

**MINUTES of MEETING of ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE held in the BY MS TEAMS
on THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 2022**

Present: Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor John Armour	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Donald Kelly	Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor	Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Jean Moffat	Councillor Jim Lynch

Also Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson

Attending: Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director
Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bobby Good and Councillor Roddy McCuish.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to re-order the items of business on the agenda and to take item 6 of the agenda (Campbeltown Flood Protection Scheme Business Case) after item 14 of the agenda (Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Work Plan) as consideration of this item would require the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting.

The Chair ruled and the Committee agreed to hear a presentation from the Head of Development and Economic Growth '*Development And Economic Growth An Overview Of Outputs*' as urgent business. The Chair advised that for the continuity of the agenda that the item would be heard immediately after item 3 of the agenda (Minutes).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 2 December 2021 were approved as a correct record.

4. DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH - AN OVERVIEW OF OUTPUTS

The Committee heard an informative presentation from the Head of Development and Economic Growth outlining the recent work of the Development and Economic Growth Service. The Committee were given the opportunity for questions.

Decision

The Environment Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the content of the presentation.

(Reference: Presentation by the Head of Development and Economic Growth, submitted)

5. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FQ3 2021/22

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the financial quarter 3 2021/22 key performance indicators for the Development and Economic Growth and Roads and Infrastructure Services.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the FQ3 2021/22 key performance indicator reports as presented.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services dated 24 January 2022, submitted)

6. ROADS CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing detail of the proposed roads reconstruction programme for 2022/23. The programme was initially based on an allocation of £5.378M which had been increased to £8.0M at the Budget Meeting on 24 February 2022.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Endorsed the proposed programme of capital works for 2022/23.
2. Agreed that details of each area committee's programme would be forwarded on to individual Elected Members.
3. Agreed that the full programme together with an update on delivery would be presented to the June Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated 25 February 2022, submitted)

7. WASTE PPP AND LANDFILL BAN COMPLIANCE - PROGRESS UPDATE ON OPTIONS

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on progress of the options to identify the most suitable option for the future of the Waste Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract to enable officers to support compliance with the landfill ban and which would provide overall best value to Argyll and Bute Council.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Endorsed the report and the approach being taken to determine the most appropriate option for the Council regarding waste disposal.
2. Noted that a further report detailing an options appraisal would come forward to the September Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee, providing information on the preferred option and outlining any capital and revenue cost implications.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated 11 January 2022, submitted)

8. ARGYLL AND BUTE COVID 19 RECOVERY: RESTART, RECOVER AND RENEW: DELIVERING AND RESETTING OUR RECOVERY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing details of the work undertaken to recover from the Covid 19 pandemic. The report outlined actions and achievements to date and the medium to long term priorities to support the area recovering from the impact of the pandemic to the “new normal”.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the content of the submitted report and the attached appendix.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 12 January 2022, submitted)

9. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT TOWN CENTRE FUND AND PLACE BASED INVESTMENT FUND UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on projects and funding associated with two capital programmes funded by the Scottish Government: the 2019-2021 Town Centre Fund and the 2021-2026 Place Based Investment Fund.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 18 January 2022, submitted)

10. TRANSFORMATIONAL PROJECTS & REGENERATION TEAM - LARGE SCALE PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on progress of the large scale, externally funded project work of the Transformational Projects and Regeneration Team which also highlighted key issues that could impact on the successful delivery of projects.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the progress contained within the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 18 January 2022, submitted)

11. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT PROJECTS REVIEW 2 - CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Committee gave consideration to a report outlining a proposed response to the draft second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) for Scotland. The review would inform Scottish Ministers decisions on transport investment in Scotland for the next 20 years (2022-2042).

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted the transport intervention within the draft Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) that were referenced to Argyll and Bute.
2. Approved the enclosed response to the draft STPR2 consultation.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 27 February 2022, submitted)

12. TRANSPORT FOR STRATHCLYDE: A NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK

The Committee gave consideration to a report advising of correspondence received from the Chair of Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) which sought support from Local Authorities for the vision and direction detailed within “Transport for Strathclyde: A New Public Transport Network”.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted the letter from Councillor Dr Martin Bartos, Chair of SPT.
2. Agreed to defer this matter to a future Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee in 2022, which would afford the new Council when formed, following the Scottish Local Government Elections in May 2022, and Members of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee to take a view on this matter.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated February 2022, submitted)

13. CEMETERY ASSET UPDATE REPORT

An update report following a consultation on cemetery provision and policy that was carried out in early 2020, which had unfortunately clashed with the pandemic, was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the content of the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated February 2022, submitted)

14. ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee work plan was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the content of the work plan.

(Reference: Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee work plan dated February 2022, submitted)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

15. CAMPBELTOWN FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME - FULL BUSINESS CASE

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on progress with the Campbeltown Flood Protection Scheme, including the funding position, and which made recommendations in order for the project to progress.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee agreed the recommendation contained within the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated 25 February 2022, submitted)