

## **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE PANEL.**

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr  
on 6th December 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Peter Convery (Chair), Alec Clark, Brian Connolly, Chris Cullen, Hugh Hunter, Helen Moonie and Arthur Spurling.

Apology: Councillor Martin Dowey.

Attending: T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; W. Carlaw, Service Lead – Democratic Governance; and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.

In Attendance: Councillors Siobhian Brown and Ian Cochrane (as Portfolio Holder); S. Turner, Head of Roads, and G. Senior, Team Leader, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; and Inspector G. Dinnie and Constable M. Murray, Police Scotland.

### **1. Declaration of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Council in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

### **2. Call-in from Leadership Panel of 27th November 2018 – Alloway to Burton Underpass Link.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of the Leadership Panel of 27th November 2018 (Page 3, paragraph 8) when the Panel agreed

- (1) to the installation of a controlled pedestrian/cyclist crossing (Toucan) at the existing crossing point on the A719 Dunure Road and extending the 30mph limit beyond the corner to the south of the existing crossing; and
- (2) that, due to the high level of public concern over road safety at this crossing, Ayrshire Roads Alliance be instructed to commence these works at the earliest opportunity with all works funded from the existing Ayrshire Roads Alliance budget.

The Panel was advised that the report had been the subject of a call-in (issued), details of which were outlined by Councillor Brown when she introduced and spoke to the call-in and the Head of Roads, Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA), provided a response to the points raised in the call-in.

Questions were raised by Panel Members and responded to by the Head of Roads (ARA), Police Scotland and Councillor Cochrane and a discussion took place in relation to responsibility and liability; the protection and safety of the public; the consultation on this matter; and the options provided to the Leadership Panel.

The Service Lead – Democratic Governance outlined the options open to the Panel in dealing with this matter and the Panel

**Decided:** in light of the concerns about the Leadership Panel decision, to refer this matter back to Leadership Panel for further consideration, proposing that the recommendations of Ayrshire Roads Alliance in conjunction with Police Scotland, as outlined in paragraph 2 of the report referred to above and outlined below, be approved:-

“that the Alloway to Burton underpass link be taken forward as part of the overall ARA Road Improvement Plan for the forthcoming financial year (2019/20), which would consist of the following:

- (a) submit an application to planning with a view to obtaining planning consent during the current financial year;
- (b) pursue external grant award funding for the forthcoming financial year (2019/20) to undertake enabling works in the form of site clearance and the diversion of existing public utilities apparatus in the vicinity of the proposed underpass;
- (c) engage with external funders to secure provisional funding to complete this project in 2020/21;
- (d) upon successfully securing grant award monies, programme and implement the site clearance and public utility apparatus diversions during the forthcoming financial year (2019/20); and
- (e) prepare a detailed programme for the construction of the underpass link during the 2020/21 financial year, to be delivered subject to securing external capital funding”.

The meeting ended at 2.35 p.m.