

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 25 SEPTEMBER 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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Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support

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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 final negotiations are taking place to determine the settlement amount.
2.	Governance & Scrutiny Committee, 28 August 2009 (Item 5(i)(a), Page , 07/12)	<u>Employees Affected by Detriment</u> - Agreed that the Head of Human Resources confirm the number of employees who it is anticipated will be in a detriment position at the end of the four year cash conservation period following the introduction of the revised Pay and Grading Scheme.	The Head of Human Resources advises that, arising from the Council's Revised Pay and Grading Scheme, 145 employees will still be in detriment at the end of the cash conservation period on 31 March 2010.
3.	Governance & Scrutiny Committee, 28 August 2009 (Item 5(i)(b), Page , 07/12)	<u>Employees Affected by Stress/Debility</u> - Agreed that the Head of Human Resources confirm the number of employees affected by stress/debility etc, by Department.	Information prepared by the Head of Human Resources to provide a breakdown of the number of days lost due to stress, by Department, for the period April to June 2009 is provided at Annex I.
4.	Governance & Scrutiny Committee, 28 August 2009 (Item 5(i)(c), Page , 07/12)	<u>Externally Funded Posts</u> - Agreed that the Head of Human Resources confirm the designations of those eight temporary employees in funded posts who came into the employment of the Council since March 2009.	The Head of Human Resources confirms that the designations of the eight employees are as follows, namely:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Support - Technical Assistant and Project Officer; • Social Work - Resource Worker and Adult Protection Co-ordinator; and • Education - Early Years Worker x 3 and Active Schools Co-ordinator

5.	Governance & Scrutiny Committee, 28 August 2009 (Item 6(iv), Page , 07/12)	<u>Big World Event</u> - That the Community Planning and Partnership Manager advise Members of which secondary school did not attend the Big World Event and the reason for this non-participation.	The Community Planning and Partnership Manager advises that Educational and Social Services have confirmed that Loudoun Academy did not attend the Big World Event due to competing demands within the school environment.
6.	Governance & Scrutiny Committee, 3 April 2009 (Item 1.1.2, Page 671, 07/12)	<u>Meeting with Scottish Water</u> - Arrangements to be made for the Committee to meet with representatives of Scottish Water.	The meeting between members of the Committee, appropriate Officers and representatives of Scottish Water took place on Thursday 10 September 2009. A note of the meeting will be circulated to all members of the Committee in due course.

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DAYS LOST DUE TO STRESS
APRIL-JUNE 2009

ANNEX 1

DEPARTMENT	SECTION	LOST DAYS DUE TO STRESS	
Chief Executive's Office	Internal Audit	0	
	Chief Executive's Office	0	
	Finance & Asset Management	63	63
Corporate Support	Legal, Procurement & Regulatory Services	0	
	Human Resources	0	
	Democratic Services	7	
	Information Technology	0	
	Directorate	0	
	Community Planning & Partnership Unit	0	
	Planning & Economic Development	3	10
Educational & Social Services	Community Support	58	
	Resource Support & Facilities Management	0	
	Directorate	0	
	Children & Families Area Services	122	
	Care & Review Services	26	
	Youth & Addiction	2	
	Criminal Justice Services	85	
	Planning Development	0	
	Adults	241	
	Community Care Area Services	284	
	Older	93	
	Independent Living & Commissioning & Review	0	
	Resources	59	
	Catering	165	
	Cleaning	306	
	Janitors	105	
	Management & Administration	0	
School Crossing	37		
Education APT&C	734		
Teachers	473	2790	
Neighbourhood Services	Housing including Cleansing, Community Safety and Risk Management	109.5	
	Building & Works	191	
	Leisure including Libraries and Local Offices	160	
	Roads & Transportation	80	
	Central/Directorate	0	540.5
TOTAL		3403.5	