

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 30 MAY 2008 AT 1000 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Tom Cook, Willie Coffey, Helen Coffey, John Campbell, John Knapp, Stuart Finlayson, Barney Menzies and Drew Filson.

ATTENDING: Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services; Robin Baker, Financial Controller; Steven Hill, Accountant; Julie McGarry, Administration Manager; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Alan Brown.

CHAIR: Councillor Tom Cook, Chair.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

1. There were submitted and approved as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 May 2008 (circulated).

SCRUTINY**AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 May 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted.

OUTWITH PLACEMENTS INCLUDING SECURE ACCOMMODATION

3. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which provided a summary of the Department of Educational and Social Services' use of Outwith Authority Placements including Secure Placements up to 31 March 2008.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide future reports at six monthly intervals on this aspect of provision, such reports to include information on (a) costs associated with Placements, such as transport; and (b) income received by the Council from the provision of accommodation for Outwith Placements for other authorities, and that in the meantime the Executive Director would provide this information in respect of the period until 31 March 2008, directly to members of the Committee; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

2008/09 FINANCE AND SERVICE STRATEGY

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 May 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which provided details of the Finance and Service Strategy which would provide a framework to monitor revenue and capital expenditure linked to service performance.

REVIEW TO EXPLORE THE BACKGROUND REASONS FOR THE LEVEL OF COMPLAINTS ON CONTRACT UPDATES TO THE COUNCIL'S HOUSING STOCK WITHIN THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME (Item 2, Page 294, 07/11)

5. Noted that this item had been withdrawn from the Agenda, and agreed that the Head of Democratic Services, in consultation with Members of the Committee, arrange for the presentation to be held prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

GENERAL

WORK PROGRAMME: QUARTERLY UPDATE

6. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 2008 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided a quarterly update of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme.

It was agreed:

- (i) that a report on the Work Review Programme relative to each of the topics selected for review in 2008/09 be submitted to the next meeting for consideration; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

EXCLUSION

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

7. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

SCRUTINY

GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT 2007/08 AS AT 31 MARCH 2008 (PERIOD 13)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 14 May 2008 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management which advised of the financial position for the General Services and Housing Investment Capital Programmes for 2007/08 based on information provided by Executive Directors.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hrs.