

COMMUNITY SERVICES STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
26th February 2014 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John Hampton (Chair), Cavana (Chair), Peter Convery, William J. Grant, Hugh Hunter, Brian McGinley and Corri Wilson.

Apology: Councillor Kirsty Darwent.

Attending: V. Andrews, Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation; K. Leinster, Head of Community Care and Housing; D. Hutchison, Head of Education; and A. Gerrish, Committee Services Officer.

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. Item for Call-in.

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

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 11th December 2013 (issued) ([link attached](#)) were submitted and approved.

4. Chairs Remarks.

The Chair on behalf of the Panel congratulated Valerie Andrews on her recent appointment as Executive Director - Resources, Governance and Organisation.

5. Consideration of Scrutiny Reviews.

The Chair invited the Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation and the Chair of the Scrutiny and Governance Management Panel (Councillor McGinley) to outline the work being carried out by the Scrutiny and Governance Management Panel in relation to Scrutiny Review and its process.

The Executive Director – Resources Governance and Organisation advised

- (1) of the progress being made and intimated that she was anticipating that new Guidance Procedures for Scrutiny Panels would be submitted to the Council on 3rd July 2014 for consideration; and

- (2) that the Council Plan and Service Plan were being submitted to the next Council on 6th March 2014 and this would enable Scrutiny Panels to explore the areas that required to be examined.

The Chair of the Scrutiny and Governance Management Panel commented on key areas of work that had been undertaken and areas of work that still had to be examined by that Panel.

Comments were raised by Panel members in relation to the process of selecting scrutiny reviews; political makeup of Panels; timescales for reviews; effectiveness of scrutiny reviews; joint briefing meetings for Scrutiny Panels members and Portfolio Holders; and the Scheme of Delegation for Scrutiny Panels.

The Panel

Decided: to note the situation.

6. Any other Competent Business.

Councillor Convery made reference to Page 3 of the previous meeting on 11th December 2013 entitled "Scrutiny Review – Day Services Review Update No. 2" requesting an update on the number of options that were being examined regarding locally based services and provision of integrated facilities.

The Head of Community Care and Housing advised that a report on this matter would be submitted to the next meeting of this Scrutiny Panel on 26th March 2014.

The meeting ended at 10.35 a.m.