

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 19 MARCH 2010

TOPICS FOR REVIEW 2010/11

Report by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present topics suggested for review in 2010/11 during the Governance and Scrutiny Workshop 2010.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Governance and Scrutiny Committee Workshop held on Thursday 28 January 2010, consideration was given to new topics suggested for review which included recommendations on criteria for selection/rejection. A copy of the note of the Workshop held on 28 January 2010 is attached as Appendix I.

3. TOPICS FOR REVIEW 2010/11

- 3.1 The undernoted topics have been selected to be reviewed during 2010/11, namely:-

- (i) Project 1 - Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in East Ayrshire since their introduction; and
- (ii) Project 2 - Insurance arrangements provided by contractors carrying out work on behalf of East Ayrshire Council.

- 3.2 The scoping paper relative to each topic will be reported to the Governance and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Friday 23 April 2010.

- 3.3 A draft timetable for carrying out the abovementioned reviews during the 2010/11 year is provided at Appendix II.

4. **FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - None arising directly from this report.

5. **RISK IMPLICATIONS** - None arising directly from this report.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 The Committee is asked:

- (i) to approve the annual programme timetable for 2010/11, as set out in Appendix II; and

- (ii) to note that scoping papers relative to each project will be reported to the Governance and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 23 April 2010.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Topic Suggestion Forms

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Lynn Young, Administrative Officer on Tel No (01563) 576283. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Tel No (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Lynn Young, Administrative Officer.

<u>Item No</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u>
2.1(b)	<p>Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in East Ayrshire since their Introduction -</p> <p>Agreed that a review be carried out of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in East Ayrshire since their introduction, on the basis that this would be an appropriate time to review the effectiveness of the Orders in reducing anti-social behaviour in local communities and the joint working arrangements which are in place to support this work.</p>	<p>Governance & Scrutiny Support Team - Preparation of Project Plan Template and Work Review Programme for consideration by the Governance & Scrutiny Committee.</p>
2.1(c)	<p>Role of Community Planning Forums in the Decision Making Structure - Agreed:</p> <p>(i) that this suggestion be rejected on the basis that a review of the Local Community Planning Forums would be carried out as part of the forthcoming review of the wider community engagement arrangements, which would be the subject of consideration by Cabinet within the near future;</p> <p>(ii) that the Governance and Scrutiny Committee be afforded an appropriate opportunity to contribute to the review of community engagement arrangements as part of the associated consultation process; and</p> <p>(iii) on the matter arising during discussion, that the Head of Community Support would ensure that as part of the review of the community engagement arrangements the nature and means of communication with, and feedback to, community representatives with regard to Local Community Planning Forums would be examined, involving appropriate liaison with community representatives on this issue.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Head of Community Support</p> <p>Head of Community Support</p>
2.1(d)	<p>Policy for the Provision of Allotments within East Ayrshire - Agreed:</p> <p>(i) that this suggestion be rejected on the basis that the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services currently has under preparation an Allotment Strategy</p>	<p>-</p>

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2.1(e)	<p>for East Ayrshire, together with an Action Plan, which is expected to be submitted to Cabinet within the next few months. Accordingly, this issue will be addressed by another body and a topic review would duplicate work already underway; and</p> <p>(ii) that the Head of Leisure Services provide a briefing note to members of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee on the proposed Allotments Policy and its development</p> <p>Teaching of Gaelic in East Ayrshire Schools - Agreed to continue consideration of this suggestion to a future meeting of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee in order that further analysis of the benefits of the provision of Gaelic teaching can be undertaken having regard to the costs involved, and that for this purpose, the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services provide a report to Committee with further information on the costs associated with Gaelic provision within East Ayrshire, including on a per capita basis and in comparison to expenditure on the teaching of other modern languages within schools, and with other Authorities' delivery of Gaelic teaching.</p>	<p>Head of Leisure Services</p> <p>Executive Director of Educational and Social Services</p>
3.	<p>Review of the Council's Winter Emergency Response Policy - Agreed that a comprehensive joint report by the Executive Directors be submitted to a future meeting of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee to provide a detailed debriefing to Members on the effect on Council services of the severe cold weather which occurred over the period from late December 2009 through to early/mid January 2010, and setting out the Council's response across the full range of relevant Services in order to afford Members the opportunity to examine relevant matters and, if necessary and appropriate, consider recommendations for further action.</p>	<p>Executive Directors - Lead Officer: Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services</p>
4.	<p>Topic Review: Vehicle Tracker System - Having considered the documentation and</p>	<p>Governance & Scrutiny Support Team -</p>

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	information submitted relevant to this review, and having heard from internal witnesses, Members proceeded to formulate conclusions and final recommendations which will be included within the Review Outcome report to be presented to Governance and Scrutiny Committee for approval on 19 March 2010.	Preparation of draft outcome report.

The Workshop terminated at 1240 hrs

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APPENDIX II

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY 2009/2010 - ANNUAL PROGRAMME DRAFT TIMETABLE

MONTH	PROJECT 1	PROJECT 2
April		
May		
June	Commence investigation	
July		
August		
September		Commence investigation
October	Submit draft report (G&S)	
November	Submit final report (Cabinet)	
December		
January		
February		Submit draft report (G&S)
March		Submit final report (Cabinet)

Project 1 - Anti-Social Behaviour Orders in East Ayrshire since their introduction

Project 2 - Insurance arrangements provided by contractors carrying out work on behalf of East Ayrshire Council

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