

Cunninghame House,
Irvine.

15 December 2016

North Ayrshire Council

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the above mentioned Committee of North Ayrshire Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Cunninghame House, Irvine on **WEDNESDAY 21 DECEMBER 2016** at **2.00 p.m.** to consider the undernoted business.

Yours faithfully

Elma Murray

Chief Executive

1. Apologies

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

3. Previous Minutes (Page 9)

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on 9 November 2016 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

4. Provost's Report

The Provost will report.

5. Leader's Report

The Leader of the Council will report.

6. North Ayrshire Council Minute Volume (issued under separate cover)

Submit for noting, the minutes of meetings of committees of the Council held in the period from 29 October to 7 December 2016.

7. North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 1 December 2016 (Page 23)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board held on 1 December 2016 (copy enclosed).

8. Questions

In terms of Standing Order No. 12 submit:-

- (a) A question by Councillor Marshall to the Cabinet Member for Education and Youth Employment in the following terms:-

"Noting that the 2015 Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) recorded the worst ever performance by Scottish Pupils, can he reassure parents and employers that this performance is not replicated locally and if not does he agree that the failure of Curriculum for Excellence is partly responsible?"

- (b) A question by Councillor McNicol to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

"Will the Leader of the Council inform members of the costs since its inception in 2012 , in the publication, distribution and staff preparation time of the magazine "Staff Talk"?

- (c) A question by Councillor Reid to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:-

"Can the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Support confirm if the Scottish Government will receive a cash increase in 2017/18 and can you tell me whether that is reflected within the council's settlement in percentage terms?"

9. Appointment of New Director: North Ayrshire Ventures Trust (Page 33)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on the appointment of a new Director for North Ayrshire Ventures Trust (copy enclosed).

10. Review of Ward Boundaries and Designation of Polling Districts and Polling Places_(Page 35)

Submit report by the Chief Executive on revisions to Polling Districts and Polling Places for the forthcoming 2017 Local Government Elections following the Boundary Commission's Fifth Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements and to seek approval of the revised Polling Scheme (copy enclosed).

11. Safeguarding the Ardrossan Ferry (TBC) (Page 77)

Submit report by the Executive Director (Economy & Communities) on the proposed submission of a Prospectus to the Scottish Government setting out the case for the retention of the Ardrossan to Brodick ferry service, including the nature of support to be provided from the Council to enable this (report enclosed, appendix to follow).

12. Motion

In terms of Standing Order 22(a), notice is hereby given of the following Motion for consideration by the Council at its next ordinary meeting:-

- (a) A motion by Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Montgomerie in the following terms :

"North Ayrshire Council's Construction Charter

As a Local Authority we either directly procure, or are the planning authority, for a multitude of construction projects. It is our intention to promote and support positive workforce practices involving **"Direct Employment"** on all construction projects which we procure. We expect all construction companies who secure contracts on these projects within our boundaries to comply fully with this charter.

Health and Safety

The health and safety of all workers is paramount. We expect all contractors to ensure that:

- Health and safety regulations and standards are rigorously implemented and adhered to;
- Welfare facilities for construction workers are appropriate for the 21st century, including reasonable standards for toilets, amenities and drying facilities in accordance with the Construction, Design and Management Regulations 2015.

The Non Profit Distributing (NPD) programme, alternatively known as HUBCOs, must include local community benefits, in particular local jobs and apprenticeships, and help local SME's develop the capacity to take on those infrastructural projects. The Scottish Government should work with relevant bodies to produce strong and clear guidelines on Community Benefit Clauses for externally awarded contracts through HUBCOs and that those contracts uphold the working practices contained herein.

Employment Standards

We require the highest standards of project delivery in order to ensure that North Ayrshire's people's aspirations are met and the projects serve our communities well in the years to come. We are also mindful of the projected skills shortage across the sector and wish the industry to train the next generation of skilled workers for the future. We therefore encourage, and will require where appropriate, all contractors to:

- Be able to demonstrate the skill level of their employees on the project by ensuring appropriate checks are carried out by contractors;
- Comply with the employment and skills requirements set out in our tender documents, promoting and encouraging full apprenticeships;
- Prioritise hard to reach and under-represented groups in employment, training and skills initiatives;
- Work with us to support initiatives aimed at promoting and improving opportunities in education and training of employers and employees engaged on all construction projects within our authority.

Pay and Benefits

This Council is a Living Wage employer and will encourage all construction companies working on its contracts to adhere to that policy. Where workers are not directly connected to industry collective agreements then the living wage is a minimum standard and we will promote and encourage that those companies are registered with the Scottish Living Wage Accreditation Initiative.

We also expect that all employees, and encourage that all workers, should have access to:

- Paid holiday,
- A sickness benefit scheme,
- A pension scheme,
- Accident compensation,
- Death in service benefits.

Employment Rights

This Council expects direct employment by contractors and sub-contractors on a PAYE Class 1 National Insurance basis. We believe that Trade Unions play an important role in creating a safe and productive worksite and developing good industrial relations. We therefore expect our contractors, within the context of the contract let, to:

- Employ workers under recognised industry collective agreements as set out in SJIB, SNIJB, BESA, CIJC, NAECI and TICA or other EU equivalent,
- Promote the benefits of belonging to a recognised Trade Union,

- Recognise on-site Shop Stewards as having an important role to play in achieving and promoting good industrial relations,
- Ensure that the Trade Union has input into the development of Health and Safety policy (to ensure members' priorities are reflected),
- Actively promote the election of Health and Safety Representatives and support their role in helping to ensure a safe site,
- Provide equality and opportunity for all,
- Be able to certify that they have not engaged in the practice of blacklisting workers for any reason.

This Council also supports the Get Britain Building campaign which is aimed at supporting and sustaining the construction industry in Great Britain. Consequently, we seek to maximise the building materials used on Council construction projects that are covered by BES6001 Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products Certificate or equivalent.

North Ayrshire Council looks forward to working with contractors to help support the aims set out in this Charter .

13. Urgent Items

Any other items which the Provost considers to be urgent.

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Sederunt:

Ian Clarkson (Provost)
Robert Barr (Depute Provost)
John Bell
Matthew Brown
John Bruce
Marie Burns
Joe Cullinane
Anthea Dickson
John Easdale
John Ferguson
Alex Gallagher
Willie Gibson
Tony Gurney
Jean Highgate
Alan Hill
John Hunter
Elizabeth McLardy
Grace McLean
Catherine McMillan
Peter McNamara
Ronnie McNicol
Louise McPhater
Tom Marshall
Jim Montgomerie
Alan Munro
David O'Neill
Irene Oldfather
Donald Reid
Robert Steel
Joan Sturgeon

Attending:

Apologies:

Meeting Ended:

North Ayrshire Council
9 November 2016

IRVINE, 9 November 2016 - At a Meeting of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Ian Clarkson, Robert Barr, John Bell, Matthew Brown, John Bruce, Marie Burns, Joe Cullinane, Anthea Dickson, John Easdale, John Ferguson, Alex Gallagher, Willie Gibson, Tony Gurney, Jean Highgate, Alan Hill, John Hunter, Elizabeth McLardy, Grace McLean, Catherine McMillan, Peter McNamara, Ronnie McNicol, Louise McPhater, Tom Marshall, Jim Montgomerie, Alan Munro, Irene Oldfather, David O'Neill, Donald Reid and Joan Sturgeon.

In Attendance

E. Murray, Chief Executive; L. Friel, Executive Director and D. Forbes, Senior Manager (Financial Management) (Finance and Corporate Support); J. Butcher, Executive Director (Education and Youth Employment); C. Hatton, Executive Director (Place); K. Yeomans, Executive Director (Economy and Communities); Iona Colvin, Director (Health and Social Care Partnership); A. Fraser, Head of Democratic Support, C. Andrew, Senior Manager (Legal Services), L. McEwan, Corporate Communications Manager and M. Gilmour, Senior Communications Officer (Media and Internal Communications), and M. Anderson, Committee Services Team Leader (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Provost Clarkson

Apologies for Absence

Robert Steel.

1. Provost's Remarks

The Provost agreed, in terms of Standing Order 9.3, to vary the order of business to allow the Motion at Agenda Item 13(b) to be considered immediately following Agenda Item 10 (Safeguarding the Ardrossan to Brodick Ferry Service).

The Provost then invited the Council, in terms of Standing Order 2.2, to consider a written request from the Ardrossan and Saltcoats Herald to film and photograph proceedings in respect of the Ferry Service report and motion.

The Council unanimously agreed to permit still photographs and filming of the proceedings.

2. Apologies

The Provost invited intimation of apologies for absence, which were recorded.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

There were no declarations of the Party Whip.

4. Previous Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 14 September 2016, was confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

5. Provost's Report

The Provost reported on the following matters:-

- the official opening in September 2016 of the VOCA Offices in Ventanas House, the call centre being the first in Britain to give all employees the voluntary living wage;
- the presentation of the Prince's Trust Ayrshire Enterprise of the Year award to Danielle Farrel for her work in setting up Your Options Understood, which offers advice to those with disabilities, their parents and carers;
- a meeting with carers at the Unity Enterprise Carers in Irvine High Street on 27 September 2016;
- an event on 30 September 2016 to mark the next phase of the Council's Affordable Housing Development Programme at Cheviot Gardens (formerly Fencedyke Primary School);
- the MacMillan Coffee morning hosted in Cunninghame House on 30 September, which included a 'Cake Off' event and raised a total of £500;
- Go Purple fundraising for the Ayrshire Hospice, which raised £904;
- attendance at Lawthorn Primary School on 6 October 2016 to present the winners in the Marymass poster competition;
- the Kirkin' of the Deacon Convenor, which took place on 9 October 2016 at the Old Parish Church, and the Reply to the Burgh Toast at the 370th annual celebration of the Big Pie on 21 October 2016;
- a Veterans Champions event in Glasgow City Council Chambers on 10 October 2016, a visit on 8 November 2016 to the Home Coming Veterans Centre in Govan, and plans for attending forthcoming Remembrance events;
- attendance at a number of Challenge Poverty Week events, including visiting Garnock Valley Allotments Association, Cunninghame Housing Furniture Recycling store, Castlepark Primary School breakfast club and the Dirrans Centre;
- the generous Foodbank donations provided by Council staff and presented to the Foodbank on 21 October 2016, together with a cheque for £1,761 from walkers in the Moneymatters team;
- the Cream of Ayrshire Awards held on 20 October 2016 at the Seamill Hydro to celebrate local community heros;

- attendance at the Ayrshire College Kilwinning Campus Graduation ceremony on 21 October 2016;
- a service at Erskine Church in Kilwinning on 22 October 2016, at which Mrs Betty Kilpatrick was presented with the British Empire medal for her charity work; and
- North Ayrshire Sports Awards on 28 October 2016 at the Waterside, Seamill, and the North Ayrshire Achieves awards on 4 November 2016 at Greenwood.

6. The Leader's Report

The Leader of the Council reported on the following matters:-

- a STEM event for young people held at Greenwood on 16 September 2016;
- an Ayrshire Equality Outcomes consultation event which took place on 21 September 2016 at Saltcoats Town Hall;
- the Islands Transport Forum, which took place on 29 September 2016 and included discussion on YoungScot discounts and ferry services;
- a meeting with the Minister for Local Government and Housing on 29 September 2016, which included discussion on central government support for the Council's house-building programme;
- a number of visits during the October 2016 recess, to the Arran Outdoor Centre, the Arran Economic Group, the Auchrannie, the Professional Learning Academy at Auchenharvie, Hazeldene Horticulture, SAMH Positive Steps in Stevenston, the Foodbank in Ardrossan, Café Solace at Fullarton Connexions, PRYDE (where the school holiday meal programme was delivered), the Field Studies Centre in Millport, and the Employability Hub in Stevenston;
- attendance at the COSLA Convention with Councillors Gibson, Hill and O'Neill;
- events in connection with Challenge Poverty week (17-23 October 2016), including volunteering for Food Train, attendance at the Castlepark Primary School breakfast club, and visits to On Yer Bike, the new Dirrans Centre, TACT and the 1st Alliance Credit Union;
- an event at Ayrshire College on 25 October 2016 in connection with Carer Leavers Week;
- a meeting with MSYPs on 28 October 2016;
- the Convention of Highlands and Islands on 30/31 October 2016 to discuss a range of issues, including fuel poverty and digital connectivity;
- the recent launch of the Social Enterprise Strategy;
- the Council's accreditation on 31 October 2016 as a Living Wage Employer; and
- congratulations to staff nominated at the North Ayrshire Achieves awards.

