

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 1st November 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John McDowall (Chair), Eddie Bulik, Ann Galbraith, John Hampton, Mary Kilpatrick, Mairi Low and Mike Peddie.

Apology: Councillor Stan Fisher.

Also Present: Councillor Peter Convery (Portfolio-holder).

Attending: L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Development and Environment; M. Newall, Head of Planning and Enterprise; C. Monaghan, Head of Policy, Performance and Communication; M. Hastings, Enterprise Manager; A. Macleod, Performance and Business Manager; C. Coombs, Sports, Leisure Libraries, Art and Culture Manager; J. MacMillan, Learning and Development Initiatives Manager; C. Gardner, Senior Strategic Planning and Performance Management Officer; and A. Gibson, Committee Administrative Officer.

Also

Attending: D. Bell, Managing Director, Ayr Renaissance and A. Sneddon, North Ayrshire Council.

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 23rd August 2011 (issued) were submitted and noted.

3. Progress Against the Council Corporate Plan to 30th September 2011.

There was submitted a report (issued) of 18th October 2011 by the Head of Policy, Performance and Communication outlining the progress which had been achieved to date against the Council Corporate Plan in relation to the Directorate objectives and tasks which had fallen within this Panel's remit.

A full discussion took place and various points were made by Members of the Panel in relation to the following Directorate Tasks:-

- DEEN012 - Sector Development (Tourism), as to whether more detail could be provided about the potential for slippage;
- DEEN003 - Carry out Enterprise Review, where it was queried what still remained to be completed in relation to the Review, and the sources of funding for social economy;

- DEAR003 - Refurbishment of 5 priority buildings at 1-17 New Bridge Street, Ayr concerning the current situation and how was this being communicated to the public;
- DE02b01 - Improve transport links to, from and within South Ayrshire, querying the feedback to Community Councils following last year's consultation exercise regarding roads;
- DERO002 - Improvement Roads Plan Defect Categorisation Policy, querying the 33% progress bar versus the 75% completion of the resurfacing programme;
- CCD07.01 - Extend and improve the range of opportunities for outdoor learning and physical activity for people in South Ayrshire, to provide examples of the opportunities being given to adults and older people;
- DESCSSAMS001 - Achieve standards for telecare accreditation, where clarification was sought over who was actually responsible for the task and what was being pursued;
- CCD11.01 - Build the capacity of communities to enable them to take forward and sustain local developments and address local issues, where explanation was sought over the 'Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation' and the balance of what was reported;
- DERO013 - Review provision of festive lighting, where an update had been requested on the arrangements for 2011, including those for Maybole;
- CCD07.02 - Review and develop the Museums and Galleries Service to meet 21st Century expectations, where a further update on this amber rated task had been requested;
- CCD07.04 - Establish South Ayrshire as a centre of golfing excellence, where a further update of this amber rated task had been requested;
- CCD12.02 - Develop an Arts and Culture strategy to increase arts related activity across South Ayrshire and to support the work of the arts partnership, where a further update of this amber rated task had been requested;
- DETE007 - Money Advice Review, where a revised date for completion of the review had been requested;
- DEDM001 - Develop Public Realm Strategy, where an explanation had been requested about what this task was actually about;
- DEPL018 - Development management scrutiny review, where a further update of this red rated task had been requested;
- DEPL013 - Improve wind farm strategy for Planning, where the 0% progress indicator was recognised as not a true reflection of the work that had been achieved on this task;

- DENS008 - Deliver strategic waste management project, where a further update of this amber rated task had been requested; and
- DEFL003 - Hire on the Wire rollout, where explanation had been sought of what this project actually involved and what it was designed to achieve.

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress achieved to date against the Council Corporate Plan as detailed through the updates provided against its Directorate Plans to 30th September 2011; and
- (2) to agree that in relation to Directorate Task DESCSSAMS001 - Achieve standards for telecare accreditation, appropriate Officers from both Children and Community and Corporate Services be invited to attend the next meeting of this Panel, scheduled to take place on 29th November 2011, to allow this task to be properly scrutinised.

Councillor Bulik left the meeting during consideration of the above item

4. Panel Work Programme 2012/13.

The Panel heard the Chair in relation to the current Work Programme of this Panel and whether or not it should consider further areas for Review at this time.

Decided: to agree that as this Panel currently had two Reviews still ongoing, no further Reviews be considered prior to the Council Elections in May.

The meeting ended at 11.50 a.m.