

**MINUTES of MEETING of ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2017**

Present: Councillor Roderick McCuish (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor	Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Aileen Morton	

Councillor Robin Currie

Attending: Pippa Milne, Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Amenity Services
Patricia O’Neill, Central Governance Manager
Iain MacInnes, Digital Liaison Officer

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated by Councillors Donald Kelly and Jim Lynch.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 7 September 2017 were approved as a correct record.

**4. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES PERFORMANCE
REPORT FQ2 2017-18**

A report presenting the Development and Infrastructure Services departmental performance report with associated scorecard for performance in Financial Quarter 2 2017-18 (July to September 2017) was given consideration.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the Development and Infrastructure Services performance report and associated scorecards for financial quarter 2.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated December 2017, submitted)

Councillor John Armour joined the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

5. SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS 2016-17

The Committee gave consideration to a report which presented them with the Service Annual Performance Reviews from Roads and Amenity Services; and Economic Development and Strategic Transportation Services for the year 2016-17.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee endorsed the Service Annual Performance Reviews as presented for the year 2016-17.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 31 August 2017, submitted)

6. DRAFT SERVICE PLANS 2017-20 FOR 2018-19 BUDGET

The Committee gave consideration to the draft Service Plans 2017-20 for Economic Development and Strategic Transportation and Roads and Amenity Services for the 2018-19 budget.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee endorsed the draft Service Plans for onward submission to the Policy and Resources Committee in February 2018 for the 2018-19 budget allocation.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 28 November 2017, submitted)

7. ANNUAL STATUS AND OPTIONS REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the Annual Status and Options Report which provided an analytical assessment of the condition of the Council's road network and associated infrastructure as well as setting out projected conditions based on varying levels of investment.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Endorsed the Annual Status and Options Report and the positive analytical feedback it provided with regard to the improvement to the Council's Road Condition Index as a result of the ongoing investment in roads reconstruction works.
2. Noted that the Annual Status and Options Report informs key elements of the Development and Infrastructure Asset Management Plan that in turn informs the budget setting process.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated November 2017, submitted)

8. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PAVEMENT CAFÉ LICENCE POLICY

A report which provided an update on the implementation of the Pavement Café Licence Policy and which recommended a way forward for 2017-18 was given consideration.

Decision

The Environment Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Approved the replacement of the existing Pavement Café Licence Policy with Pavement Café Guidelines.
2. Noted that the need to obtain an alcohol license is still required where applicable for outdoor seating areas.
3. Agreed to amend the guidelines as detailed at paragraph 4.13 of the submitted report.
4. Approved enforcement of the Pavement Café Guidelines on a reactive basis where there is risk to safety.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated November 2017, submitted)

Councillor Gary Mulvaney left the meeting at this point.

9. DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE ON EXTERNAL PROGRAMMES

A report which provided an update on the work that was being undertaken on a number of programmes which aim to improve the digital infrastructure across Argyll and Bute was given consideration by the Committee.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted the content of the submitted report.
2. Noted the concerns on the lack of installation of works following planning approval by some of the mobile network operators.
3. Approved that the Digital Liaison Officer continue to promote awareness of superfast broadband with the available resources and to begin a community targeted campaign to increase take up.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 24 October 2017, submitted)

**10. ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
WORK PLAN 2017/18**

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Workplan as at December 2017 was before the Committee for information.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Workplan as at December 2017.

(Reference: Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Workplan dated December 2017, submitted)