

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY PLANNING
STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of Special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 18th February 2010 at 9.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors Brian Connolly (Chair), Sandra Goldie, Bill Grant, John Hampton, Mairi Low, Helen Moonie, Alec Oattes and Mike Peddie.
- Attending: J.G. Peterkin, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director – Development and Environment; E. Howat, Executive Director – Corporate Services; H. Garland, Executive Director – Children and Community; H. McLaughlin, Audit Services/Programme Review Manager; B. Clancy, Auditor; and E. Wyllie, Committee Administration Officer.
- Also Attending: Councillors John McDowall and Robin Reid (Portfolio-holder of Resources and Performance).

1. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

2. Internal Audit Service – Follow-up of Internal Audit Reports – Progress Report Continuous Audit Summary.

Reference was made to the Minutes of 21st January 2010 (Page 58, paragraph 3) when the Panel had agreed that a Special Meeting be arranged to take place as soon as possible to further discuss issues relating to the Continuous Audit summary with an expectation that the three Executive Directors, as well as the Audit Services/Programme Review Manager, be in attendance.

The Audit Services/Programme Review Manager outlined the background in relation to this matter.

Thereon, various questions were raised by Members of the Panel in respect of the high risk areas identified and the recommendations contained within the Action Plan and the Executive Directors responded accordingly and commented on the actions which they had respectively undertaken with regards to this matter. The Audit Services/Programme Review Manager similarly responded to the issues raised and on the role of the Section 95 Officer.

Decided: following a full discussion, to acknowledge the actions which had been undertaken by each of the Executive Directors in respect of these matters.

The meeting ended at 9.45 a.m.