

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2006 AT 0900 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eric Ross, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Brian Reeves, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, John Campbell, Stuart Finlayson, Eric Jackson, George Smith, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Elaine Dinwoodie and Jimmy Carmichael.

**ATTENDING:** James Lavery, Executive Director of Development and Property Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Alan Neish, Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards; Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation; and Robert Beaton, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Maureen McKay, John McGhee, Douglas Reid, Ray Murray and Robert McDill.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Eric Ross, Chair.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TO 17 SEPTEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 6)**

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 5 October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Development and Property Services for the period ended 17 September 2006 (Period 6).

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - ROADS CONTRACTS, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND STREET LIGHTING TO 17 SEPTEMBER 2006 (PERIOD 6)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 5 October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Roads Contracts, Vehicle Maintenance and Street Lighting for the period ended 17 September 2006 (Period 6).

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES STRATEGIC SELF ASSESSMENT OF PERFORMANCE – PROGRESS REPORT**

3. There was submitted a report dated 26 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which updated on progress within the Department of Development and Property Services in addressing areas for improvement identified during the Strategic Self Assessment of the Department's Performance.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the good progress made by the Department of Development and Property Services in responding to the areas for improvement identified during the Department's Strategic Self Assessment of Performance;

- (ii) that any outstanding action points be incorporated into relevant service improvement/work plans as appropriate; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - RETURNS TO AUDIT SCOTLAND**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which informed of the statistical returns made to Audit Scotland on some aspects of the performance of particular services within the department.

#### **APPEAL DECISIONS 01 APRIL 2005 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2006**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which presented an analysis of Appeal Decisions received from the Scottish Executive for the above period.

#### **STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION AND BUILDING STANDARDS 01 APRIL 2006 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2006**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which presented a statistical analysis of the Development Promotion and Building Standards functions over the identified period.

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN MONITORING DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY 01 APRIL 2005 - 31 MARCH 2006**

7. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which presented, for information and approval, a monitoring report which measured development activity within East Ayrshire over the period 01 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to authorise the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards to address any issues arising from the development activity monitoring exercise as part of the ongoing process to progress the approved consultative draft of the Alteration of the East Ayrshire Local Plan to adoption, as considered appropriate.

#### **PAN: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 'PLANNING WITH PEOPLE' CONSULTATION DRAFT**

8. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised and sought the Committee's views on a Scottish Executive publication entitled 'Planning Advice Note: Community Engagement Planning with People: Consultation Draft'.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and

- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to submit a copy of this report to the Scottish Executive as representing the views of the Committee on the draft PAN.

**SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY (SPP) 10 - PLANNING FOR WASTE  
MANAGEMENT - CONSULTATION DRAFT**

9. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of, and sought the Committee's views on, a Scottish Executive publication entitled 'Scottish Planning Policy, SPP 10: Planning for Waste Management: Consultation Draft'.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to submit a copy of this report to the Scottish Executive as representing the views of the Committee on the draft SPP.

**SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY (SPP) 11: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND OPEN  
SPACE - CONSULTATION DRAFT**

10. There was submitted a joint report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised of, and sought the Committee's views on, a Scottish Executive publication entitled 'Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) 11: Physical Activity and Open Space - Consultation Draft'.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report;
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to submit a copy of this report to the Scottish Executive as representing the views of the Committee on the draft SPP; and
- (iii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to jointly prepare an open space audit and open space strategy for East Ayrshire.

**SOUTH LANARKSHIRE LOCAL PLAN - FINALISED PLAN  
(Item 3, Page 1862, 03/07)**

11. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) advised of the response of the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards on the contents of the South Lanarkshire Local Plan – Finalised Plan in terms of any cross-border policy issues it might raise for East Ayrshire; (ii) advised whether the Finalised Plan had fully taken into account the issues formerly raised by the Council in its response to the South Lanarkshire Consultative Draft Local Plan and (iii) sought approval of the above response by the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to approve the response to the South Lanarkshire Local Plan: Finalised Plan previously submitted to South Lanarkshire Council.

**DRAFT NETWORK RAIL ROUTE UTILISATION STRATEGY FOR SCOTLAND**

12. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) advised that Network Rail had published their Draft Scotland Route Utilisation Strategy for consultation; (ii) requested authorisation for the Executive Director, after consultation with the Chair, to respond on behalf of the Council; and (iii) invited members to submit any comments they wished to be included in the response.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the draft Scotland Route Utilisation Strategy which was now out for consultation, with responses due back on 16 November 2006;
- (ii) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services, after consultation with the Chair, to respond on behalf of the Council; and
- (iii) to invite members to submit any comments they may wish to be included in the response.

**TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR GLEN ORRIN AVENUE, KILMARNOCK  
OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS (Item 7, Page 2291, 03/07)**

13. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) advised the Committee of objections that had been received to the Road Humps Notice being promoted for traffic calming proposals for Glen Orrin Avenue, Kilmarnock; and (ii) sought approval of the Committee for the traffic calming as proposed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to cause a Local Inquiry to be held;
- (ii) to approve the proposed order, taking account of the objections detailed within the report and having heard the Head of Roads and Transportation speak to the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**TRAFFIC CALMING PROPOSALS FOR BEECH AVENUE, GRANGE TERRACE,  
KILMARNOCK AND CEDAR ROAD, CHERRY ROAD, LABURNUM ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK – OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED ROAD HUMPS  
(Item 7, Page 2291, 03/07)**

14. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) advised of objections that had been received to Road Hump Notices which were being promoted for traffic calming proposals for Beech Avenue, Grange Terrace, Kilmarnock and Cedar Road, Cherry Road and Laburnam Road, Kilmarnock; and (ii) sought approval for the traffic calming as proposed.

