

DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT STANDING SCRUTINY PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 20th April 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors John McDowall (Chair), Stan Fisher, Ann Galbraith and Mairi Low.

Apologies: Councillors Eddie Bulik, John Hampton and Mary Kilpatrick.

Attending: J.G. Peterkin, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director - Development and Environment; M. Newall, Head of Planning and Enterprise, I. Woodburn, Head of Customer and Community Services; C. Gardner, Senior Strategic Planning Performance Management Officer; W. Gray, Property and Asset Manager; G. Boyce, Service Planning and Performance Management Officer; C. Bishop, Performance and Business Change Manager; A. MacLeod, Performance and Business Manager, T. Simpson; Principal Accountant; and A. Gerrish, 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 16th February 2010 (issued) were submitted and noted.

3. Remit from the Leadership Panel: South Ayrshire Directorate Plans.

Reference was made to the Minutes of the Leadership Panel of 13th April 2010 (Page 219, paragraph 10) when it had been decided, having considered a report (issued) of 31st March 2010 by the Head of Policy, Performance and Communication,

- (1) to approve the Children and Community Directorate Plan for 2010-13;
- (2) to approve the Corporate Services Directorate Plan for 2010-13;
- (3) to approve the Development and Environment Directorate Plan for 2010-13; and
- (4) to agree to remit these Plans to the relevant Standing Scrutiny Panels, to examine those sections that relate to their specific remits.

Having heard the Senior Strategic Planning Performance Management Officer in further detail on the process being followed, questions and concerns were raised by Members of the Panel in relation to the updated Directorate Plan and in particular to:- challenges facing the Directorate; external funding; catering and facility services; road network services; waste awareness; apprenticeships; anti-social behaviour reporting; smoking in public places; planning enforcement; revised management structures; and Improvement Strand 12 on the Council's Improvement Agenda on the new 'visual management' approach to Service Planning and the Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director of Development and Environment together with relevant officers responded accordingly.

Decided: to note

- (a) the updated Directorate Plan; and
- (b) that a report on performance against the existing Plans would be submitted to Leadership Panel on 8th June 2010 for consideration.

The meeting ended at 11.10 a.m.