7. North Ayrshire Council Minute Volume

Submitted for noting and approval of any recommendations contained therein, the Minutes of meetings of committees of the Council held in the period 5 August to 28 October 2016.

Noted.

8. North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of Meeting held on 22 September 2016

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the Minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board held on 22 September 2016.

Noted.

Councillor Munro joined the meeting at this point.

9. Questions

In terms of Standing Order No. 12 there were submitted:-

- (a) a question by Councillor Hunter to the Cabinet Member for Education in the following terms:-

"With respect to the Council's PPP schools contract, the term 'indexation' refers to a mechanism whereby the annual sum payable to the PPP contractor is adjusted to reflect annual changes to the Retail Price Index, (RPI). These changes are referenced to a fixed value which is the RPI value as at September 2005. The cumulative RPI trend is inexorably upward with only one very small downward value in 2009. During the course of the last full council meeting I asked for an estimate of the PPP indexation cost for the current year and was informed that it would be in the order of £250,000 for this year and also for the following two years.

Can the Cabinet Member for Education tell Members what the cumulative total of indexation payments has been from contract start, up to and including the current year, and what benefit do we actually derive in return for these uplifted payments?"

Councillor Bell responded in the following terms:-

"The table below details the indexation applied and unitary charge payments made since the contract was entered into.

	Opening Annual Unitary Charge £	Annual Indexation £	Final Annual Unitary Charge £
2007/08	9,411,500		9,411,500
2008/09	9,411,500	594,616	10,006,116
2009/10	10,006,116	0	10,006,116
2010/11	10,006,116	253,442	10,259,558
2011/12	10,259,558	393,162	10,652,720
2012/13	10,652,720	279,437	10,932,157
2013/14	10,932,157	250,193	11,182,350
2014/15	11,182,350	214,452	11,396,802
2015/16	11,396,802	81,231	11,478,033
2016/17	11,478,033	107,226	11,585,259
Total		2,173,759	

The total indicates that £2,173,759 of the current unitary charge relates to indexation.

The Council has a contractual obligation to apply indexation to the Unitary Charge."

As a supplementary question, Councillor Hunter, in reference to page 77 paragraph 1.5 of the contract document, asked for further information on the amounts mentioned and how they were apportioned within the Unitary Charge.

Councillor Bell responded by indicating that the Unitary Charge paid for the use of the facilities on an annual basis as well as some maintenance and upkeep costs, but undertook to provide all Members with a fuller answer to this question in due course.

(b) A question by Councillor Hunter to the Cabinet Member for Place in the following terms:-

"In April of this year Councils across Scotland were asked to urgently carry out "any necessary checks" after the shock closure of 17 schools in Edinburgh due to concerns over the buildings' safety. The request was issued after an emergency meeting of the Scottish Government's Resilience Committee to discuss the issue. At the time Ministers said it was too early to assess the wider implications for schools elsewhere in Scotland. However Government officials issued a letter to all local authorities asking them to carry out any required checks on their own estate "as soon as possible".

Can the Cabinet Member for Place confirm that structural integrity and safety checks have been carried out on all of the Council's PPP schools estate? If so, who instructed and oversaw the checks, who carried them out, how much did it cost, who paid for them and are the findings/reports in the public domain?"

Councillor Montgomerie responded in the following terms:-

"I can confirm that, following the 8 April Edinburgh schools closure, the Council requested the PPP contractor to provide assurance that no similar issues exist within our schools PPP estate. The PPP contractor undertook inspections and has provided assurances regarding the adequacy of the structure of each building. The outcome was confirmed to Scottish Government on 27 April 2016.

The PPP contractor further commissioned an intrusive inspection of wall tie embedment depths of the PPP estate by an independent engineer. The report has recently been received by the Council and confirms that the quantity and embedment of wall ties is adequate and gives no cause for concern. The cost of all inspections and surveys in respect of the PPP estate have been borne by the contractor and are therefore unknown."

As a supplementary question, Councillor Hunter asked whether he could have sight of the further report referred to by the Cabinet Member.

Councillor Montgomerie responded by undertaking to ensure that all Members had access to the report.

- (c) A question by Councillor Marshall to the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care in the following terms:-

"At the Elected Members' Briefing on 18 October 2016, on the subject of "Nursing in Partnership", it was stated on the Handout for Members on the page entitled "Health Visitors' Home Visiting Pathway" that there would be a "wellbeing review" and a "transfer from outgoing Named Person (Health Visitor) to incoming Named Person (e.g. Education)."

Given that the Supreme Court recently ruled the "Named Person" Legislation as contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights, are wellbeing reviews still being conducted, at what stage(s) is/are information being transferred and the nature of that information?"

Councillor McNamara responded in the following terms:-

"Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) Policy (2008) introduced Named Person across Scotland and the role and responsibilities have been in place in line with this National policy since then.

The recent Supreme Court ruling relates specifically to information-sharing concerns and not the role of the Named Person per se.

The pre-school review highlighted by Councillor Marshall is offered to assist families and their child transition to school as this is a major change for children with their health, learning and development being of critical importance at this time.

Regarding wellbeing reviews, Health visitors offer all families the national evidence-based Health Visitor Pathway where assessments are carried out **with** parents in relation to their child's health, development and overall wellbeing. Maternal health and wellbeing assessments are also offered as part of this Pathway.

I can assure Councillor Marshall that the information-sharing that takes place at such times continues to be in line with current guidelines and is fully compliant with all Data Protection requirements."

As a supplementary question, Councillor Marshall asked whether all parents had consented to the sharing of information and, if not, how the transfer of information would work in practice.

Councillor McNamara responded by confirming that all parents had been duly consulted.

10. Committee Timetable 2017

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the proposed committee timetable for the period from January 2017 until the conclusion of the current Administration. The proposed timetable was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked a question, and received clarification, on the separation notification which could be expected in terms of arrangements for meetings of the Licensing Board.

The Council agreed to approve the 2017 committee timetable as contained in Appendix 1 to the report.

11. Suspension of Standing Orders

The Council unanimously agreed, in terms of Standing Order 21.1, to suspend Standing Order 15.1 to allow a debate to take place in respect of Agenda Item 10 (Safeguarding the Ardrossan to Brodick Ferry Service) and the Motion at Agenda Item 13(b).

12. Safeguarding the Ardrossan to Brodick Ferry Service

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the steps being taken to secure the operation of the Ardrossan to Brodick ferry service.

The report referred to a recent unsolicited bid by the owners of the port of Troon, Associated British Ports (ABP), to the Scottish Government to secure the ferry sailing currently operating from Ardrossan to Brodick on the Isle of Arran and to work being done by officers to seek the retention of the Ardrossan to Brodick service. It was noted that there was considered to be no case in technical or financial terms to support ABP's bid, with Ardrossan offering the shortest, fastest and cheapest means of accessing Arran, and that any transfer of the service would have a significant detrimental impact on both Arran and Ardrossan. A decision on the matter by the Minister for Transport and the Islands was expected early in 2017.

Members then raised the following questions in connection with the report:-

- the increased carbon emissions associated with the proposed transfer of the ferry service;
- the importance of close consultation with local Elected Members in making the case for retaining the current service;
- the role of South Ayrshire Council in supporting the proposed transfer, notwithstanding its work in relation to the Ayrshire Economic Forum and Ayrshire Growth Deal;
- the potential conflict of interest in terms of the actions of the President of the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce in advocating the relocation of the service to Troon and his role at ABP;
- any proposals for Ardrossan harbour arising from the construction of larger ferries;

- forthcoming consideration by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport of proposed changes to the rail timetable to accommodate increased demand for the Sunday morning Ardrossan Harbour service; and
- the potential cost to the Council of delivering services for Arran in the event of the ferry service transferring to Troon.

The Council agreed to (a) note the report and the work being undertaken to safeguard the Ardrossan to Arran ferry service; and (b) consider the Motion at Agenda Item 13(b) in respect of lobbying activity.

13. Motion

- (a) a motion by the Leader, seconded by the Leader of the Opposition in the following terms:-

"Ardrossan to Brodick (A to B) Ferry- Shorter, Quicker and Cheaper

We note with regret the divisive and opportunistic bid by Associated British Ports to replace the Arran to Brodick ferry by a longer, slower and more expensive one to Troon. This would have a catastrophic impact on the ongoing regeneration of Ardrossan, act as a significant drag on Arran's economic growth and provide no overall economic benefit to Ayrshire. The ripple effect across North Ayrshire should not be under-estimated. The Ardrossan to Brodick route is shorter, quicker, and cheaper and its retention is the right thing to do for the following reasons:-

- **History and Cultural Ties** - The Arran ferry has operated from Ardrossan since 1839 because it is shorter, quicker and cheaper. Since that date, local communities, economies and infrastructure have developed around, and are dependent upon, this ferry link. Indeed, the main reason why Arran forms part of North Ayrshire is in recognition of the ties created by this ferry.
- **Ardrossan Regeneration** - Recent years have seen substantial public and private investment in the Ardrossan Harbour area, including the restoration of the Shell site, the marina, Cecchini's restaurant building, residential development, Asda supermarket, the medical centre and Quayside Offices. Ardrossan harbour regeneration is key to both the marine tourism and coastal regeneration components of the Ayrshire Growth Deal and to the regeneration of North Ayrshire as a whole. Without the Arran ferry, past investment will have been wasted and future regeneration will be lost.
- **The Impact on Ardrossan** - While Ardrossan is the busiest passenger port in Scotland, the harbour area remains the most deprived community in Ayrshire, being the 17th most deprived SIMD datazone in Scotland. Without the ferry its chances of further regeneration are next to nil. By way of contrast, Troon is possibly the most affluent community in Ayrshire. The Arran ferry is a key driver of regeneration. To move it from an area of deprivation to one of such wealth is not something which anyone with a genuine social conscience should ever countenance.

- Impact on Arran – Importantly, the Ardrossan to Brodick ferry is shorter, quicker, cheaper and cleaner. A Troon ferry cannot serve the needs of Arran. The ferry journey is 29.km, compared to 21.2km to Ardrossan. This increases CO2 emissions, increases the journey time by 40% or 22 minutes, impacting on the frequency with which ferries can sail, changing them from 5 to 4. With fares linked through the Road Equivalent Tariff to sailing distance this can only increase fares by 40%. Let's be clear there is no evidence to demonstrate that Troon is any more reliable than Ardrossan in poor weather. Road links to Troon harbour are poorer, its town centre more congested, its train station a 2km, 15 minute walk from the harbour, its transport arrangements far from integrated, and current ferry parking arrangements non-existent. Nor does ABP's proposed £8m investment buy much - compare this to the £28m currently being spent on improvements at Brodick. As the Arran Economic Group recently stated, islanders will suffer if the ferry moves to Troon.
- Impact on Arran Services - Severing the link between North Ayrshire mainland and Arran brings other problems, including the cut-off of the direct connection with the local authority. Many Arran services, such as care services are provided by staff who commute from the Three Towns to the island. A move to Troon is likely to result in many of these lower paid workers seeking alternative employment to avoid the long and costly journey to Troon, detrimentally impacting on services within Arran. From a Council perspective it makes it more difficult for Councillors who serve both Ardrossan and Arran to effectively engage with their constituents. It also makes it more difficult for Council staff to deliver integrated and efficient services to both mainland and island North Ayrshire
- Impact on the Ayrshire Growth Deal - The aim of the developing Ayrshire Growth Deal is to achieve economic growth throughout Ayrshire as a whole. A commitment to partnership working is essential. It cannot work with proposals which shift employment and regeneration from one authority to another, in this case, to the overall detriment of Ayrshire. Nor can there be economic growth while there is uncertainty. While retention of the Ardrossan to Arran link is key to both the marine tourism and coastal regeneration components of the Ayrshire Growth Deal, we recognise that Troon Harbour is also an important part of the Coastal corridor proposition of that Deal. North Ayrshire Council have championed investment in Troon to support an increase in cruise business. We regret that South Ayrshire Council have chosen to support ABP's divisive bid, but this Council still remains committed to a strategic Ayrshire-wide approach to sustainable growth and regeneration.

