

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE - 11 MARCH 2004

LOCAL ISSUES

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To provide information to the Committee on the Local Issues raised and, where applicable, the timescale for reporting back to this Local Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Community Representatives had expressed concern that there was a feeling that the Council owned the Agenda and that decisions appear to have been made by the Council prior to the Local Committee Meeting.
- 2.2** The Council always intended that Community Representatives could raise issues for consideration by Local Committees and the Guide to Local Committees makes reference to this. However, the Council has accepted that there was a need to formalise the process and, as a result, a standard item was included on Local Committee Agendas inviting local raised items for consideration at some future meeting. This practice was initiated in August 1999.

3. LOCAL ISSUE PROGRAMME

- 3.1** Detailed in the attached Appendix is a list of the local items which have been raised to date and a programme for reporting back to Committee.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** This practice allows Community Representatives to raise issues of particular local concern and an opportunity to set the Agenda items for future consideration by Local Committees.

5. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** To note the submission dates on the list of Local Committee items issues as detailed within the Appendix to the report.

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24 February 2004

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - Nil

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DATE	ITEM/PAGE NUMBER/YEAR	LOCAL ITEM	DEPARTMENT	WHEN REPORTED	TO BE REPORTED
17 September 2003		Report by Strathclyde Passenger Transport on the Ring 'n' Ride Service	Development Services		to be confirmed
22 October 2003	11.2/354/03/07	Report on benefits of broadband for the East Ayrshire Economy with particular reference to the difficulties experienced within the Northern Area in regard to obtaining Broadband Services.	Development Services		11 March 2004
15 January 2004	18.2/475/03/07	Report on Rights of Way in East Ayrshire, and in particular the Northern Area, and Outdoor Access as it relates to the Draft Land Reform Bill	Community Services		11 March 2004
15 January 2004	18.2/475/03/07	Report on the future of Cunningham Watt Park	Community Services		11 March 2004