

**MINUTES of MEETING of ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE held in the BY SKYPE
on THURSDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Present: Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Jim Findlay	Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor David Kinniburgh	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Donald MacMillan BEM	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Roderick McCuish	Councillor Andrew Vennard

Also Present: Councillor Richard Trail

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ellen Morton and Alan Reid.

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 5 March 2020 were approved as a correct record.

4. UPDATE ON ROADS CAPITAL RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2020/21

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the Roads and Infrastructure Services operational and revenue matters relating to roads activities throughout the council area.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the update provided in the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated 10 September 2020, submitted)

Councillors Andrew Vennard and Sir Jamie McGrigor joined the meeting at this point.

5. WINTER SERVICE POLICY 2020/21

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the Winter Service Policy 2020/21 which followed a similar format and covered a similar network to the Policy approved by the Committee in previous years. This year the Policy included Covid-19 Vehicle Usage Guidelines.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee -

1. Noted the proposals for community resilience.
2. Noted the weather summary from 2019/20 contained at Appendix 1.
3. Approved the 2020/21 Winter Maintenance Policy contained at Appendix 2.
4. Noted the Advisory Signing, routes unsuitable in severe conditions contained at Appendix 3.
5. Approved the Salt Use Reduction and Preservation of Stocks Protocol contained at Appendix 4.
6. Approved the Use of Vehicles during Covid-19 Guidelines contained at Appendix 5.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated August 2020, submitted)

6. CLEANING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the additional funding allocated from the 2020/21 budget process to mitigate the impacts of weather related damage and climate change with specific emphasis on gully cleaning and drainage improvements.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted the update contained within the report.
2. Noted that delivery of the project had slipped due to the Covid-19 pandemic and that budget would be rolled forward into 2021/22 and 2022/23 to provide funding over two financial years.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated 10 September 2020, submitted)

7. WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the Council's Waste Strategy. The report covered changes to the introduction dates for the Biodegradable Municipal Waste Landfill Ban and the Deposit Return Scheme; engagement with Scottish Government officials; and the impact of Covid-19 on the Waste Strategy and the Waste Strategy Action Plan.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Endorsed the content of the report including the appended updated Waste Strategy Action Plan.
2. Noted that a future report would be taken to Committee in December with the result of negotiations with the Scottish Government.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated 10 September 2020, submitted)

8. TRANSFORMATION PROJECTS AND REGENERATION TEAM - LARGE SCALE PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report setting out the current position of the larger scale projects that were mainly externally funded and which were being delivered by the Transformation Projects and Regeneration Team.

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated August 2020, submitted)

9. ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Workplan 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 Workplan dated 10 September 2020, submitted)