

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2007 AT 0930 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Ross, Maureen McKay, Jim O'Neill, Brian Reeves, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Eric Jackson, George Smith and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; David Mitchell, Head of Legal, Procurement and Regulatory Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning and Economic Development; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors John McGhee, Stephanie Young, Douglas Reid, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Jimmy Kelly and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor George Smith, Vice-Chair for Items 1 and 2 and Councillor Eric Ross, Chair for Item 3.

PLANNING ETC (SCOTLAND) ACT 2006 - IMPLEMENTATION TIMETABLE AND COMMENCEMENTS

1. There was submitted a report dated 10 April 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which (i) listed those sections of the Planning (Scotland) Act that were already in force; (ii) outlined an indicative timetable of future consultation on the detailed Regulations and Orders needed to implement the Act; and (iii) recommended, given the extent, scope and volume of the consultation proposals, that a special Member/Officer Working Group be convened.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that a Member/Officer Working Group, comprising three Members of the Development Services Committee and the Head of Planning and Economic Development, be formed to consider and issue responses in relation to all consultations arising directly as a result of the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 or arising as a consequence of the Act but not directly relating to it;
- (ii) to remit to the new Council to determine membership of the Member/Officer Working Group; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2. The Committee resolved under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, that 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 Paragraphs 1 and 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Councillor Ross joined the meeting at this point and took the Chair.

**DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SUPPORT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
(FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT) - AMENDMENTS TO STAFFING
STRUCTURES**

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 10 April 2007 (circulated) by the Chief Executive and the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support on proposed amendments to the staffing structures of the Finance and Asset Management Service within the Chief Executive's Office and Department of Corporate Support, which the Committee was asked to consider for its interests.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the restructure proposals contained within the report in respect of the interests of the Committee; and
- (ii) to remit those proposals to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration of the staffing implications.

The meeting terminated at 0940 hours.