I therefore move that Council:-

- (a) notes with regret the divisive and opportunistic bid by Associated British Ports to remove the Ardrossan to Brodick ferry to Troon;
- (b) supports the retention of the Ardrossan to Brodick route as the shorter, quicker and cheaper route;
- (c) agrees to work with the communities of Ardrossan and Arran, the current operators, Peelport, and the Scottish Government to take all necessary steps to retain this lifeline service;
- (d) notes the excellent progress being made through joint work with PeelPort;
- (e) welcomes the support of the Arran Economic Group and seeks full island proofing of the respective options;
- (f) seeks agreement from other partners that a key principle of the Ayrshire Growth Deal must be that partners will not do anything which undermines or harms other parts of the Deal; and
- (g) requests a joint meeting with the Minister for Transport and the Islands, or the First Minister, at an early date to discuss both the importance of the Arran ferry remaining in Ardrossan, and the economic impact and local uncertainty that the current Scottish Government approach is fuelling."

Members then debated the following issues in connection with the Motion:-

- the cross-party nature of support within the Council for the retention of the current service, in addition to the support expressed by MSPs for the area;
- the Scottish Government's role in assessing the proposal and the importance of avoiding unnecessary delay in concluding its assessment;
- the hope that PeelPort would be incentivised to invest in Ardrossan harbour;
- the work of groups such as "Our Place" in seeking to raise the aspirations of the people of Ardrossan and the extent to which this would be undone by any loss of the ferry service;
- the lack of technical case for a transfer of the service to Troon given that it would offer no advantage in terms of avoiding adverse weather cancellations;
- the advantage offered by Ardrossan in terms of road and rail connectivity;
- recent improvements to Ardrossan town centre and the desire to see such improvements continue;
- disappointment in respect of South Ayrshire Council's support for the proposed transfer and its impact on the wider Ayrshire Growth Deal;
- the anticipated timescale for a Scottish Government decision on the proposal;
- ABP's apparent lack of awareness of the Ayrshire Growth Deal;
- the adverse impact on North Ayrshire Council's budget in the event of a transfer of this service, given the need to provide services on Arran;
- the wider implications of the proposal to the economy of Arran, the Three Towns and North Ayrshire generally;
- the fact that most ferry cancellations related to ferry failures rather than difficulties accessing the harbour in poor weather; and
- Ardrossan harbour's capacity to accommodate two ferries, unlike Troon.

The Council unanimously agreed to approve the motion.

Councillor O'Neill left the meeting at this point.

14. Audit Scotland : Annual Report on the 2015/16 Audit

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the annual audit report for 2015/16.

That Council agreed to note (i) the findings of the 2015/16 audit as contained in the External Auditor's annual report at Appendix 1 to the report and (ii) the agreed action plan as outlined in Appendix IV of the annual report.

Councillor Montgomerie left the meeting at this point.

15. Audit Scotland Report to Those Charged With Governance on the 2015/16 Audit - Registered Charitable Trusts

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on matters arising from the audit of the Council's registered charitable trusts for the year to 31 March 2016.

That Council agreed to note (i) the key issues identified in the Audit Scotland report attached at Appendix 1 to the report and (ii) the actions to be taken by the Council to resolve them where appropriate.

Councillor Montgomerie rejoined the meeting at this point.

16. Motions

- (a) a motion by Councillor McPhater, seconded by Councillor Oldfather in the following terms :

"The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with letter/no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

I therefore move that Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Works and Pension to request the Government to reconsider the transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements."

Councillor Bruce proposed a minor revision to the motion to clarify that the Government referred to in the first line of the motion was the UK Government.

Councillor McPhater agreed to accept the proposed revision.

The Council unanimously agreed to approve the revised motion.

Councillors Highgate and McLardy left this meeting at this point.

(b) a motion by Councillor Gurney, seconded by Councillor McMillan in the following terms:-

"The Scottish Government have pledged to build 50,000 new homes over the term, an aim that the previous administration wholeheartedly supported.

Central to this ambition is the support given by our Registered Social Landlords partners, something that is threatened by the decision of the Office for National Statistics to reclassify Registered Social Landlords as public bodies in the national accounts. If this reclassification stands all developments by Registered Social Landlords would count against Government expenditure, greatly endangering the building programme.

Accordingly, this Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Housing minister expressing our support for the pledge to build 50,000 new homes, reassuring him of our determination to be a proud partner in that aim and assuring him of our support in his efforts to change the Housing Amendment (Scotland) Bill to reclassify Registered Social Landlord spending back to the private sector."

The Council unanimously agreed to approve the motion.

The meeting ended at 3.35 p.m.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 7

21 December 2016

North Ayrshire Council

Title: **North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board: Minutes of meetings held on 1st December 2016**

Purpose: To submit the minutes of the meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 1 December 2016

Recommendation: That the Council notes the Minutes contained in Appendix 1.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 It was previously agreed that the minutes of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board be submitted to North Ayrshire Council for information. The key matters arising from the minutes have been highlighted for the attention of the Committee and are detailed in paragraph 2.1.

2. Background

- 2.1 Minutes of the meeting of the CPP Board held on 1 December 2016 are appended. Particular matters for the Council's attention include the following:

Agenda Item 3

The Board received a presentation on the Place Standard.

Agenda Item 6

The Board considered the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Agenda Item 7

The Active Communities strategy development was approved.

Agenda Item 8

The Board agreed to sign up to the ASH Charter.

Agenda Item 9

An update was given on the Economic Development and Regeneration Plan.

Agenda Item 10

The Board considered issues of welfare reform.

Agenda Item 11

A social impact pledge on support to care leavers was agreed.

3. Proposals

3.1 That the Council notes the minutes contained in Appendix 1

4. Implications

Financial:	There are no financial implications arising from this report.
Human Resources:	There are no human resource implications arising from this report.
Legal:	There are no legal implications arising from this report.
Equality:	There are no equality implications arising from this report.
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are no environmental implications arising from this report.
Key Priorities:	The CPP activities detailed within this report support the Single Outcome Agreement.
Community Benefits:	There are no community benefit implications arising from this report.

5. Consultation

5.1 No consultations were required.



ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

Reference :

For further information please contact Morna Rae on 01294 324177.

Background Papers

None

Community Planning Partnership Board

Thursday 1st December 2016 at 10:30am



Present

Health and Social Care Partnership

Iona Colvin (Director)

JobCentre Plus

Billy Walker

KA Leisure

Gary Higgon, Chair of Board

IJB and NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Martin Cheyne, Chairman (Vice Chair)

North Ayrshire Council

Joe Cullinane, Elected Member (Chair)

Alan Hill, Elected Member

Catherine McMillan, Elected Member

Marie Burns, Elected Member

Peter McNamara, Elected Member and Chair of Integration Joint Board

John Bruce, Elected Member

Robert Steel, Elected Member

Elma Murray, Chief Executive

John Butcher, Corporate Director (Education)

Audrey Sutton, Head of Service (Connected Communities)

Morna Rae, Team Leader CPP

Scottish Government

Stephen Gallagher, Location Director

Judith Ainsley, Head of Child Protection, Children & Families Directorate

Scottish Fire & Rescue

Kenny Hankinson, Group Manager

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Allan Comrie, Senior Transport Planner

Police Scotland

Brian Shaw, Chief Inspector

Third Sector Interface

Jim Nichols, Chief Executive

In Attendance

Greig Robson (NAC), Irene Beautyman (Improvement Service), Steve Morley (NAC), Mark Inglis (HSCP), Caroline Amos (NAC), Janeine Barrett (NAC), Linda Brough (NAC), Taylore Laing (NAC)

Apologies

Catriona Morton (DWP), Jim Scott (SFRS), Heather Dunk (AC), Lynne McNiven (NHS), John Burns (NHS), Mark Newlands (SE), Katie Hutton (SDS), Elaine Young (HSCP), Stephen Brown (NAC), Laura Friel (NAC)

Chair: Cllr Joe Cullinane

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Action Note

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Updates were given and the Action Note was updated.

3. Place Standard Tool

Irene Beautyman from the Improvement Service gave a presentation on the Place Standard Tool. This tool is supported by the Scottish Government and Health Scotland. Irene presented on the purpose of the tool explaining it was developed based on evidence of the positive role that places play in reducing inequalities.

She explained the 14 simple questions that are asked and rated on a scale of 1-7. It can be undertaken by communities and/or professionals, individuals or in groups. It provides a graphic output and creates structured conversations on key issues.

If the community scores 1, they are not happy and more work needs done to improve an issue. If the community scores 7, they are content with the area in question. Questions can be asked in groups or caught in conversation and agreement.

A spider diagram is generated allowing communities to identify issues and compare the community with another community, allowing you to feed this into a number of different strategies.

Cllr Marie Burns commented that we must be consistent. We need to be clear with participants as to the geography they are considering then answering the questions, i.e. street level, town level.

Irene gave the example of Shetland Council which has used the tool. They received 939 responses from the communities which was 4% of the total Shetland population. There were 4840 comments in total. The Tool was just as much about the engagement with communities as with the end product.

Audrey Sutton highlighted that the Tool was used as a bench mark for each of the 6 localities along with the Health & Social Care priorities. The next stage will be to look at specific areas in more depth. It would be a good idea to roll out the Tool to interest groups – comparing the opinions of older/younger people and analysing the results.

Stephen Gallagher had knowledge of the Place Standard Tool in other areas and commented that it had already proved successful.

The Chair thanked Irene for her presentation.

4. NAC Response to the Place Standard Findings

Elma Murray advised a response would be delivered on the findings at the Strategic Management Team meeting on the 14th December after discussion with all officers.

5. CPP Social Impact Pledges

Morna Rae gave a presentation to the group. This gave background to social impact pledges, hosted on the Communities Channel Scotland. She advised SMT members that the three proposed social impact pledges for North Ayrshire CPP would form part of later agenda items.

6. Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

Steve Morley gave a report on the SIMD, its latest results and what it tells us about North Ayrshire. He outlined the work undertaken by local working groups looking at the seven SIMD domains.

Elma Murray advised that we must look at how we build this work into actions with direct relevance, and consider how the SIMD findings may alter how we are working.

Cllr Burns stated that localities might come up with answers to address some issues and we must keep this in mind.

Iona Colvin commented on the high levels of demand for care at home services. Prevention is crucial as the more we do earlier the better.

John Butcher added that we know additional resources are already being put into the areas of most concern but rural poverty is also an issue and we need to be proportionate.

Stephen Gallagher advised that the partners must be collectively content with the progress made against this data. We should consider whether current actions are sufficient.

7. Active Communities Strategy

Audrey Sutton and Laura Barrie gave a presentation to the group. The strategy is not about reinventing the wheel just making it work better together. It is about engaging with the wider community and a range of Community Planning Partners to seek their views and contributions. It is a revision of the North Ayrshire Physical Activity and Sport Strategy 2010-2015.

The document has the ingredients of a strategy document with a framework of how to deliver. The focus is an asset based approach. The document is designed that areas can be used as standalone as well as part of a whole.

The box diagram shows the national outcomes and how we are adapting them locally. There is a need to give motivation and confidence to people to get involved.

Audrey advised that they are now seeking endorsement to complete the engagement and formal consultation process for the draft strategy and to report on the final version next year.

Social Impact Pledge – Audrey talked through the proposed pledge 'North Ayrshire Community Planning Partners collectively and individually support communities across North Ayrshire to be more active, more often using the 'DREAM' approach as the first focus.(Drop everything and move)

Jim Nichols commended the authors stating the strategy is extremely readable.

The Board agreed the report.

8. ASH Charter and Smoke Free Grounds

Morna Rae reported on behalf of Elaine Young (NHS Ayrshire and Arran).

The report proposed that CPP Partners commit to adopting smoke free policies, which protect those accessing their grounds from the harmful effects of second hand smoke. In this way CPP Partners will be setting an example to other Organisations and Businesses in North Ayrshire.

The report gave background to smoking prevalence in North Ayrshire, and the ASH Charter. ASH Scotland developed the ASH Charter with the aim of raising awareness and understanding of the goal of creating a tobacco free generation in Scotland by 2034, by engaging organisations whose work directly or indirectly impacts on young people and families.

The report recommendations were that the CPP Board commits to the following signing up to the ASH Charter (as a social impact pledge) and progressing smoke free policies on their grounds.

Martin Cheyne commented that although this is a very good proposal, there can be difficulties to implementing a no smoking grounds policy over time. He used Crosshouse Hospital as an example.

Cllr Robert Steel advised that the safety issue around secret smoking could become a major issue, he recommend looking at smoking shelters for smokers instead of a complete ban.

