

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 28 AUGUST 2009

MATTERS ARISING UPDATE REPORT

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

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a consolidated response to information requests made by Members at previous meetings.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** As Members are aware, during the course of discussions at meetings of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee, Members, from time to time, seek information or clarification from Officers on particular matters which requires to be provided after the meeting. Such requests arise from, and reflect, the role of the Committee in respect of its scrutiny function.

- 2.2** The Committee at its meeting held on 3 April 2009 agreed that, in future, a report be submitted to the Committee to consolidate all responses to information requests made by Members of the Committee at previous meetings or, otherwise, provide an explanation as to why the relevant information is not yet available. This approach will formalise the various matters arising into report format thereby facilitating presentation of the information to Members and recording of the origin and progress of the issues raised.

3. UPDATE

- 3.1** The outstanding matters arising from previous meetings of the Committee and the current position with regard to the provision of information relative to each item is set out in detail in Appendix I to this report.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING/RISK IMPLICATIONS

- None arising directly from this report.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1** The Committee is asked to note the information provided in response to the matters arising as set out in Appendix I.

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17 August 2009
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Telephone Number (01563) 576135.

Implementation Officer: Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APPENDIX I

<u>NO</u>	<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>UPDATE</u>
1.	Governance & Scrutiny Committee, 3 April 2009 (Item 7(ii), Page 675, 07/12)	<u>Planning and Listed Building Consent Appeal Decisions - 1 May 2007 to 31 January 2009</u> - Agreed that the Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services provide information to Members of the Committee on the amount of expenses awarded to the Council arising from the application by AMEC Project Investment PLC for a Windfarm at Kyle Forest, near Dalmellington.	The Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services advises that the costs arising from this application have been assessed by an independent Law Accountant and an account prepared which will form the basis of the Council's claim for expenses.
2.	Governance & Scrutiny Committee, 19 June 2009 (Item 5(vi), Page , 07/12)	<u>Local Code of Corporate Governance</u> - Noted that the Chief Executive would arrange to circulate to each member of the Committee a copy of the report by "critical friend" Alastair J N McNeish OBE on the second Council-wide Strategic Self Assessment on Performance, for information.	The copy report was circulated to members of the Committee on 29 June 2009; and features as Appendix B to the report submitted under Item 3 on the Agenda for this meeting.
3.	Governance & Scrutiny Committee, 19 June 2009 (Item 6, Page , 07/12)	<u>Employee Statistics 2008/09</u> - Noted that the Head of Human Resources would provide to members of the Committee a breakdown of the number of employees aged 60 years and over between Education and Social Services.	The Head of Human Resources advises that the breakdown of employees within the Department of Educational and Social Services who are aged over 60 years is as follows, namely:- Social Work - 88 employees Education - 55 employees Education (other) - 5 employees Onsite - 111 employees Total - 259 employees