

**MINUTES of MEETING of ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE held VIA SKYPE
on THURSDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2020**

Present: Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

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

Also Present: Councillor Jim Anderson Councillor Jim Findlay
Councillor Elaine Robertson

Attending: Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services
Stuart McLean, Committee Manager
Mark Calder, Project Manager, Transformation

The Chair advised that he had received a request from Councillor Jim Findlay, who was not a member of the Committee, to speak at the meeting. The Chair advised that he was agreeable to this request.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

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 10 September 2020 were approved as a correct record.

Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor joined the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

4. FINANCIAL QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020/21

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the performance report and associated scorecard for performance in FQ2 2020-21 (July 2020 to September 2020) for the Development and Economic Growth and Roads and Infrastructure Services.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted the FQ2 2020/21 performance report as presented.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

5. DRAFT SERVICE PLANS 2021/22

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the Draft Service Plans 2021-22 for the Roads and Infrastructure and Development and Economic Growth Services.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee agreed the Draft Service Plans 2021-22 (no finance) as presented prior to consideration by the Policy and Resources Committee on 18 February 2021 and Council on 25 February 2021, for budget allocation.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth and Roads and Infrastructure dated 10 November 2020, submitted)

6. ANNUAL STATUS AND OPTIONS REPORT 2020

The Committee gave consideration to a report that presented a summary of the Council road assets as at April 2020. The report presented 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.
2. Noted that the Annual Status and Options Report informs key elements of the Development and Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated 4 November 2020, submitted)

Councillor Elaine Robertson, who was in attendance, but was not a Member of the Committee, requested to speak during the consideration of the following item of business. This request was agreed by the Chair.

7. WINTER MAINTENANCE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the development of the winter community engagement programme.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted that the scheme had been delayed as a result of Covid-19.
2. Agreed that the outline scheme criteria for the pilot project and public consultation as set out at paragraph 3.6 of the submitted report.
3. Agreed that Officers should explore the possibility of running a pilot scheme based on the criteria as set out at paragraph 3.5 of the submitted report.
4. Noted that a further report would come back to Committee at the end of the winter season.

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

8. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STRATEGY

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing members with an update on the development of a medium to long term future strategy for electric vehicle charging infrastructure across Argyll and Bute.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Agreed that the long term charging approach should be developed as outlined in the submitted report.
2. Noted the intention to have fees included in the annual scheme of fees and charges for 2021/22.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure dated 21 October 2020, submitted)

9. PUBLIC CONVENIENCES REMOBILISATION UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the remobilisation of public conveniences across Argyll and Bute and advising of the position as regards a core set remaining open and available over the winter season.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted the current position.
2. Welcomed the interest of community partners in running public conveniences.

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

10. WASTE STRATEGY - HOUSEHOLD WASTE CHARTER

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an outline of the Household Recycling Charter and its Code of Practice; advising of the renewed importance of the Charter and the potential future challenges it poses. The report sought endorsement of the Charter and Code of Practice.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. Noted the information contained within the submitted report regarding the Household Recycling Charter and its associated Code of Practice.
2. Agreed to endorse the Household Recycling Charter in order to enable the Council to apply for additional funding and resources to support ongoing investment in Recycling and Waste Recovery.

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

11. ARGYLL AND BUTE CEMETERY CONSULTATION SURVEY UPDATE

A report advising of a delay to the community cemetery consultation due to Covid-19 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 November 2020, submitted)

12. CUSTOMER SERVICE/CORRESPONDENCE UPDATE

A report providing an update on the ongoing work in Roads and Infrastructure Services to make improvements to customer service 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 October 2020, submitted)

13. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO) UPDATE

A report providing an update on the progress of the Traffic Regulation Order process, background on the current backlog of Traffic Regulation Orders, impact of

the statutory temporary Orders in progression of permanent Traffic Regulation Orders and the setting of pay and display charges 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 October 2020, submitted)

14. ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

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 workplan.

(Reference: Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee Workplan dated December 2020, 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 Paragraphs 8 & 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

15. WASTE STRATEGY- LANDFILL BAN

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing options open to the Council, to meet obligations introduced under the Waste Regulations (Scotland) 2012. The report also provided an update on recent Officer engagement with the Scottish Government seeking support to enable Landfill Ban compliance.

Decision

The Committee agreed the recommendations as contained within the submitted report.

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