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The [minutes](#) of 19th April 2016 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Action Plan and Work Programme.

There was submitted an [Action Log and Work Programme](#) for this Panel (issued).

The Head of Communities advised that the Scottish Fire and Rescue National Strategic Plan had recently been submitted for this Panel's scrutiny, however, comments were requested prior to the next scheduled meeting and she outlined the options for the Panel to deal with this.

Reference was made to the action for a Police Officer to meet with the four Elected Members for Maybole, North Carrick and Coylton Ward and the three Members of the Kyle Ward to update them on the situation within their Wards and a Panel Member advised that this had not yet taken place. Chief Inspector Taylor advised that she would ensure that a meeting was arranged.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the Action Log and Work Programme;
- (2) to agree that a Special Meeting of this Panel be arranged to consider the Scottish Fire and Rescue National Strategic Plan; and
- (3) to note that the Head of Communities would liaise with Police Scotland regarding arranging a meeting of the Elected Members referred to and an officer of Police Scotland.

4. **Police Performance Report.**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 19th May 2016 by the Head of Communities inviting Panel Members to scrutinise the local performance of Police Scotland from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

Superintendent Hussain updated the Panel on the priorities and objectives from the South Ayrshire Local Police Plan 2014-17 and the progress made in these areas, namely:-

- (1) Drug Dealing and Misuse;
- (2) Road Safety;
- (3) Violence and Anti-Social Behaviour;
- (4) Dishonesty;
- (5) Public Confidence; and
- (6) Sexual Crime.

Questions were raised by Panel Members and responses provided by Superintendent Hussain, Chief Inspector Taylor and the Operations Unit Manager, ARA; and a full discussion took place in relation to:- the number of arrests for the supplying of drugs; the attendance of Police Officers at Community Council meetings; the definition of 'detected crimes'; the detection rate for historic sex crimes; the increase of the speed limit from 50mph to 70mph on the A77 on the approach to Symington; whether Police Scotland could act on reports from members of the public on crimes committed in a car such as the use of a mobile phone or a seat belt not being worn; detection rates for drinking in public places; and drink driving figures following the introduction of the new drink drive limit which Superintendent Hussain agreed to provide to the Panel.

The Chair, on behalf of the Panel, congratulated Superintendent Hussain on this report and the Panel

Decided: following scrutiny of the report, to note the update on local and national policing matters which fell outwith the local Policing Plan progress update.

5. **Audit Scotland Report on Community Planning.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of the Audit and Governance Panel of 20th April 2016 when that Panel, having considered the issues raised in the Audit Report on Community Planning, agreed that the report be remitted to this Panel for further consideration and there was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 17th May 2016 by the Head of Communities advising of the recommendations of the National report by Audit Scotland relating to Community Planning.

The Panel

Decided: to note the issues raised in the Audit Scotland report on Community Planning and note that these were being factored into forward work by Community Planning.

6. **Ayrshire Roads Alliance Service Plan 2016/17 and Performance Report 2015/16.**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 26th May 2016 by the Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment presenting the Ayrshire Roads Alliance Service Plan for 2016/17 (attached as [Appendix 1](#) to the report) and the performance report for 2015/16.

Questions were raised by Panel Members and responses provided by the Head of Roads and the Operations Unit Manager and a full discussion took place in relation to: the Ayrshire Growth Deal; the moratorium on roadworks during the Open Golf Championship; the ARA involvement in the proposed increase of the speed limit from 50mph to 70mph on the A77; the construction of the Maybole by-pass; whether utilities companies liaised with the ARA to complete works in conjunction with them; and whether the ARA depended on the public advising them of problems with street lights or whether lighting was inspected regularly.

The Panel

Decided: following scrutiny of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance Performance Report for 2015/16, to note the Ayrshire Roads Alliance Service Plan for 2016/17.

The meeting ended at 11.10 a.m.