Jim Nichols advised that although many grounds can be controlled, the likes of car parks and open spaces aren't currently policed.

The Board agreed to sign up to this social pledge and agree the report.

9. EDR Strategy and Action Plan

Greg Robson reported with the purpose of seeking CPP support for the refreshed Economic Development and Regeneration Strategy and associated 2 year action plans.

Since launching this strategy in 2010, significant progress has been made with key projects such as Team North Ayrshire, the development of Irvine Vision an

Employability Hubs. Only a re-fresh of the strategy was required as many are still relevant.

The agreed mission – By 2025 to become the most improved local economy in Scotland. ‘Straight Talking’ events have been held to consult with stakeholders.

It was recommended that CPP Board –

- Note the publication and launch of the EDR Strategy
- Confirm the support of all CPP partners to progressing the objectives of the Strategy

The Board agreed these.

10. Welfare Reform

Greig Robson updated the CPP on the work of the Welfare Reform Group. The group has been widened to include Ayrshire College and the DWP.

Research was commissioned into the cumulative impact of welfare reform and the full report will be available in March. He outlined the latest welfare reform changes and the numbers impacted locally.

The Big Lottery have issued a tender for financial inclusion. North Ayrshire Council submitted a bid on 7th November to act as lead contractor for a consortium of local 3rd sector providers. If successful, a presentation on the range of services and the approach to delivery, will be provided to the CPP in early 2017.

It is recommended that CPP Board –

- Note the progress made by the Welfare Reform Group in recent months;
- Note the intention to present a report on the cumulative impacts on Welfare Reform to the CPP Board in March 2017;
- Note the intention to report back on financial inclusion services, in March 2017, if successful with the tender for lottery funding.

The Board agreed the recommendations.

11. Corporate Parenting

Mark Inglis presented to the Board on Corporate Parenting. He highlighted the responsibilities of corporate parents and the particular challenges faced by young people.

Mark spoke about the importance of work opportunities for young people, to progress towards a destination and lead positive lives. Mark has worked closely with NAC Employability Team to support this.

Mark explained the social impact pledge around increased support for care leavers including, providing employment opportunities for young people who are care leavers, work experience, Modern Apprenticeships or becoming a mentor.

Elma offered her skills as a mentor.

Kenny Hankinson discussed work experience programmes available within the Scottish Fire & Rescue Team and advised Mark that he would discuss with him further.

The social impact pledge was agreed and partners should feedback any opportunities that they feel are feasible in their own organisations.

12. CSSP Commissioning Plan

John Butcher provided an update on behalf of Stephen Brown. The purpose of the report was to advise on the development of a Commissioning Plan for Children's Services.

The plan is to identify the total resources available to services and relate this to the needs of children and young people in North Ayrshire, address the priorities and promises in the Children's Services Plan linking these to investment, ensure that sound governance of resources is in place and establish a clear recording and measurement framework to assess if the aims are being achieved.

There is a need to increase the shift of resources towards prevention and early intervention in the early years to avoid negative outcomes in later life.

A link to the Commissioning Plan was previously circulated to the Board. The report was noted.

13. Positive Family Relationships Strategy

Caroline Amos reported on proposals to provide support to parents and carers through parenting programmes.

There will be a promise 'to help your mum and dad learn what is important to be a supportive and confident parent'. There is increasing evidence of the positive impact a safe, nurturing and consistent home environment has on a child's development.

The Strategy replaces the Parenting and Family Support Strategy 2010-15 and was developed by the Parenting and Family Support Steering Group following a review of that strategy and a mapping exercise of services providing parenting support.

A link to the strategy was previously provided to the Board.

The Board discussed the close working relationships between Health and Social Care staff and Education staff and how they work together to identify issues with children and young people, and the best ways to tackle them.

Cllr Steel highlighted that early intervention was necessary, starting with dentists and medical professionals. Iona Colvin highlighted the issue of children needing teeth extracted at such a young age due to neglect. Future plans are to bring dentists and GPs together to discuss preventative measures.

The Board agreed the report.

14. Safer North Ayrshire Partnership Review

Janeine Barrett presented a report to seek approval to restructure and refocus the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership (SNAP). She outlined the background to this exercise, the proposed Community Safety strategy, changes to SNAP and the formation of three working groups.

The Community Planning Board approved the revised framework for the governance and direction of the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership.

15. A. Chairs Report - Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

We received a report from Brian Shaw from Police Scotland. Brian provided detail under the following outcomes:

- Levels of crime and anti-social behaviour have reduced and crimes being detected have increased;
- The harmful effects of drug and alcohol have reduced;
- Levels of domestic abuse have decreased and a higher level of support is provided to victims;
- Road Safety has improved;
- Fire Safety has improved;
- Fear of crime and anti-social behaviour has reduced;
- More residents engage in community activities and volunteering.

B. Health & Social Care Partnership

A report was received from Cllr Peter McNamara. The report included the following points:

- NHS Ayrshire & Arran/North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership has become the preferred provider for a new national facility for a Secure Forensic Adolescent Inpatient service for young people in Scotland;

- Establishment of teams of professionals in each of the six localities in North Ayrshire who work together and are located in one base. This will ensure that children, young people and families who need additional support have the right professionals around them;
- Work is underway on the creation of a 3-year Business Case at HSCP level for the delivery of the associated change programme,
- A Project Manager post to develop to manage all areas of review for Learning Disabilities is going through recruitment process;
- A Pilot for Mental Health Self-Referral went live in October 2016 involving the Community Connectors. Kilwinning, Three Towns and Frew Terrace are the three Practices involved in the Pilot that will run until 31st March 2017;
- The Throughcare Team/Ayrshire College had a very successful care leavers event at the Kilwinning Campus on 25th October 2016.

C. EDRB Chair's Report was noted.

16. Locality Partnership Minutes

The Board noted updates from the first round of Locality Partnerships and agreed that in 2017 LP members will be invited to come and speak to the Board about their local priorities.

17. Urgent Items and Future Agenda Items

The Date of the next meeting will take place on the 23rd March 2017 at 10:30am (Venue TBC).

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 9

21 December 2016

North Ayrshire Council

Title: **North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Limited**

Purpose: To approve the appointment of a new co-opted Director on the Board of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Limited

Recommendation: That the Council agrees to (a) approve the appointment of Derek McCrindle to the Board of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Limited; and (b) authorise the Chief Executive to write to the Board of Directors confirming approval of the appointment.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Board of Directors of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust held on 20 October, 2016 the Board agreed to change their Articles of Association to allow the appointment of five co-opted Directors. Thereafter the Board agreed to appoint a new co-opted Director namely, Derek McCrindle.
- 1.2 The Articles of Association stipulate that for this appointment to proceed the identity of the proposed Director requires to be approved in writing by the Council, such approval to be demonstrated by a letter to be duly signed by the appropriate officer of the Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 The present Directors of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust are Councillors Louise McPhater and John Hunter, the Chief Executive, Audrey Sutton, the Head of Service for Economy and Communities, Billy Kirkwood of RDK Construction Limited and Craig Crosthwaite of North Ayrshire Foodbank.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 The Board of Directors of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Limited has agreed and proposed that Derek McCrindle of Scottish Enterprise be appointed as a co-opted Director of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Limited.
- 3.2 The Council is therefore invited to approve the proposed appointment in order that the Board can comply with the Articles of Association.

4. Implications

Financial:	None arising from this report
Human Resources:	None arising from this report
Legal:	In order that the Board of Directors of North Ayrshire Ventures Trust Limited can legally comply with their Articles of Association the approval of the Council is required.
Equality:	None arising from this report
Environmental & Sustainability:	None arising from this report
Key Priorities:	None arising from this report
Community Benefits:	None arising from this report

5. Consultation

5.1 There are no consultations required.



ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

Reference :

For further information please contact Christine Andrew, Senior Manager,
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Background Papers

None.

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 10

21 December 2016

North Ayrshire Council

Title: **Review of Ward Boundaries and Designation of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

Purpose: To advise the Council of revisions to Polling Districts and Polling Places for the forthcoming 2017 Local Government Elections and future electoral events following the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements and to seek approval of the updated Polling Scheme.

Recommendation: Agree to (a) note the changes to Ward Boundaries and number of Councillors following the Boundary Commission review; (b) approve the updated Polling Scheme for the 2017 Local Government Elections and future electoral events; and (c) authorise the Chief Executive as Returning Officer to approve such changes to the list of proposed venues as may be necessary to meet unforeseen circumstances.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Further to a review by the Boundary Commission of Local Government Electoral Arrangements, amendments have been made to the Polling Scheme for the forthcoming Local Government Elections in May 2017. This report details the changes which will impact on the North Ayrshire electorate and seeks approval from Members to update the Polling Scheme to ensure that Polling Places remain accessible for all voters.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Boundary Commission's Fifth Review of Local Government Electoral Arrangements commenced in February 2014. The Commission submitted recommendations on the number of councillors and the electoral ward boundaries in each of Scotland's 32 Local Authorities to Scottish Ministers in May 2016.

- 2.2 On 14 September 2016, Scottish Ministers made their decision on the Boundary Commission's recommendations on ward boundaries and number of councillors. This resulted in the publication of The North Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 which came into force on 30 September 2016 and applies only for the purposes of an election to be held on or after 4 May 2017.
- 2.3 The North Ayrshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 has resulted in an increase in the number of Electoral Wards from 8 to 10 and in the number of councillors from 30 to 33 as detailed in the table below:-

Ward Number	Ward Name	Number of Councillors
1	Irvine West	4
2	Irvine East	3
3	Kilwinning	4
4	Stevenston	3
5	Ardrossan and Arran	3
6	Dalry and West Kilbride	3
7	Kilbirnie and Beith	3
8	North Coast and Cumbraes	4
9	Saltcoats	3
10	Irvine South	3
	TOTAL	33

- 2.4 Maps are attached at Appendix 1 detailing the 10 new electoral wards.
- 2.5 These Boundary Commission changes have resulted in the Returning Officer having to amend the Polling Scheme which will be used for the 2017 Local Government Elections. This includes changes within individual Polling Places. The Returning Officer has attempted to mitigate the disruption to Electors where possible. This has, on occasion, resulted in the requirement to utilise a Polling Place in connection with 2 Wards. In these circumstances, arrangements will be put in place to ensure that voters from different Wards are kept completely separate.

2.6 The proposed Polling Scheme is attached at Appendix 2. The key changes are detailed below:-

Ward Number	Ward Name	Ward Changes
1	Irvine West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Volunteer Rooms will be used to allow Electors from both Ward 1 and Ward 10 to cast their vote. Arrangements will be put in place to ensure that voters are kept separate.
2	Irvine East	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some properties in former Polling Districts N205 (estimated 4 Electors who previously voted at Springside Community Centre) and N308 (estimated 51 Electors who previously voted at William Love Memorial Hall) have joined Electors in Polling District N201 and will now vote at Stanecastle Primary School.
3	Kilwinning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are very few changes for the Kilwinning Ward although it should be noted that an estimated 54 Electors moved to Ward 2 Polling District N201 and will now vote at Stanecastle Primary School.
4	Stevenston	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Argyle Centre, Saltcoats will be used to allow Electors from both Ward 4 and Ward 9 to cast their vote. Arrangements will be put in place to ensure that voters are kept separate.
5	Ardrossan and Arran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● St. Peter's Primary School will be used to allow Electors from both Ward 5 and Ward 9 to cast their vote. Arrangements will be put in place to ensure that voters are kept separate.
6	Dalry and West Kilbride	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some Electors in Polling District N603 have moved from Ward 7 Polling District N701 (estimated 58 Electors). They would previously have voted at Bridgend Community Centre, Kilbirnie and it is recommended that they vote at Dalry Primary School which is within Ward 6. ● Some Electors in Polling District N605 have moved from Ward 7 Polling District N708 (estimated 218 Electors). They would previously have voted at Beith Parish Church and it is recommended that they vote at Barrmill Community Centre which is within Ward 6.

