

**MINUTES of MEETING of ENVIRONMENT, DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE held ON A HYBRID BASIS BY MICROSOFT TEAMS AND IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Present: Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Ian MacQuire
Councillor Jan Brown	Councillor Luna Martin
Councillor Garret Corner	Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Andrew Kain	Councillor William Sinclair
Councillor Donald Kelly	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Jim Lynch	Councillor Peter Wallace

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 Mark Irvine and Tommy MacPherson.

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 June 2022 were approved as a correct record.

4. SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS 2021/22: DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC GROWTH SERVICES & ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the Service Annual Performance Reviews and Scorecard 2021/22 for the Development and Economic Growth, and Roads and Infrastructure Services.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee approved the Service Annual Performance Reviews (Service APRs) and Scorecards 2021/22 as presented prior to publishing on the Council Website.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services dated 13 July 2022, submitted)

5. WINTER SERVICE POLICY 2022-23

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the Council's Winter Service Policy for approval. The policy for 2022/23 remained similar to that of the policy for 2021/22.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. approved the 2022/23 Winter Maintenance Policy Document at Appendix 1 to the submitted report;
2. approved the Salt Use Reduction and Preservation of Stock Protocol at Appendix 2 to the submitted report;
3. noted the Advisory signing, routes unsuitable in severe conditions at Appendix 3 to the submitted report;
4. noted the Frontline Treatment Vehicle Fleet at Appendix 4 to the submitted report;
5. noted the Salt Stocks monitoring and resilience record at Appendix 5 to the submitted report; and
6. noted the weather summary from 2021/22 at Appendix 6 to the submitted report.

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

6. FOOTWAYS RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME 2022-23

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing a programme of Footway Reconstruction Schemes for 2022/23. The Council had awarded £500k at its Budget Meeting in February 2022 and the budget had been allocated by proportion of the footway inventory values in each geographical area, and was set out in each appendix to the report.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee –

1. endorsed the programme of capital works for 2022/23; and
2. agreed that details of each Area Committee programme would be forwarded on to the respective Ward Members.

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

7. STREET LIGHTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/LED PROJECT AND REPLACEMENT COLUMNS PROGRAMME 2022-23

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing details of the proposed Street Lighting Reconstruction Programme for 2022/23. The programme was based on an allocation of £740,000, comprising of £440,000 of Capital allocation from this year and the previous financial year, and an additional £300,000, awarded through the budget process, to deal with defective columns and cabling.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee endorsed –

1. the Street Lighting Capital Improvements Programme for 2022/23; and
2. the LED and Replacement Column Programme for 2022/23.

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

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

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

Decision

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

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 31 July 2022, submitted)

9. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015 - ALLOTMENTS WAITING LIST REGISTER

A report providing an update on the ongoing actions that were being undertaken in response to duties placed on the Council under Part 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 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 Legal and Regulatory Support dated May 2022, submitted)

10. 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 September 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 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

11. WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the work relating to the Waste PPP contract and on the options appraisal work streams being taken forward.

Decision

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee noted –

1. the report and the approach being taken to determine the most appropriate option for the Council regarding waste disposal;
2. the good progress being made in relation to the options appraisal; and
3. that a further report detailing the full appraisal and proposed next steps will come forward to the December EDI 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 August 2022, submitted)