

**MINUTES of MEETING of ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Present: Councillor Roderick McCuish (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Donald MacMillan	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor	Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Jean Moffat	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Aileen Morton	Councillor Jim Findlay

Attending: Pippa Milne, Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Moya Ingram, Strategic Transportation and Infrastructure Manager
Peter Leckie, Project Manager, Development and Infrastructure
John Blake, Fleet Waste and Infrastructure Manager
Iain Jackson, Governance and Risk Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Kinniburgh.

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 7 June 2018 were approved as a correct record.

**4. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES PERFORMANCE
REPORT FQ1 APRIL TO JUNE 2018**

The Committee gave consideration to a report that presented the Development and Infrastructure Services departmental performance report and associated scorecard for performance in financial quarter one 2018/19 (April to June 2018).

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the Development and Infrastructure Services departmental performance report and associated scorecard for performance in financial quarter one 2018/19 (April to June 2018).

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated August 2018, submitted)

* **5. POLICY ON MEMORIAL SAFETY IN LOCAL AUTHORITY CEMETERIES AND BURIAL GROUNDS**

The Committee gave consideration to a report which presented a draft policy document for the inspection of the 131 cemeteries in Argyll and Bute and the action which should be followed should a dangerous or potentially dangerous memorial be found. The policy document was produced following the publication of Sheriff Ruxton's determination of the Craigton Cemetery, Glasgow fatal accident enquiry on 22 January 2018.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee endorsed the policy document and agreed to recommend to Council that the Policy is approved.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated July 2018, submitted)

6. WASTE STRATEGY

The Committee gave consideration to a report that highlighted the changes required to Argyll and Bute Council's Waste Strategy. The report defined the issues facing waste disposal and the necessity for a change in the Strategy. The report detailed options that have the potential to resolve the issues in a cost effective manner.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted the changes and technical impact; and agreed to endorse the work being progressed towards a long term waste strategy.
2. Approved the objectives of the waste strategy set out in paragraph 4.3 of the submitted report.
3. Endorsed the two shortlisted biodegradable municipal waste ban options and provided consent for a continued feasibility assessment of the outline options set out in section 4.9 of the submitted report.
4. Endorsed a request for an Islands Impact Assessment of the Waste Scotland Regulations (2012) under the terms of the Islands Act (2018) to explore:
 - The potential for additional financial support to ensure compliance with the Landfill Ban and to support Zero Waste initiatives on the islands.
 - To seek island derogation from the Landfill Ban if no additional funding support is available.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated August 2018, submitted)

7. FESTIVE LIGHTING UPDATE

The Council, at its Budget Meeting in February 2016, agreed to look at alternative, community led delivery methods for festive lighting prior to the Council ceasing to

provide this service after Christmas 2018. Officers have been engaging over the past 18 months with Groups in 21 towns and villages across the Council area. The Committee gave consideration to a report that provided them with an update on the work.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 7 August 2018, submitted)

8. TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) BILL

The Committee gave consideration to a report which sought input to a draft response to the Transport (Scotland) Bill that had been prepared by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the draft response to the Transport (Scotland) Bill prepared by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport which covered the Helensburgh and Lomond area of Argyll and Bute.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure dated August 2018, submitted)

9. OFFICER RESPONSE TO THE "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF RURAL ADVISERS 'A RURAL CONVERSATION: TOGETHER WE CAN, TOGETHER WE WILL' CONSULTATION

A report providing Members with the officer response that was submitted to the National Council Rural Advisers (NCRA) consultation was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the officer response to the National Council Rural Advisers (NCRA) consultation which was outlined at appendix 1 to the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 3 August 2018, submitted)

10. ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Workplan as at September 2018 was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the content of the Workplan as at September 2018.

(Reference: Environment, Development and Infrastructure Workplan as at September 2018, submitted)