Ward Number	Ward Name	Ward Changes
7	Kilbirnie and Beith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It should be noted that (i) an estimated 58 Electors moved from Ward 7 Polling District N701 and will now vote at Dalry Primary School; and (ii) an estimated 218 Electors moved from Ward 7 Polling District N708 and will now vote at Barrmill Community Centre. ● Some Electors in Polling Districts N707 and N708 have been moved to N706 but will continue to vote at Beith Parish Church.
8	North Coast and Cumbraes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There are no changes for the North Coast and Cumbraes Ward.
9	Saltcoats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Argyle Community Centre, Saltcoats will be used to allow Electors from both Ward 9 and Ward 4 to cast their vote. Arrangements will be put in place to ensure that voters are kept separate. ● Some Electors in Sorbie Road and Caledonia Road (estimated 67 Electors) have joined Electors in Polling District N903. They would previously have voted at Ardrossan Civic Centre and it is proposed that they vote at Argyle Community Centre which is within Ward 9. ● St. Peter's Primary School will be used to allow Electors from both Ward 9 and Ward 5 to cast their vote. Arrangements will be put in place to ensure that voters are kept separate. ● Part of Ward 5 Polling District N502 joined with Ward 9 Polling District N906 (estimated 202 Electors). These Electors previously voted at Whitlees Community Centre and it is recommended that they now vote at St. Anthony's Primary School.
10	Irvine South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Volunteer Rooms will be used to allow Electors from both Ward 10 and Ward 1 to cast their vote. Arrangements will be put in place to ensure that voters are kept separate.

- 2.7 The Returning Officer will write to the electorate who are affected by these changes to confirm the venue of their Polling Place. This exercise will be carried out in February 2017 following the production of the new Electoral Register by the Electoral Registration Officer. Poll Cards issued in advance of the Election will also confirm the new Polling Place and details of the changes will be published on the Council's website and via social media sites e.g. Customer Services Facebook page and the Corporate Twitter page.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Council agree to (a) note the changes to Ward Boundaries and number of Councillors following the Boundary Commission review; (b) approve the updated Polling Scheme for the 2017 Local Government Elections and future electoral events; and (c) authorise the Chief Executive as Returning Officer to approve such changes to the list of proposed venues as may be necessary to meet unforeseen circumstances.

4. Implications

Financial:	The costs associated with hiring venues as polling places for all, except Local Government elections, are reclaimed from national Government.
Human Resources:	None
Legal:	None
Equality:	All polling places are assessed and checked to ensure that they are accessible to all voters.
Environmental & Sustainability:	None
Key Priorities:	The choice of Polling places which are accessible to voters can increase voter turnout and contribute to the priority of an efficient and effective Council.
Community Benefits:	None

5. Consultation

- 5.1 The Electoral Registration Officer has been fully consulted on the proposed Polling Scheme and agrees with the changes set out above.
- 5.2 Discussions will take place with Education and Youth Employment to ensure minimum disruption to the operation of the schools being used as polling places on Polling Day.
- 5.3 All Members received an early copy of the proposals to allow them to comment or query the proposals in advance of the Council meeting.



ELMA MURRAY
Chief Executive

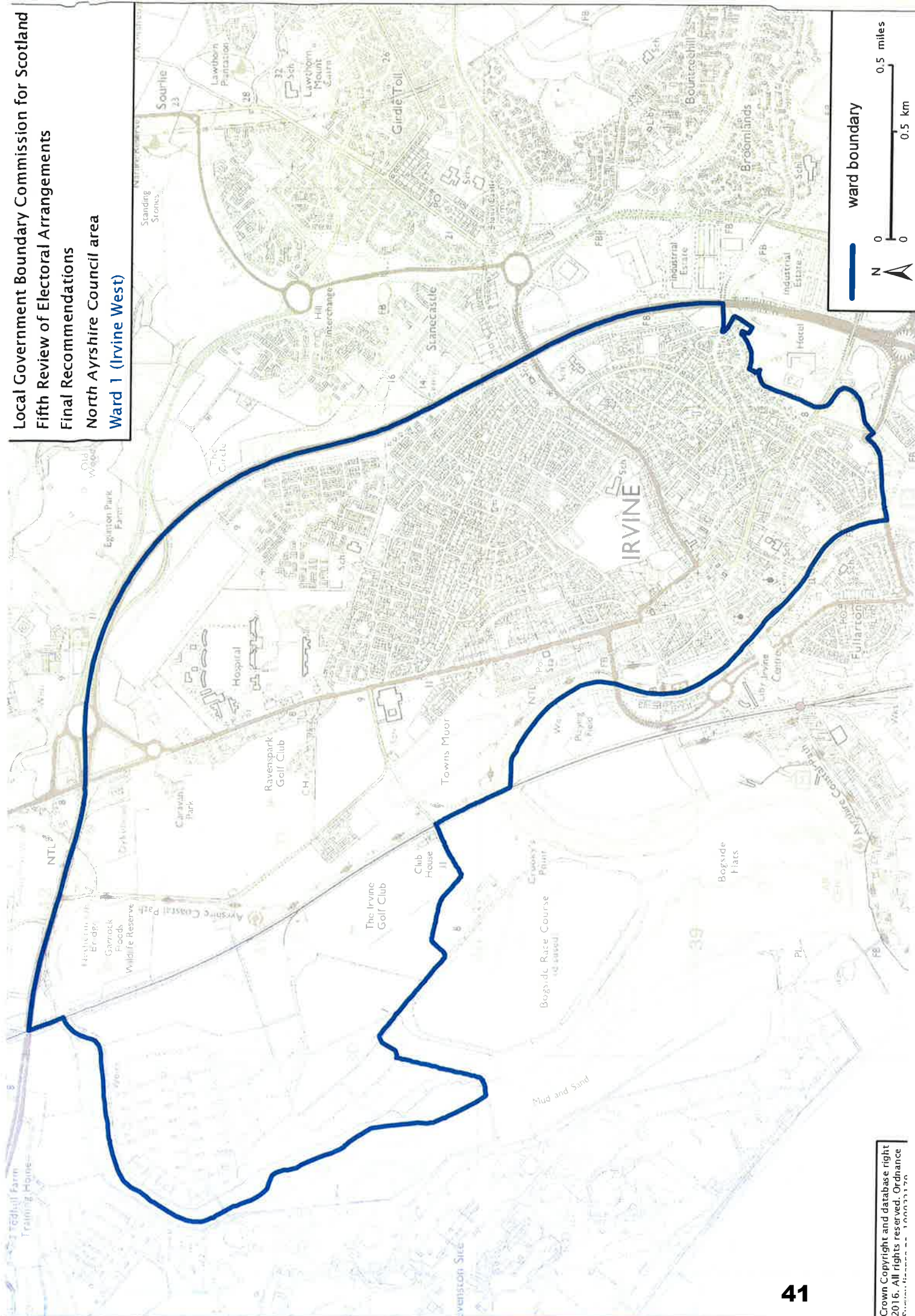
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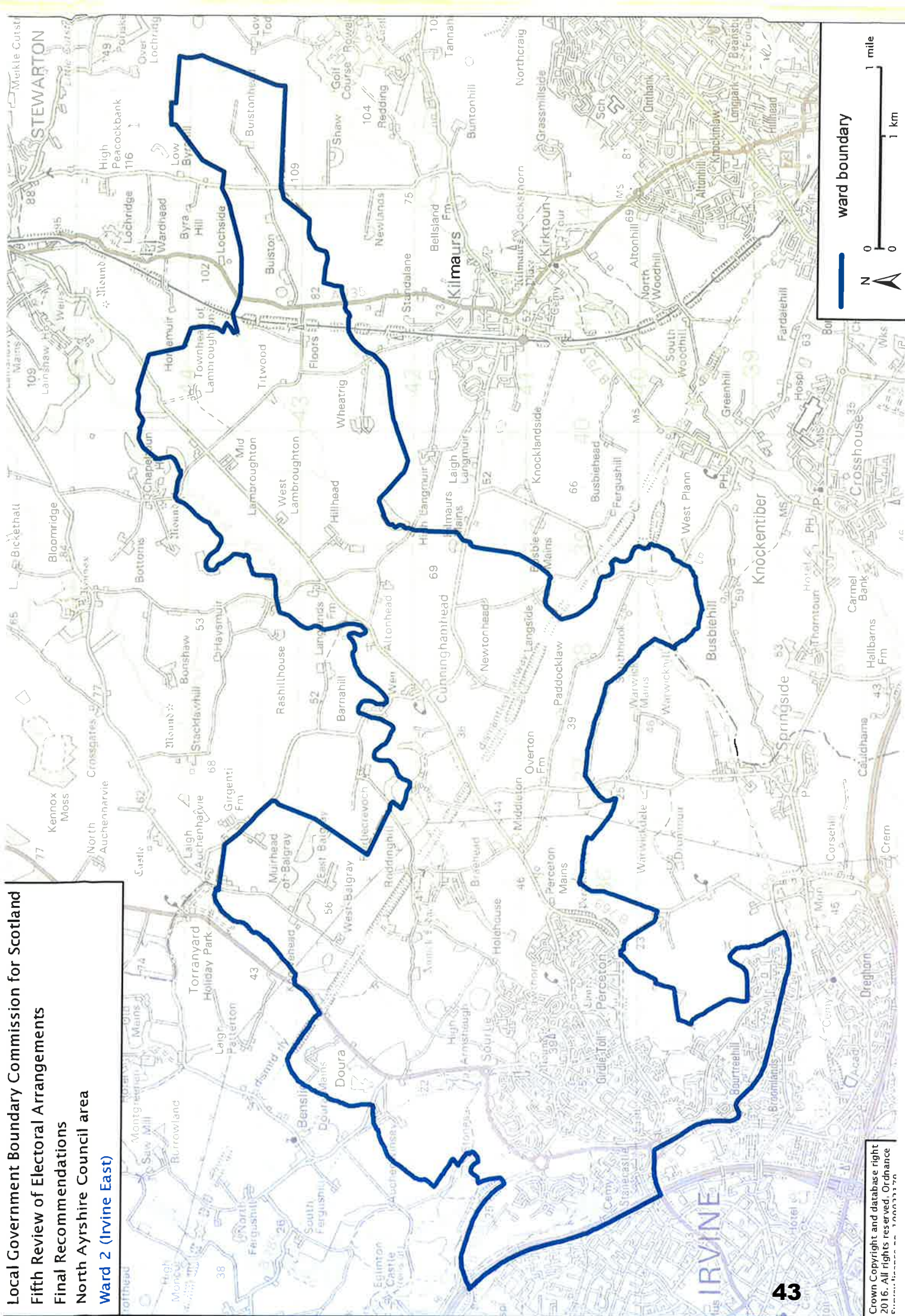
Background Papers

