

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 16th February 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John McDowall (Chair), Eddie Bulik, Stan Fisher, Ann Galbraith, Mairi Low, Mary Kilpatrick and Mike Peddie.

Apology: Councillor John Hampton.

Also present: Councillor Margaret Toner, Portfolio Holder.

Attending: M. Newall, Head of Planning and Enterprise; J. McQuillan, Head of Property and Neighbourhood Services; E. Monson, Neighbourhood Services Manager; T. Simpson; Principal Accountant; and A. Gibson, Committee Administrative Officer.

1. Items for Call-in.

The Panel noted that there had been no call-ins for this meeting.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 19th January 2010 (issued) were submitted and noted.

3. Review of the Council's Role in Enterprise.

Reference was made to the Minutes of 3rd December 2009 (Page 676, paragraph 2) when it had been agreed to review the Council's role in enterprise, with specific emphasis on economic development and business creation and there was submitted a report (issued) of 9th February 2010 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director - Development and Environment

- (1) outlining the proposed scope, process and timescales under which the review would be conducted, for the Panel's consideration and approval;
- (2) advising that the attached document outlined the scope, process and timescales under which it was proposed that the review be conducted and should the Panel agree this proposal, the Review would commence in March 2010, provide an interim report back to the Panel in July 2010, with a final report and recommendations being anticipated in November 2010; and
- (3) proposing that the review be conducted under the direction of a short-life review panel comprising the following representatives from Council Services:-

Enterprise Manager (Chair);
 Planning Manager;
 Procurement Manager;
 Senior Enterprise and Tourism Officer;
 Events Assistant; and
 Finance Officer.

Following questions from Members arising from the proposed Review, the Head of Planning and Enterprise responded accordingly.

Decided: to agree the review proposal and timescales for reporting contained within the attached Scoping Paper, subject to:-

- (a) the inclusion of an officer from the Council's Leisure Service on the short-life review panel, as detailed at (3) above; and
- (b) that the Review should also seek to determine opportunities in the social sector.

4. Review of the Road Condition in South Ayrshire.

Reference was made to the Minutes of 3rd December 2009 (Page 676, paragraph 2) when it had been agreed to review the current condition of roads in South Ayrshire and there was submitted a report (issued) of 9th February 2010 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director - Development and Environment

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- (3) proposing that the review be conducted under the direction of a short-life review panel comprising the following representatives from Council Services:-

Roads Manager (Chair);
 Fleet Manager;
 Procurement Manager;
 Team Leader Regulation;
 Depot Manager; and
 Finance Officer.

Following questions from Members arising from the proposed Review, the Head of Planning and Enterprise responded accordingly.

Decided: to agree the review proposal and timescales for reporting contained within the attached Scoping Paper.

5. Review of Waste Management : Street Cleansing Service.

Reference was made to the Minutes of 24th March 2009 (Page 213, paragraph 4) and there was submitted a report (issued) of 12th February 2010 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director - Development and Environment, together with a revised working hours analysis (tabled), outlining the conclusions of the options appraisal exercise undertaken in respect of the street cleansing service to identify the best practical option for delivering a full range of street cleansing services including an assessment of legislative requirements, an assessment of the level of resource deployed to the activity and a performance assessment.

Following questions from Members arising from the information presented in the report, the Neighbourhood Services Manager responded accordingly.

Decided:

- (1) to note the options appraisal outcomes; and
- (2) to agree that
 - (a) the modernised work patterns proposed for the street cleansing service be approved;
 - (b) officers now engage the trade unions in a process of formal consultation; and
 - (c) further to concluding the consultation process, officers should seek the necessary formal approval of the Leadership Panel to adopt and implement the recommendations.

The meeting ended at 10.50 a.m.