

North Coast and Arran Area Committee
25 March 1996

Largs, 25 March 1996 - At a Meeting of the North Coast and Arran Area Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30 a.m.

Present

John Sillars, Margaret Highet, Elizabeth McLardy and. Robert Rae.

In Attendance

T. Orr, Director of Housing Services; N. Buchan, Head of Roads; J. Currie, Head of Cleansing/Grounds Maintenance; E. McNaught, Head of Customer Services (Housing Services); J. McHarg, Community Services Development Manager; C. Hamilton, Manager (Area Services) Social Work; R. Lee, Assistant Principal Accountant; J. Lockhart, Area Cleansing/Grounds Maintenance Officer; A. Osborne, Corporate Policy Officer C. Graham, Assistant Administration Officer and J. Bannatyne, Administration Officer.

Chair

Mr. Sillars in the Chair.

1. Scheme of Delegation

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Scheme of Delegation to the Area Committees which was approved by the Corporate Strategy Committee on 27 February 1996 including details of additional delegated functions relating to the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 agreed at the Meeting of the Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee on 13 March 1996. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed to note the Scheme of Delegation together with the additional functions delegated to the Committee in relation to the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

2. Community Consultation

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for the arrangement of public consultation meetings on the services of North Ayrshire Council in accordance with the recommendations of the Officer/Member Working Groups on consultation and Area Committees approved by the Corporate Strategy Committee on 27 February 1996. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

After discussion the Committee agreed (a) that the Clerk in consultation with the Chair arrange a community consultation meeting within the North Coast and Arran Area to enable the Committee to meet with the main representative community organisations (i.e. community councils and community associations); and (b) that a report be submitted to the next Meeting on proposals for further consultation with a

wider range of groups in various locations throughout the North Coast and Arran Area, the first of which is to be held in Skelmorlie.

3. Core Agenda of Priority Items

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on proposals for a core agenda of priority items for consideration at future Meetings. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Committee agreed (a) to invite the Community and Recreational Services Directorate to report to the next Meeting of the Committee on its service delivery plans for the area covered by the local Area Committee in particular in relation to the Committee's remit to deal with grant requests and provide a focus for liaison with the local community; (b) to consider at the next Meeting a core agenda of future prioritised items to allow frontline services to submit local reports on service delivery; and (c) that the Corporate Policy Officer report to the next Meeting on these Directorates who could provide monitoring updates on a regular basis.

4. Community Grants Budget

Submitted report by the Chief Executive giving details of the proposed Community Grants Budget for the five Area Committees for the financial year 1996/97 which was to be submitted to a Special Meeting of the Corporate Strategy Committee for approval later in the day. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

Mr. Osborne explained the basis for the calculation of the grants and confirmed that a report would be submitted to the next Meeting of the Committee on how to deal with these grants.

Noted.

5. Easter Playschemes: Applications 1996

Submitted report on the proposed formula for funding playschemes requesting financial assistance for Easter 1996. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

Mr. Osborne confirmed that no applications had been received for the North Coast and Arran Area for Easter 1996 but that two applications had been received for summer playschemes which would be submitted for consideration to the next Meeting. Playscheme insurance will also require to be considered.

The Committee agreed to consider at a future Meeting recommendations for the funding of all playschemes in 1996/97 in accordance with the formula previously operated by the Cunninghame Local Committee of Strathclyde Regional Council.

6. Arrangements for Future Meetings of the Committee

Submitted report by the Chief Executive detailing the arrangements for dates and times of future Meetings of the Area Committees to January 1997. Copies of the report had previously been circulated.

The Clerk confirmed that the Area Committee would meet on the fifth week of each six week committee cycle on the dates and at the times indicated in the timetable in the report. An alternative date would require to be considered for the next Meeting which was originally scheduled to take place on Monday 6 May which is a public holiday. The Chair will be consulted on the arrangements to be made regarding pre-agenda meetings and the Chief Executive proposes to issue details of the guidelines for the submission and receipt of reports for Committee Agendas. The Chair further indicated that it was his wish that the venue for future Meetings of the Committee should alternate between Largs (10.30 a.m.) and Arran (11.00 a.m.) except during inclement weather when Largs would be the venue.

The Committee agreed (a) that the venue for future Meetings should alternate between Largs and Arran; and (b) otherwise to note the position.

The Meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.