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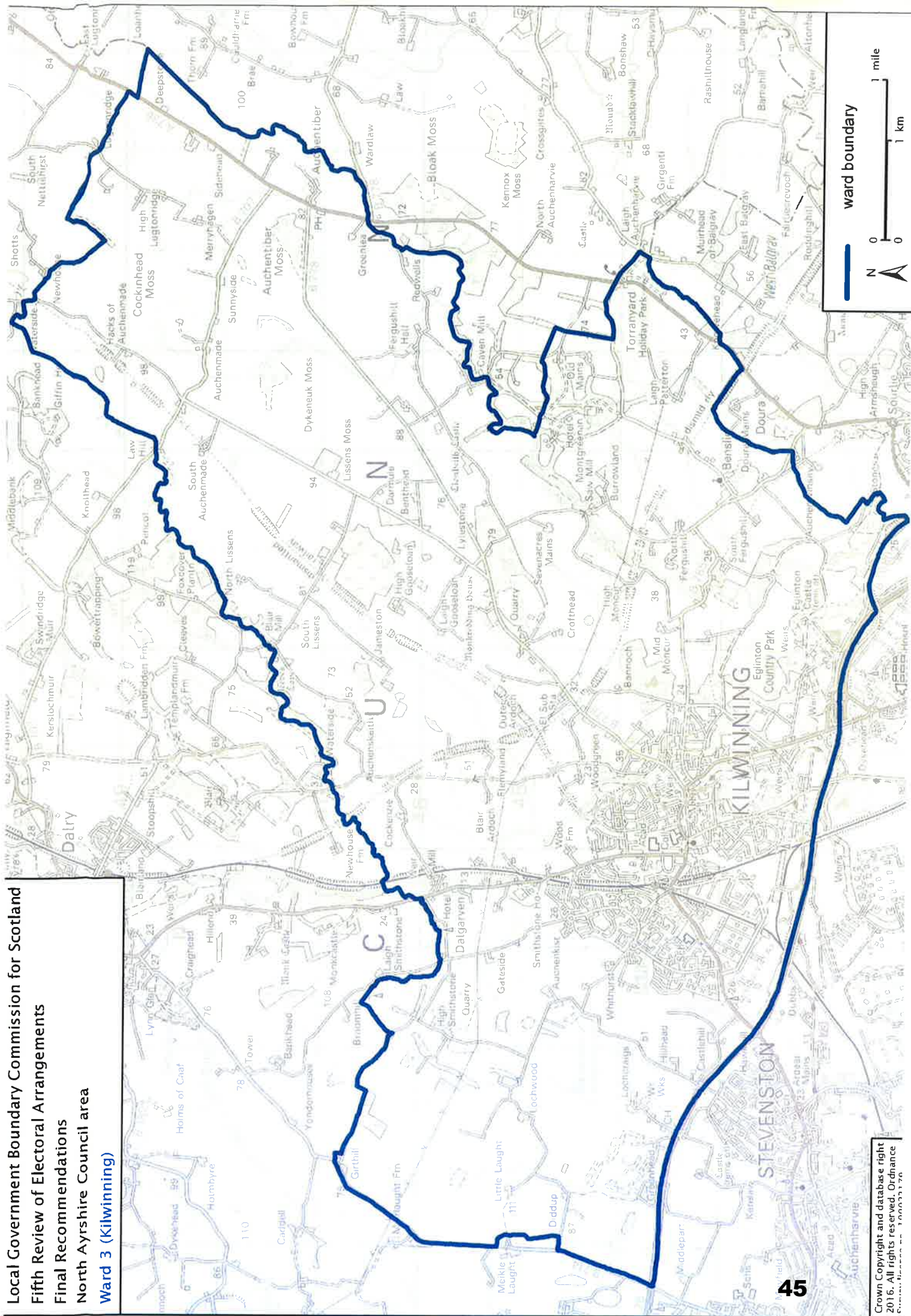
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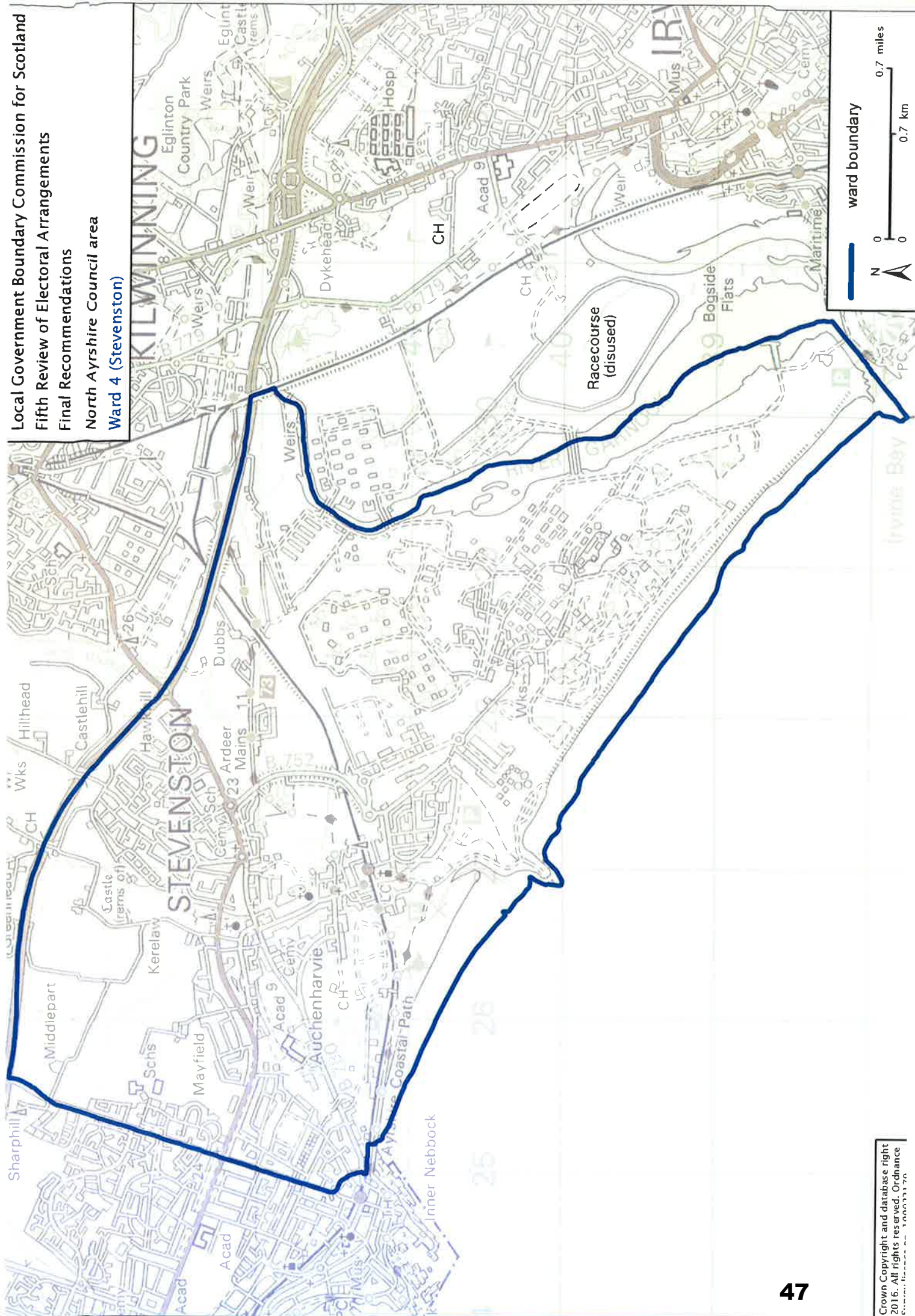
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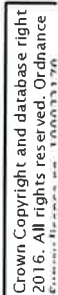


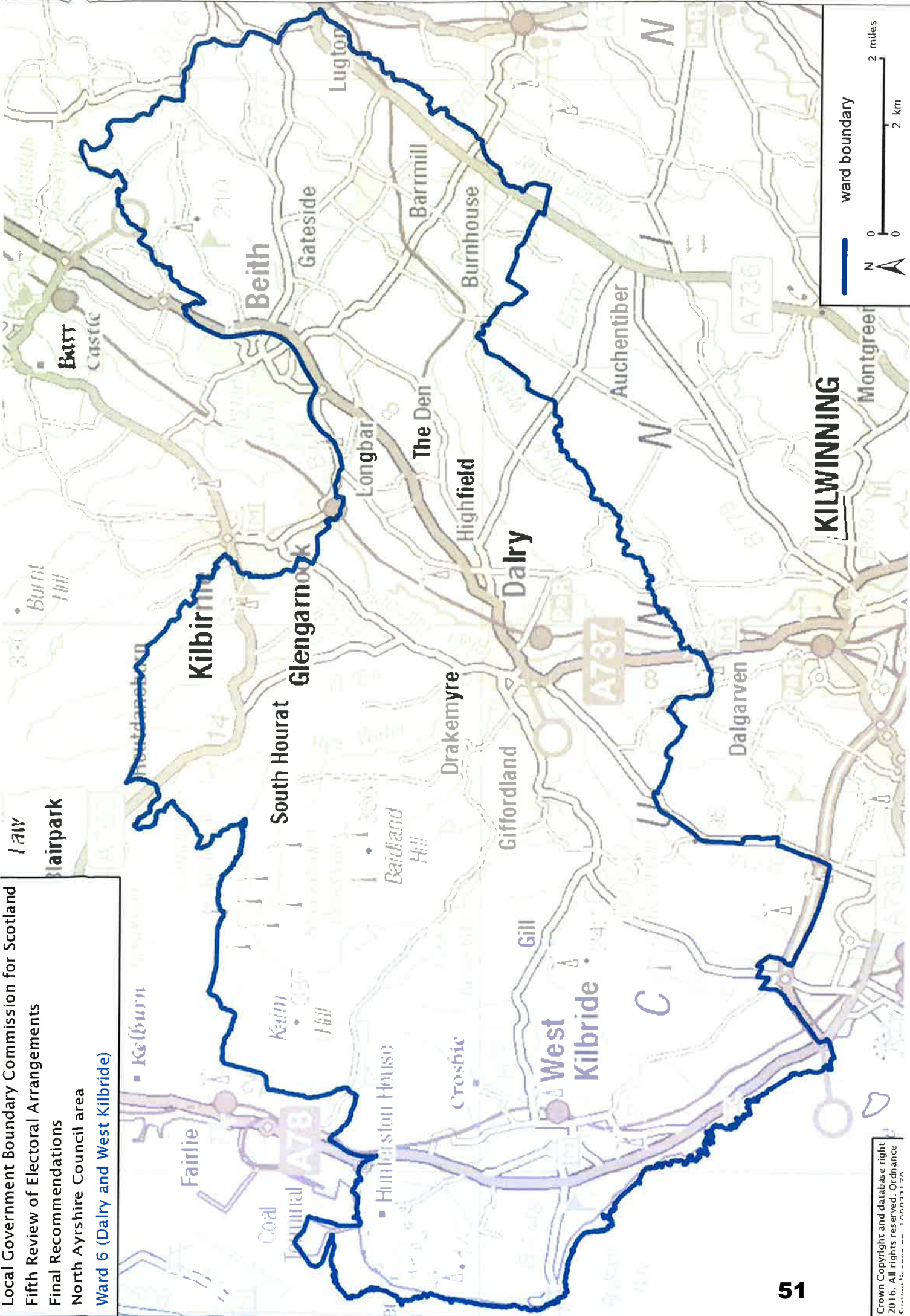
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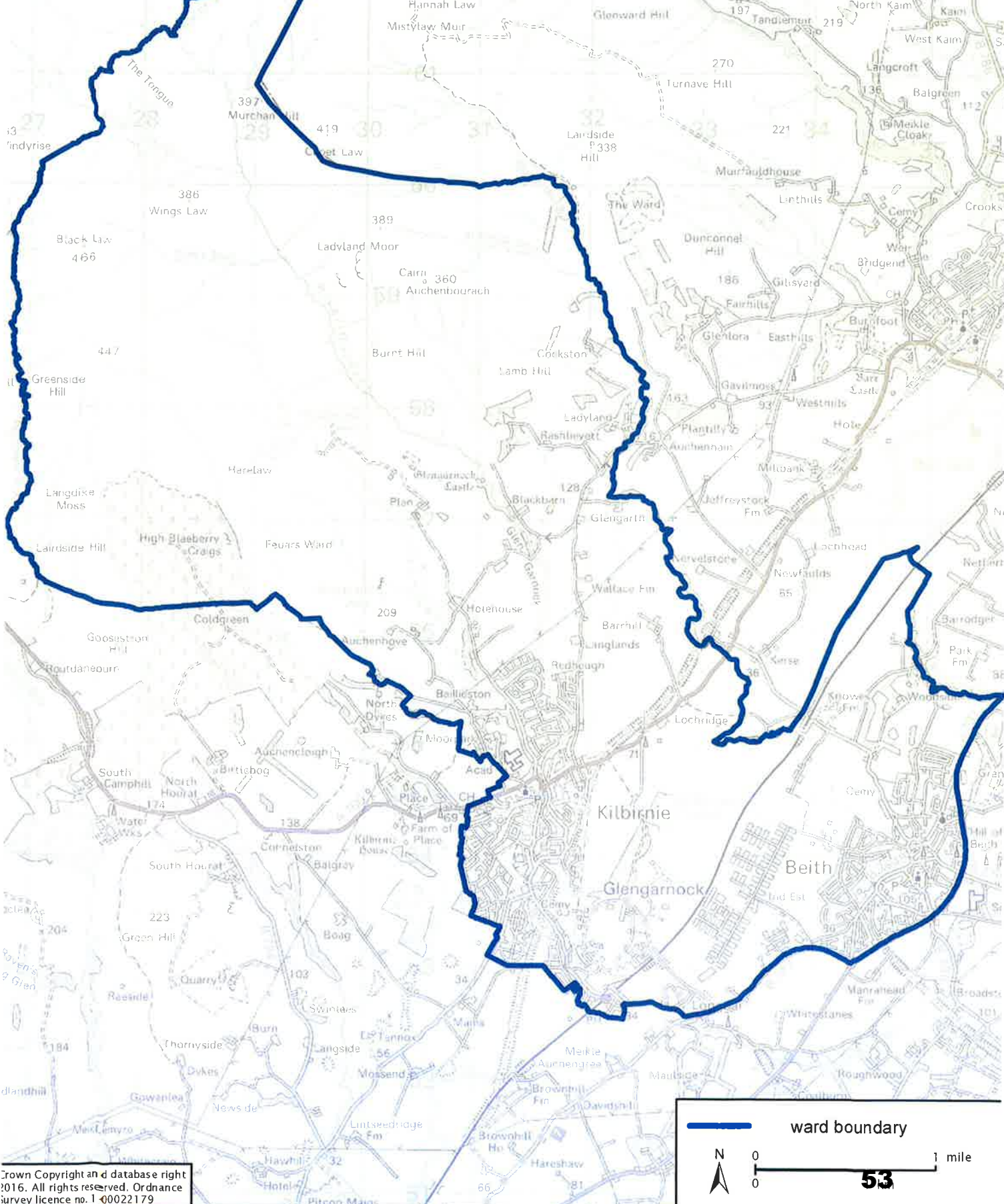


