

**EXTRACT OF MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE
HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2014**

9. MACC BASE COUNCIL SUPPORT

The Committee considered a report outlining the Council's current work with the Machrihanish Airbase Community Company (MACC), and their continued support for MACC as it seeks to optimise economic development on the base. Mr Murray advised Members of the proposed visits due to take place in the New Year by both the Chief Executive and the Director of Development and Infrastructure Services. Members expressed an interest in the possibility of holding a meeting at the base, with a view to appreciate what facilities the site has to offer.

Decision

1. Members agreed to note the contents of the report; and
2. Recommended to Council that a letter be written to the MOD supporting MACC's request to make change to the Overage Agreement. *

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, dated 3 December 2014, submitted.)

**explanation of the Overage Agreement*

The overage agreement is where the Ministry of Defence imposes a limit on the length of time MACC can lease land or buildings to businesses for without the need to make a further payment. Currently the limit is 18 years. If the length of time increased to a minimum of 21 years this would make it easier for businesses to commit to investments and guarantee income to MACC.