

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD.**

Minutes of Special Meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,  
on 18th June 2009 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: **Board Members:**

Patricia Wallace, Director of Business Development, Ayr College; Allan Gunning, Executive Director, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Brian Cameron, Manager, Skills Development Scotland; Jess Dunabie, Development Manager, Council for Voluntary Organisations; David Kiltie, Maybole Community Council; Jim Reid, Director of Regional Support, Scottish Enterprise; Councillor Hugh Hunter, Leader of South Ayrshire Council (*Chair*), Councillor John McDowall, and David Anderson, Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council; Hugh Kerr, Area Commander, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service; Alan Murray, Head of Community Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Bill Fitzpatrick, Chief Superintendent, Strathclyde Police and Joe Lafferty, Wallacetoun and Newton Regeneration Forum.

Apologies: Diane Rawlinson, Principal, Ayr College; Wai-yin Hatton, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Councillor Nan McFarlane (South Ayrshire Council); Pamela Millar, Director of HR and OD, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

**Officers also attending:**

Joyce Black, Skills Development Scotland; Ed Clifton, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; Claire Monaghan, Head of Policy, Performance and Communications; Peter Linton, Performance and Change Management Manager; Valerie Stewart, Community Planning Co-ordinator; and Eillen Wyllie, Committee Administration Officer, South Ayrshire Council.

**1. Opening remarks.**

The Chair welcomed David Kiltie and Brian Cameron, new Board representatives and other officers present to their first meeting of the Board.

**2. Fairer Scotland Fund.**

With reference to the Minutes of 20th May 2009, there was submitted a report (issued) of June 2009 advising of the outcome of the work which had been undertaken to evaluate the current projects, services and posts supported, wholly or partly, by the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) and informing that two sets of recommendations had been made as follows:-

- recommendations made for the future strategic allocation of the Fairer Scotland Fund; and
- recommendations for individual projects and staff posts based on the results of the review process.

The Performance and Change Management Manager apologised for the late issue of this report as a result of the tight timescales and deadlines for information as mentioned at the previous meeting and referred to the methodology used; how the projects had demonstrated links with the four FSF objectives and to the higher level local outcomes in the Single Outcome Agreement and on funding.

A full discussion took place in respect of the Fund and the projects detailed in Appendix 2 and various questions were raised by Members of the Board in relation to:- the funding period; the removal of ring-fencing on monies by end of March 2010 and subsequent control of the funding thereafter; how to progress to the next stage of the process and whether the Task Group would support this arrangement; whether there would be a yearly increase in the FSF; and redundancy issues and officers responded accordingly.

**Decided:** having heard the Chair on behalf of the Board thank the officers involved in this work, to approve the recommendations as detailed in Section 5 of the report and highlighted as follows:-

- projects and services recommended to be retained would be aligned into "programmes of services" to meet specific objectives and outcomes in the Single Outcome Agreement to be completed by end March 2010 and that this would include a further consideration of overheads and duplication and any posts identified as superfluous would end on 31st March 2010 with targets being set for each service and service level agreements put in place;
- those projects and services not recommended for retention would undergo further review and restructuring with any posts considered to be superfluous ending by 31st December 2009 and that an interim report outlining the financial implications of proposed changes would be developed;
- the Task Group would be retained and the Chief Executive would be asked to develop an Implementation Plan and that proposed milestones would be reported to the August meeting of the Community Planning Board with a more detailed report being developed for the meeting on 7th October 2009 and that the work of the Task Group should be completed by 31st December 2009;
- it was agreed that further FSF funding for Girvan Horizons would be allocated to end March 2011 after which it would cease; and
- it was acknowledged that there was still uncertainty over future FSF funding arrangements but that this would be clarified as soon as possible with funds being used to deliver commitments within the Single Outcome Agreement.

### 3. **Date of Next Meeting.**

**Decided:** to note that the next scheduled meeting would take place on Wednesday, 19th August 2009 at 2.00 p.m. in the County Hall, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 2.55 p.m.