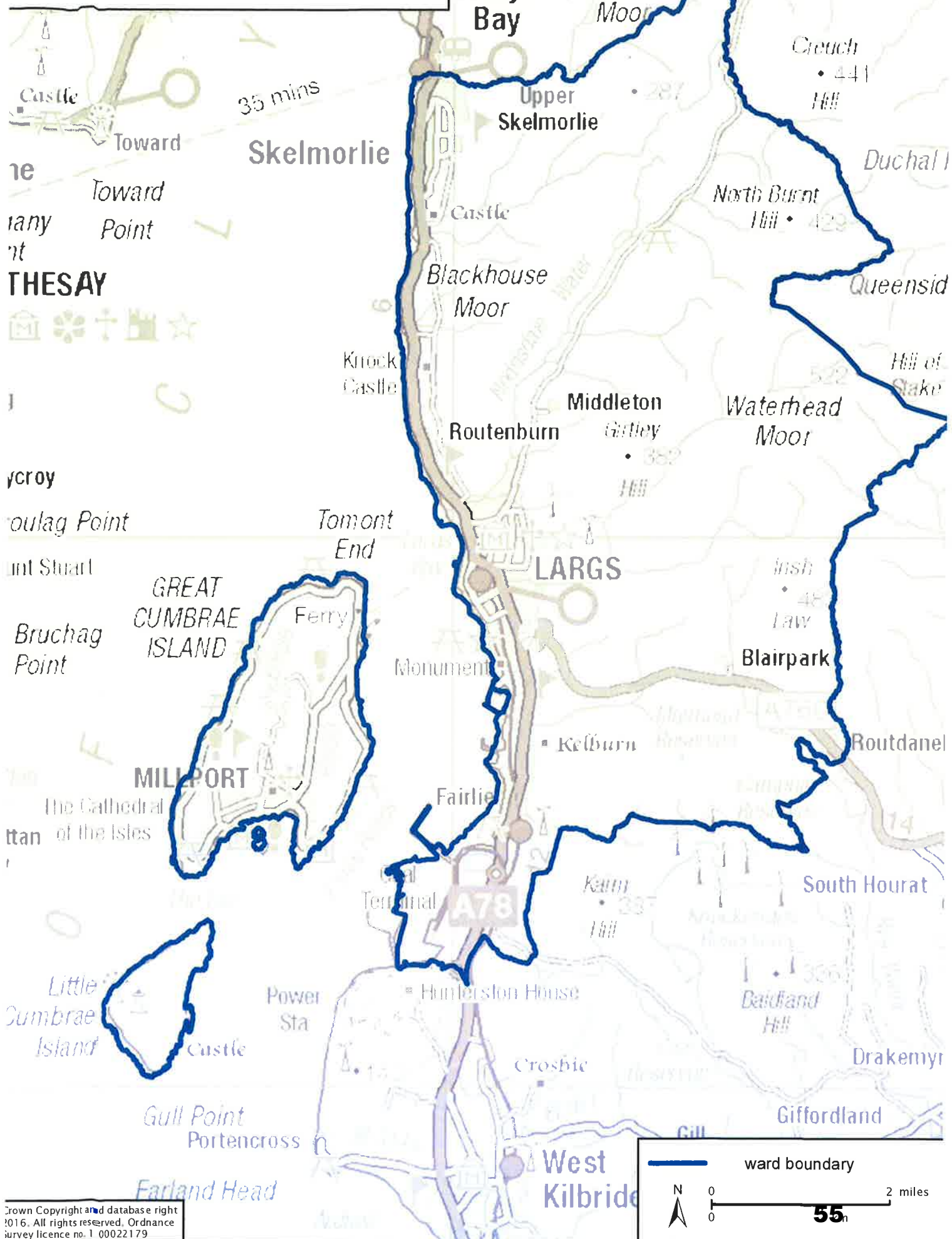


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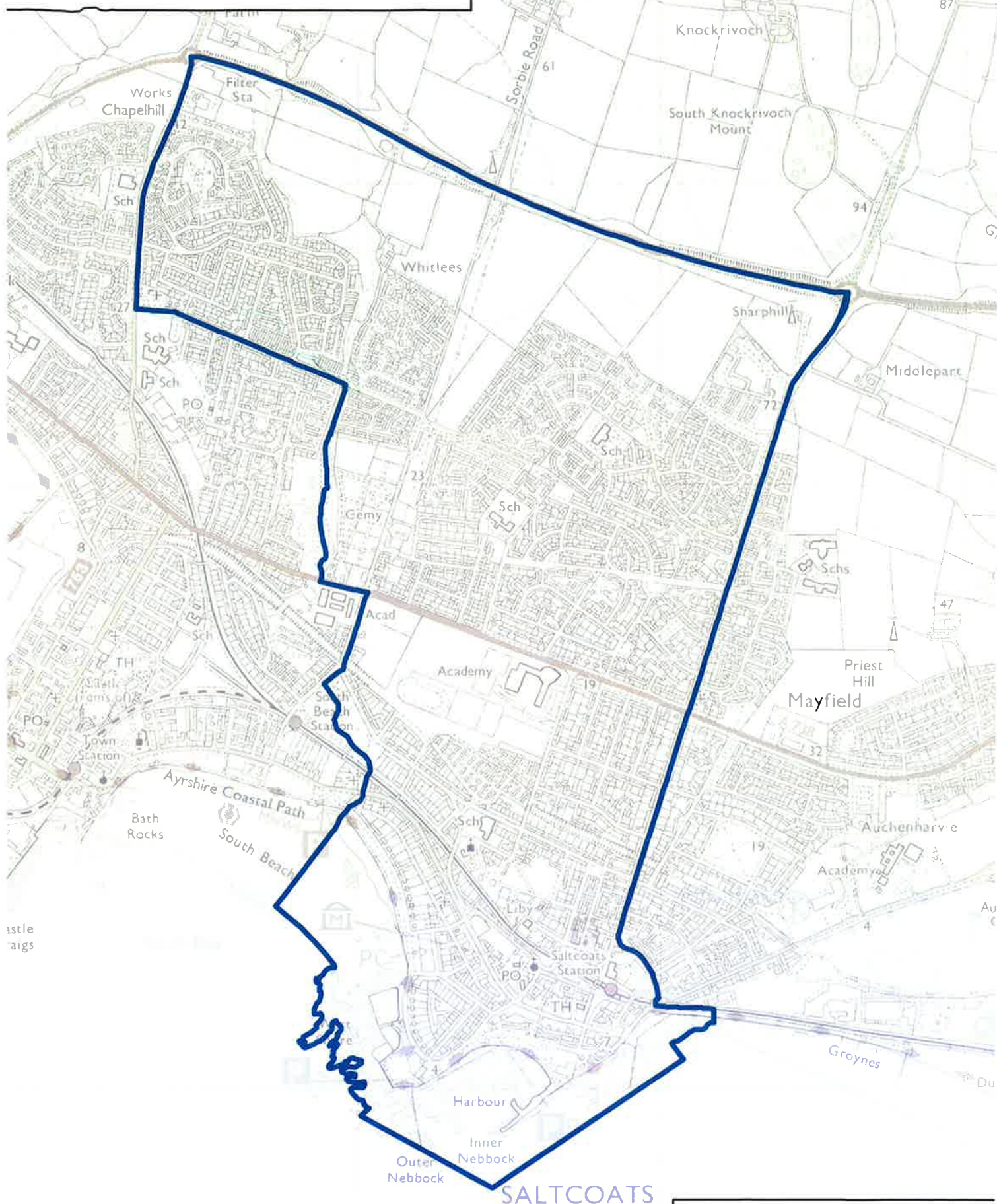
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Ward	Polling Place	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Polling District	Street Splits	Comments	Estimated Polling District Electorate
WARD 1 IRVINE WEST - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE 11823									
1	Castlepark Community Centre (est 3 Polling Stations)	4 Castlepark Road	Irvine		KA12 9LQ	N101	Bogside to Tay Place and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Castlepark CC	1964
1						N104	Bartonholm Gardens to Racecourse Place	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Castlepark CC	277
1						N111	Nethermains, Kilwinning	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Castlepark CC - although Polling District number has been renumbered from N113 to N111	2
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2243
1	Redburn Centre (est 3 Polling Stations)	Dickson Drive	Irvine		KA12 9EW	N102	Arran Place to Steps Road	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Redburn Centre	1427
1						N103	Anderson Drive to Smith Avenue	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Redburn Centre	1150
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2577
1	Vineburgh Centre (est 4 Polling Stations)	Quarry Road	Irvine		KA12 0PY	N105	Barr Crescent to Winton Place	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Vineburgh Centre	1195
1						N106	Ashgrove to Woodlands Avenue and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Vineburgh Centre	1464
1						N108	Academy Gardens to Williamfield Park and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Vineburgh Centre	348
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	3007
1	St Mark's Primary School (est 2 Polling Stations)	Clark Drive	Irvine		KA12 0NS	N107	Allan Square to Thornhouse Avenue and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at St. Mark's PS	1318
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1318

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1	Volunteer Rooms (est 4 Polling Stations) ALSO BEING USED FOR WARD 10	19 High Street	Irvine		KA12 0BA	N109	Academy Court to Wilson Avenue	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at the Volunteer Rooms. It should be noted that the Volunteer Rooms will also be used for Ward 10 and arrangements put in place to ensure that they are separate from those voting in Ward 1.	758
1						N110	Adams Walk to Whyte Avenue and Other Electors	There is no change for these 1920 Electors. They will remain within Ward 1 and continue to vote at the Volunteer Rooms. 505 electors from this polling district have now moved to the new Ward 10 (Polling District N122) but will also continue to vote at the Volunteer Rooms.	1920
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2678
WARD 2 IRVINE EAST - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE 9764									
2	Stanecastle Primary School (est 5 Polling Stations)	Burns Crescent	Irvine		KA11 1AQ	N201	Altonhead Drive to Townhead of Lambroughton and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Stanecastle PS	2103
2							Southhook, Knockentiber	Southhook, Knockentiber moved from Polling District N205 (estimated 4 Electors who previously voted at Springside CC).	
							Old Tollhouse, Sourlie	Old Tollhouse, Sourlie moved from Ward 3 Polling District N308 (estimated 3 Electors who previously voted at William Love Memorial Hall, Kilwinning)	
2							Lochilbo Road; Annick Lodge; Braehead; Doura; Doura Mains; Drumhirk; East Balgray; High Armsheugh; Holehouse; Knowehead of Balgray; Laigh Armsheigh; Lawthorn Cottage; Millburnside; Muirhead of Balgray; New Lawthorn Cottage; Roddinghill; West Balgray	These electors were moved from Ward 3 Polling District N308 (estimated 51 electors who previously voted at William Love Memorial Hall, Kilwinning) to Ward 2 Polling District N201 and they will now vote at Stanecastle Primary School	
2						N203	Bensely Avenue to Willow Gardens and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Stanecastle PS	2205
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	4308
2	Littlestane Community Centre (est 2 Polling Stations)	Littlestane Road	Irvine		KA11 2EX	N202	Annandale Way to Woodhill Crescent and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - there will continue to vote at Littlestane CC	1024
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1024

