

## **AYRSHIRE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 1005 HOURS BY VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**PARTICIPATING:** Councillors Douglas Reid, John McGhee and Tom Cook (all East Ayrshire Council); and Councillors Alec Clark, Ian Cochrane and Philip Saxton (all South Ayrshire Council).

**ALSO PARTICIPATING:** Kevin Braidwood, Interim Head of Roads, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; Kevin Carr, Executive Manager - Place, South Ayrshire Council; and Katie Kelly, Depute Chief Executive: Safer Communities; Paul Whip, Group Finance Manager; and Lynn Young, Democratic Services Officer (all East Ayrshire Council).

**APOLOGY:** Councillor Jim Roberts, East Ayrshire Council.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Douglas Reid, East Ayrshire Council, Chair.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. The Committee resolved:- "That under Section 50A(3A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that if members of the public were present, there would be a real and substantial risk to public health due to infection or contamination with coronavirus".

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2. It was noted that no declarations of interest were intimated in relation to the undernoted items of business on the Agenda.

#### **AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE**

##### **ROADWORKS PROGRAMME 2020/2021**

3. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Interim Head of Roads: Ayrshire Roads Alliance which advised of the progress made with the road improvement programmes within East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire for financial year 2020/2021.

Arising from discussion and in response to particular matters raised, the Members noted further information as undernoted:

- The roadworks programme was on track for completion by March 2021;
- In respect of works at Howard Street, Kilmarnock, national guidance was awaited relevant to issues regarding the removal of coal tar;
- Progress on the provision of traffic lights in areas where streets were longer and it was agreed that the matter be raised with the Traffic and Road Safety Manager for a response;
- The provision of the 2 weekly up-date for all Elected Members in both East Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council would resume;
- The prioritising of the roadworks programme and the impact on rural roads and it was agreed that the Interim Head of Roads arrange a meeting with Councillor Alec Clark, South Ayrshire Council in respect of urban roads within Girvan and Maybole in particular;

- Delayed funding and the on-going works to Garston Bridge, East of Coylton;
- The Spaces for People funding for South Ayrshire Council equated to £0.5m, with the figure for East Ayrshire Council to be issued to the Members; and
- Roadworks programmes would be scheduled to coincide with the completion of a housing development .

It was agreed:-

- to note the Ayrshire Roads Alliance works progress for 2020/2021; and
- otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **RISK REPORT AND REGISTER**

- There was submitted a report dated 21 October 2020 (circulated) by the Interim Head of Roads: Ayrshire Roads Alliance which advised on the management of risk associated with the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

Arising from discussion concern was expressed regarding the impact of HGVs on rural roads through Ballantrae and Girvan, should BREXIT result in severe delays at the Cairnryan Ferry Terminal.

It was agreed:-

- that the Interim Head of Roads raise the matter relative to potential delays at Cairnryan Ferry Terminal at a meeting with Transport Scotland and Amey scheduled for 6 November 2020 and that the outcome of the discussion be forwarded to the Members;
- to approve the new format of the report;
- to note the risk register presented in the report;
- to continue to receive updates on progress; and
- otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE SCORECARD**

- There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Interim Head of Roads: Ayrshire Roads Alliance which advised of progress made to date against the Performance Scorecard.

Arising from discussion the Members noted the option being explored for the introduction of artificial intelligence on ARA vehicles to assist with identifying required ARA Health and Safety Inspections, as well as the criteria and Code of Practice currently followed for such inspections.

It was agreed:-

- that a video demonstration of the artificial intelligence be presented to a future meeting;
- to note the performance scorecard as detailed in the report;
- to continue to receive the performance scorecard updates; and
- otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1034 hours.