

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE - 3 DECEMBER 2004

VENUES FOR MEETINGS OF SOUTHERN LOCAL PLANNING COMMITTEE: JANUARY TO JUNE 2005

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

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise of the dates on which meetings of the Local Planning Committee are scheduled to take place during the period January to June 2005 and to invite the Committee to determine the venues at which each of these meetings should be held.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** East Ayrshire Council at its meeting held on 14 October 2004 approved the Calendar of Committee Meetings for the period January to December 2005. The calendar includes dates for meetings of this Local Planning Committee.
- 2.2** In the past the venue for each Local Planning Committee meeting has been determined by the Chair, following advice from the Administrative Officer, and on the basis of a combination of the geographical spread of the application sites and the number of applicants/objectors to be invited to the meeting. However, some concerns have been expressed that this approach has meant that the Local Planning Committee is not visiting certain communities within its area on a regular basis, or indeed, at all.

3. PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1** In order to address the concerns referred to in Paragraph 2.2, above, it is suggested that, for a trial period, venues be determined on a rota basis, irrespective of the location of planning application sites etc. It is suggested that this arrangement apply for an initial trial period of six meetings, from January to June 2005.

4. POSSIBLE VENUES

- 4.1** The undernoted premises within each of the communities within the Local Planning Committee's area contain suitable accommodation for meetings of the Committee, namely:-
- (a) Auchinleck Community Centre - Lesser Hall;
 - (b) Mauchline Community Centre - Cooper Trust Suite;
 - (c) Cumnock Town Hall - Main Hall;
 - (d) Catrine Community Centre - Main Hall;
 - (e) New Cumnock Community Centre - Lesser Hall;
 - (f) Muirkirk Community Wing;

- (g) Logan Community Wing;
- (h) Netherthird Community Wing;
- (i) Ochiltree Community Centre - Main Hall;
- (j) Bellsbank Community Wing;
- (k) Dalmellington Community Centre - Lesser Hall;
- (l) Dalrymple Community Centre - Main Hall;
- (m) Drongan Community Centre - Main Hall;
- (n) Patna Community Centre - Lesser Hall;
- (o) Rankinston Community Centre - Main Hall; and
- (p) Barrhill Centre, Cumnock.

5. MEETINGS PROGRAMME FOR PERIOD JANUARY TO JUNE 2005

5.1 The dates fixed for the meetings of the Southern Local Planning Committee for the period January to June 2005, together with suggested venues are as follows, namely:-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Friday 28 January 2005	Dalmellington Community Centre
Friday 25 February 2005	Auchinleck Community Centre
Thursday 24 March 2005	Muirkirk Community Wing
Friday 22 April 2005	Drongan Community Centre
Friday 20 May 2005	Patna Community Centre
Friday 17 June 2005	New Cumnock Community Centre

5.2 The venues above are suggested as being suitable in terms of likely availability and physical size and layout while at the same time attempt has been made to ensure that meetings take place at the venues which represent a good geographical spread throughout the Local Planning Committee's area. Beyond this, and an attempt to include venues which have been infrequently or never used by the Local Planning Committee in the past, the allocation of meeting venues to meeting dates has been determined on a random basis.

6. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note the dates fixed for the meetings of the Committee for the period January to June 2005, detailed in Paragraph 5.1 above; and
- (ii) consider and determine venues for the meetings of the Committee which will take place during the period in question, taking account of the information provided in the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. East Ayrshire Council Meetings Calendar January to December 2005.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer, on telephone number 01563 576151. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Administration Manager, on telephone number 01563 576135.

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