

LEADERSHIP PANEL (SPECIAL)

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 24th February 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Bill McIntosh (Chair), Douglas Campbell, Peter Convery, Hywel Davies, Nan McFarlane, Robin Reid and Margaret Toner.

Attending: D. Anderson, Chief Executive; J.G. Peterkin, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director – Development and Environment; E. Howat, Executive Director – Corporate Services; V. Andrews, Head of Legal and Administration; J. McQuillan, Head of Property and Neighbourhood Services; A. Greenwood, Asset Co-ordinator; and D. Knight, Committee Services Officer.

Also Attending: Councillors Ian Cavana, Brian Connolly, Helen Moonie and Alec Oattes.

Corporate and Community Planning – Resources and Performance.**1. Item for Call-in – Council Policy on Leases of Council Land and Property.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of the Corporate and Community Planning Standing Scrutiny Panel of 18th February 2010 (Page 145, paragraph 1) when that Panel, having considered the terms of a call-in from the Leadership Panel of 9th February 2010 (Page 109, paragraph 25) in relation to Council's Policy on Leases of Council Land and Property, had decided to refer this item of business back to the Leadership Panel with the recommendation that, prior to implementation of this Policy, the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director – Development and Environment should seek to undertake further consultation with all tenants and Community Councils likely to be affected by this Policy within the next five year period.

A full discussion then took place regarding consultation issues and the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director – Development and Environment and the Head of Property and Neighbourhood Services responded accordingly.

Decided:

- (1) that the recommendation of the Corporate and Community Planning Standing Scrutiny Panel should not be accepted;
- (2) to re-confirm the decision taken at the Leadership Panel meeting on 9th February 2010 that the revised Policy be approved and implemented with immediate effect for new leases and upon renewal for existing leases on the basis set out within the report; and
- (3) therefore, that the matter be referred to the Council on 2nd March 2010 for ultimate determination.

The meeting ended at 2.20 p.m.