

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 28 AUGUST 2009

REPORT ON THE REVIEW ON THE COUNCIL'S WINTER EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICY

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

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To present the outcome report by members of this Committee on their recent review of the Council's Winter Emergency Response Policy, and to agree, or otherwise, the recommendations contained in the draft report for presentation to Cabinet.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** At the Governance and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 29 January 2009, the Committee agreed to review the Council's Winter Emergency Response Policy.
- 2.2** The Committee began the review in May 2009. The review consisted of information gathering, a site visit and meetings with relevant witnesses.
- 2.3** Having considered all the information gathered, and after discussion with members at informal meetings, conclusions and recommendations were formulated and are contained in the attached draft report.

- 3. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS** - None arising directly from this report.

4. FINANCIAL/RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** The financial implications and any risk management implications associated with the recommendations contained in the review report have not been quantified at this stage since this will be a matter which the Cabinet will require to address if the recommendations are accepted or otherwise.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** The proposals contained within the report on the outcome of the review complement the planned outcomes and actions contained within the following Community Plan Action Plans, in particular, Improving Health and Wellbeing; Improving Community Safety and Delivering Community Regeneration.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Members of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee are asked:-

- (i) to approve the draft report and the review findings contained therein;
and
- (ii) to agree that the review report be presented to the next appropriate Cabinet meeting, for consideration of the recommendations contained therein.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

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