

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 19th January 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Apologies: Councillors Eddie Bulik, Ann Galbraith and John Hampton.

Also

Present: Councillor Margaret Toner, Portfolio Holder.

Attending: J.G. Peterkin, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director - Development and Environment; M. Newall, Head of Planning and Enterprise; C. Cox, Planning 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 3rd December 2009 (issued) were submitted and noted.

3. Interim Performance Update on the Planning Service.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 11th January 2010 by the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director - Development and Environment providing an update on the performance within the Planning Service on key performance indicators.

Following questions from Members arising from the information presented in the report, various officers responded accordingly.

Decided:

(1) to note

(a) the interim performance update as detailed in the report; and

(b) that a report would be presented to the meeting of this Panel, scheduled to take place on 24th August 2010, on the outcomes related to the Comprehensive Assessment Framework operating within the Planning Service for the period from 30th June 2009 to 30th June 2010; and

- (2) to agree that the Planning Service would arrange for the Members of this Panel and the relevant Portfolio Holder to undertake a visit to the Service to allow them to see at first hand how the introduction of e-planning was being implemented in this Council.

4. Recent Severe Weather Conditions.

Having heard the Chair, there followed an initial discussion on the Council's Roads Service's performance in relation to the recent severe weather conditions.

Decided:

- (1) to note that the a review of the Roads Service's response to the recent sustained adverse weather conditions had already been initiated, to monitor performance against the Council's approved Winter Policy and to help identify potential operational improvements for the future; and
- (2) to agree that this Panel be kept informed of the outcome of the review in due course.

The meeting ended at 10.50 a.m.