

**DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL.**

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,  
on 22nd February 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

- Present: Councillors John McDowall (Chair), Stan Fisher, Ann Galbraith, Mary Kilpatrick, Mairi Low and Mike Peddie.
- Apologies: Councillors Eddie Bulik and John Hampton.
- Also Present: Councillors Peter Convery and Margaret Toner (Portfolio-holders).
- Attending: L. Bloomer, Executive Director – Development and Environment; and A. Gibson, Committee Administrative Officer.

**1. Opening Remarks.**

Having heard the Chair, the Panel intimated their best wishes to Councillor Hampton and his family during this time.

**2. Maintaining Scotland's Roads.**

In terms of Council Standing Order No.s 8 and 10 and in view of the urgency involved, the Chair advised that he had been sent Audit Scotland's follow-up report on Maintaining Scotland's Roads in order that it be placed before a suitable Panel of this Council to consider their findings and recommendations.

**Decided:** to agree that the report be passed to the Executive Director – Development and Environment in order that it be submitted to the Leadership Panel for its consideration, along with a report outlining this Council's position in relation to each of Audit Scotland's recommendations.

**3. Items for Call-in.**

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

**4. Minutes of previous meeting.**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 25th January 2011 (issued) were submitted and noted.

5. **Matter arising.**

Reference was made to paragraph 4 on Page 109 bearing the rubric “Enterprise Service Review”, when it had been agreed, inter-alia, that the Executive Director – Development and Environment present a report to this Panel meeting relating to the success of the recent Ayr Christmas Wonderland in Wellington Gardens, Ayr.

The Executive Director – Development and Environment advised that the Ayr Christmas Wonderland had been a commercial operation and hence there was no information available to measure its success.

**Decided:** to note the position.

6. **Enterprise Service Review.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of 25th January 2011 (Page 109, paragraph 4) when it had been agreed, inter-alia, that a report intimating a timetable of actions that still required to be taken prior to the completion of the Enterprise Service Review be submitted to this meeting and there was submitted a report (issued) of 14th February 2011 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment updating the Panel on the timetable of actions that still required to be taken.

**Decided:**

- (1) to agree that the outcome of the Review be reported to this Panel at its meeting scheduled to take place on 21st June 2011; and
- (2) to note that this Review would be taken forward by the newly appointed Enterprise Manager, namely Mark Hastings.

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7. **Future Work Programme of Reviews.**

Reference was made to the Minutes of 30th November 2011 (Page 627, paragraph 5) and there was submitted a report (issued) of 15th February 2011 by the Executive Director – Development and Environment

- (1) advising that this Panel had completed its Road Condition Review; and
- (2) suggesting that the Panel might wish to consider the following two areas in their Programme of Reviews:-
  - Development Management, Planning; and
  - Debt Advice, Trading Standards.

Having heard the Executive Director - Development and Environment explain further on the proposed two areas of Review, as detailed at (2) above and following questions from various Members of the Panel relating to these proposals, she responded accordingly.

There followed discussion on the possibility of a Review being undertaken by this Panel relating to the disposal of assets by the Estates Section of this Council.

**Decided:** to agree

- (a) that it be recommended to the Council that this Panel undertake Reviews relating to Development Management, Planning and the disposal of assets by the Estates Section of this Council.
- (b) that should these Reviews be confirmed at a meeting of South Ayrshire Council, scoping papers be prepared for the consideration of this Panel with the understanding that the scoping paper relating to the disposal of assets by the Estates Section of this Council only be prepared and presented to this Panel at an appropriate time.

The meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.