It was agreed:-

- (i) not to cause a Local Inquiry to be held;
- (ii) to approve the proposed order, taking into account the objections as detailed within the report and having heard the Head of Roads and Transportation speak to the report; and

- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **USE OF DEPARTMENTAL SURPLUSES**

15. There was submitted a report dated 28 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested the Committee to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to re-allocate £80,000 from Departmental surpluses to provide (i) residents parking at Springhill Place, Kilmarnock; and (ii) parking at Grougar Road, Crookedholm.

It was agreed to approve the use of £80,000 from Departmental surpluses to provide car parking at Springhill Place, Kilmarnock and Grougar Road, Crookedholm as detailed within the report.

### **KILMARNOCK TRANSPORT MODEL**

16. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which requested the Committee to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to re-allocate £100,000 from Departmental reserves to create a Transport Model for Kilmarnock in the first instance but which would be capable of being extended to cover the whole of East Ayrshire.

It was agreed to approve the use of £100,000 from Departmental reserves to provide a Transport Model for Kilmarnock with a possibility of future expansion to the rest of East Ayrshire.

### **EUROPEAN UNION REGIONAL AND STATE AIDS**

17. There was submitted a report dated 21 September 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which (i) informed of the current position regarding the preparation of responses to the consultations on Structural Funds, State Aids and the Rural Development Regulation Funding post 2006; and (ii) requested the Committee approves the provisional responses made to date.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current position regarding the preparation of responses to the various consultations on the Draft National Strategic Reference Framework (Structural Funds) – European Union Structural Funds Programme: 2007-2013, the Review of the Assisted Areas and the 2007-2013 Scotland Rural Development Programme;
- (ii) to approve the responses prepared to date to the various consultation exercises as detailed within the report and approve the actions taken to date in preparing these responses;
- (iii) to authorise elected members and officers of the Council to participate fully in the continued lobbying of the Scottish Executive, UK Government and European Institutions through the organisations of which the Council is a member; and
- (iv) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to procure external advice, if required, in order to assist in the development of

appropriate responses to various consultation exercises and also of related lobbying strategies.

#### **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

18. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 September 2006 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted, as detailed within the Appendix to these Minutes.

The meeting terminated at 0945 hours.

**APPENDIX**

<b><u>CONTRACT</u></b>	<b><u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Titchfield Street/Riverside Road – Junction Improvement (Galston Primary School)	East Ayrshire Council Roads Contracts, Kilmarnock.	£195,925.36
Resurfacing of Carriageways – Framework Contract	Colas Ltd, Crawley; Kiely Bros Ltd, Birmingham; Road Maintenance Services Ltd, Knutsford	£282,517.45 (for year 1 – Colas Ltd) (mini tender will be carried out each year for this contract).
Patching A Routes	East Ayrshire Council Roads Contracts, Kilmarnock	£48,899.50
Barony “A” Frame, Auchinleck	MacLean & Speirs Group Ltd, Glasgow	£489,886.03
*Roadside Advertising Service	Immediate Solutions, Halifax	£60,000 – forecasted revenue for the Council

Supply of Vehicles Framework 2006-2010	<p> Agricar Ltd, Dundonald  Alan Fuller Ltd, Chepstow  Alistair Fleming Citroen, Kilmarnock  Alpha Plus (Scotland) Ltd, Livingstone  Allied Sweepers, Falkirk  Bunce (Ashbury) Ltd, Swindon  Chassis Developments Ltd, Leighton Buzzard  CP Davidson &amp; Sons, Chorley  Dennis Eagle Ltd, Warwick  Econ Engineering Ltd, Rippon  Euromec Ltd, Market Harborough  Fairways (GM) Ltd, Kinross  Farid Municipal Vehicles, Ford Arundel  Geesink Norba Ltd, Pontyclun  Hamilton Bros (Eng) Ltd, Bishopston  Heil Europe Ltd, Dalgetty Bay  HN Logistics Systems (UK), Brownhills  Keillor Coachbuilders Ltd, Arbroath  Kerr &amp; Smith (Glasgow) Ltd, Glasgow  Lex Commercials, Glasgow  Morrisons (Land Rover) Ltd, Stirling  Nairn Brown (Glasgow) Ltd, Stirling  Schmidt UK Ltd, Peterborough  Scot JCB, Glasgow  Scottish Grass Machinery, Inverkeithing  Terberg Matec UK Ltd, Warrington  The Verve Ltd, Rutherglen  Volkswagen Van Centre, Edinburgh  W Livingstone Ltd, Glasgow  Western Commercial, Bellshill  Western Commercial, Glasgow  Woodhall Nicholson, Rochdale </p>	See note 1
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\* This tender was subject to an evaluation process, the award criteria being:- price – 60%; outline of proposals – 10%; management of the contract – 10%; proposals for financial management – 10%; and previous experience – 10%.

**Note 1**

The value of the contract cannot be reported as vehicles will only be ordered as and when required by Departments. Over 80 specifications have been evaluated with mini tenders being used for new specifications that arise or prices that can no longer be held (specific details are available on request from the Procurement Service).