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2	Towerlands Community Centre (est 4 Polling Stations)	Towerlands Farm Road	Irvine		KA11 1PY	N204	Alder Green to Wyvis Place and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Towerlands CC	1997
2						N206	Bencleuch Place to Sidlaw Foot and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Towerlands CC	1024
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	3021
2	Lanfine Community Centre (est 2 Polling Stations)	Lanfine Terrace	Girdle Toll	Irvine	KA11 1BT	N205	Aberlour Place to Springfield Gardens and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Lanfine CC although the Polling District has been renumbered from N211 to N205	567
2						N207	Archers Avenue to Regalia View and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Lanfine CC although the Polling District has been renumbered from N212 to N207	844
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1411
WARD 3 KILWINNING - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE 13222									
3	William Love Memorial Hall (est 3 Polling Stations)	Moncur Road	Kilwinning		KA13 7LD	N301	High Lugtonridge to Woodgreen and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at William Love Memorial Hall	378
3						N308	Bannoch Gardens; Bannoch Place; Bannoch Road; Benslie; Benslie Row; Bensliefauld; Bridgend; Bridgend Lane; Burns Place; Burrowlands; Churchill Avenue; Corsehill; Corsehillhead; Eglinton; Eglinton Country Park; Eglinton Gardens; Eglinton Kennels; Fergushill; Fergushill House; Fergushill Road; Fir Tree Place; Five Road; Gooselawn Cottage; Hazelgrove; Hillcrest Place; Hollywell House; Hunter Place; Irvine Road; Keir Hardie Crescent; Laigh Patterton; Love Street; McGavin Avenue; Millburn Lodge; Millside Gardens; Moncur Road; Montgomerie Terrace; Montgreenan; Montgreenan Station; Montgreenan View; North Fergushill; North Millburn; Parkhead Avenue; Pathfoot; Pathfoot View; Queen Street; Redstone; Redstone Avenue; Redstone Wynd; Saughtrees; South Fergushill; South Millburn; Sunnyside; Tammydales Road; Torranyard; Weirston; Weirston Road; Windyhall; Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at William Love Memorial Hall. It should be noted that Part of this Polling District N308 (estimated 54 electors) moved to Ward 2 Polling District N201 and will vote at Stanecastle Primary School.	1778
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2166

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3	Woodwynd Hall (est 3 Polling Stations - a reduction from 4)	David Gage Street	Kilwinning		KA13 7AP	N302	Alexandra Gardens to Woodwynd and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Woodwynd Hall	2528
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2528
3	Mansefield Trinity Church (est 5 Polling Stations - a reduction from 6)	West Doura Way	Kilwinning		KA13 6DY	N303	Abbey View to Lochcraigs and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Mansefield Trinity Church	4255
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	4255
3	Cranberry Moss Community Centre (est 3 Polling Stations)	Cambusdoon Place	Pennyburn	Kilwinning	KA13 6SL	N304	Ardmillan to Winton Avenue and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Cranberry Moss CC	2155
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2155
3	Nethermains Community Centre (est 2 Polling Stations)	Nethermains Road	Kilwinning		KA13 6EU	N305	Abbeygate to Vaults Lane	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Nethermains CC	540
3						N306	Abbot's Avenue to Stobbs Terrace and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Nethermains CC	1197
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1737
3	Dirran's Pavillion (one station only)	Dirrans Terrace	Kilwinning		KA13 7PH	N307	Bartonholm Terrace to Woodmill and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Dirran's Pavillion	391
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	391
WARD 4 STEVENSTON - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE 9475									
4	Hayock's Community Centre (est 4 Polling Stations)	Hyslop Road	Stevenson		KA20 4HS	N403	Alexander Avenue to Wheatley Road and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Hayock's CC although Polling District has been renumbered from N406 to N403	2860
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2860
4	High Kirk Hall (est 3 Polling Stations)	19 Schoolwell Street	Stevenson		KA20 3DL	N404	Land of Campbell to West Park Court	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at High Kirk Hall although Polling District has been renumbered from N407 to N404	1409
4						N407	Alexander Place to Townhead Street	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at High Kirk Hall although Polling District has been renumbered from N410 to N407	678
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2087

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4	Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre (est 2 Polling Stations)	Shore Road	Ardeer	Stevenston	KA20 3NB	N405	Ardeer Lane to Warner Street and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Ardeer Neighbourhood Centre although Polling District has been renumbered from N408 to N405	1359
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1359
4	Argyle Centre, Saltcoats (est 2 Polling Stations) ALSO BEING USED FOR WARD 9	Campbell Avenue	Saltcoats		KA21 5AF	N401	Auchenharvie Road; Barnett Crescent; Braehead Place; Canal Court; Canal Street; Canal View; Craigs Place; Cuninghame Road; Cuninghame Crescent; Giffen Road; Gladstone Road; Guthrie Road; Halkett Place; High Road; Kerr Avenue; Kinnier Road; Mayfield Place; Mayfield Road; Millar Road; Nelson Road; Old Raise Road; Parkend Avenue; Parkend Gardens; Parkend Road; Parkend Terrace; Raise Street (Odd Nos 39-93); Robertson Crescent; Seabank Street; Sharpill Road; Smith Drive; St. Lawrence Place; Thomas Campbell Street; Townhead Road; Victoria Road; Wyllie Road and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Argyle Centre, Saltcoats. It should be noted that part of this Polling District (estimated 869 electors) moved to the new Ward 9 Polling District N904. Those electors who have moved to Ward 9 would normally vote at Argyle Centre, Saltcoats but are now within the boundary of the Stevenston Ward. However, it is geographically more convenient for them to vote at the Argyle Centre although it is situated in Ward 4.	1710
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1710
4	Focus Community Learning Centre (est 2 Polling Stations)	Primrose Place	Saltcoats		KA21 6LH	N402	Abbotsford Place to Talisman Walk	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Focus Community Learning Centre although the Polling District has been renumbered from N404 to N402.	769
4						N406	Middlepart to Sinclair Street	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Focus Community Learning Centre although the Polling District has been renumbered from N409 to N406.	690
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1459

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5	WARD 5 - ARDROSSAN AND ARRAN - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE 9523 St Peter's Primary School (est 2 Polling Stations - a reduction from 4) ALSO BEING USED FOR WARD 9	South Isle Road	Ardrossan		KA22 7PX	N504	Ardhell Court to South Isle Road and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at St. Peter's PS although the Polling District has been renumbered from N506 to N504. It should be noted that this Polling Place will also be used for some electors from Ward 9 as it is geographically more convenient for them to vote at St. Peter's PS although it is situated in Ward 5.	1210
							Mill Farm (Dairy Road)	There is no change for these electors (estimated 10). They have moved from Ward 5 Polling District N501 to N506 which was then renumbered N504 but will continue to vote at St. Peter's PS	
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1210
5	Whitlees Community Centre (est 2 Polling Places)	Carrick Place	Ardrossan		KA22 7DT	N501	Ailsa Gardens; Beggs Terrace; Broadway; Busbie Lane; Carrick Place; Castle Road; Centenary Place; Central Avenue; Central Quadrant; Cumbræ Terrace; Cunningham Road; Dairyhead Place; Elm Park; George Aiken Court; Kirkhall Gardens; Loanhead Road; MacDowall Avenue; MacDowall Place; McKellar Avenue; Nursery Place; Park View; Parkhouse Road; Queens Drive; Sorbie Road; Stanley Road; Strathclyde Avenue; Whitlees Crescent and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors. Part of Polling District N502 remains in Ward 5 and is renumbered N501. Those streets remaining are as detailed and Electors will continue to vote at Whitlees Community Centre. It should be noted that Part of this Polling District (estimated 202 electors) moved to Ward 9 Polling District N906 and will vote at St. Anthony's Primary School.	1210
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1210

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5	Ardrossan Civic Centre (est 4 polling stations)	150 Glasgow Street	Ardrossan		KA22 8EP	N502	Barr Street to Young Street and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Ardrossan Civic Centre although Polling District has been renumbered N502 from N504.	1250
5						N503	Anderson Terrace; Arran Lane; Montgomerie Court (Arran Lane); Barony Court; Barrie Terrace; Bath Square; Bath Villas; Bridgepark; Church Place; Crathie Drive; Glasgow Lane (Nos 1A and 1B); Glasgow Street (Even Nos 4-228); Hill Place; Hill Street; Hunter Avenue; Kilmeny Court; Kilmeny Terrace; Park Road; Parkhouse Gardens; Pavilion Place; Princes Place South; Princes Street; Seton Street; South Beach Road; Lauriston Court (South Beach Road); South Beach Way; South Crescent; Verona Place; Winton Court; Winton Street and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors. This part of Polling District N505 remains in Ward 5 although N505 is renumbered N503. Those streets remaining are as detailed and will continue to vote at Ardrossan Civic Centre. It should be noted that Part of this Polling District (estimated 67 electors) moved to Ward 9 Polling District N903 and will vote at Argyle Centre.	1229
5						N505	Aitken Place to Witches Linn and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Ardrossan Civic Centre although Polling District has been renumbered to N505 from N507.	786
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	3265
5	Corrie and Sannox Hall (one station only)	Corrie	Isle of Arran		KA27 8JB	N506	North Sannox to The Steading and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Corrie & Sannox Hall although Polling District has been renumbered to N506 from N508.	189
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	189
5	Shiskine Hall (one station only)	Shiskine	Isle of Arran		KA27 8HE	N507	Bailemargaidh to Woodside and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Shiskine Hall although Polling District has been renumbered to N509 from N507.	492
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	492

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5	Brodick Hall (one station only)	Brodick	Isle of Arran		KA27 8DL	N508	Alma Park to West Mayish	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Brodick Hall although Polling District has been renumbered to N510 from N508.	861
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	861
5	Lamlash Primary School (one station only)	Lamlash	Isle of Arran		KA27 8NP	N509	Arranton to Whiterock and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Lamlash Primary School although Polling District has been renumbered to N511 from N509.	930
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	930
5	Whiting Bay Hall (one station only)	Whiting Bay	Isle of Arran		KA27	N510	Holy Isle to Whiting Bay and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Whiting Bay Hall although Polling District has been renumbered to N510 from N512.	681
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	681
5	Kilmory Hall (one station only)	Kilmory	Isle of Arran		KA27	N511	Dippin to Whitefield and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Kilmory Hall although Polling District has been renumbered to N511 from N513.	397
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	397
5	Lochranza Village Hall (one station only)	Lochranza	Isle of Arran		KA27	N512	Bein Bharrain Terrace to Woodside	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Lochranza Village Hall although Polling District has been renumbered to N512 from N514.	109
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	109
								There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Lochranza Village Hall although Polling District has been renumbered to N513 from N515.	179
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	288

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6	WARD 6 - DALRY & WEST KILBRIDE - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE 10020 West Kilbride Community Centre (est 5 Polling Stations - a reduction from 6)	Corse Street	West Kilbride		KA23 9AX	N601	Crawford Lodge to Yonderton Place and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at West Kilbride CC.	4315
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	4315
6	Dalry Primary School (est 6 Polling Stations - a reduction from 7)	Sharon Street	Dalry		KA24 5DR	N602	Aikton Street to Wingfaulds Avenue and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Dalry PS.	3314
6						N603	Camphill House; Mid Hourat; Routdaneburn; South Camphill; South Hourat; Auchencloich; Birtlebog; Connelstone; Geirston; Geirston Road; Glenpark House; North Dykes; North Hourat; Place (Gardners Cottage); West Bankside	These electors (estimated 58) moved from Ward 7 Polling District N701 to Ward 6 Polling District N603. They would previously have voted at Bridgend Community Centre in Kilbrimie which is in Ward 7. Travel from the properties detailed to either Bridgend or Dalry PS is equidistant. It is therefore recommend that they vote at Dalry Primary School which is within Ward 6.	224
							Barcosh, Beith to West Bankside, Kilbrimie and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Dalry PS.	
						N604	Kersland Mill, Beith to Beith Road, Longbar and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Dalry PS.	118
						N607	Coalhill, Ardrossan to Muirlaught, Saltcoats	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Dalry PS.	113
6						N606	Assyfaulds to Wheatiefaulds and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Dalry PS.	1202
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	4971

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6	Barrmill Community Centre (one station only)	Barrmill			KA15 1HW	N605	Balgray Road to South Biggart and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Barrmill Community Centre.	734
6							<p>Bigholm; Blaelochside; Bottoms; Brownhill of Shutterflat; Brownmuir; Cauldhame; Coldstream Mill; Cuff; Dalry Road (No 11); Dalziel House; Eastend of Shutterflat; East Overton; Fulwoodhead; Gateside of Fulwoodhead; Geilsland; Grangehill; Hesselhead View; High Bogside; Hill of Beith; Hillend; Laigh Hoodyard; Laigh Threepwood; Langside; Lowhouse; Lyonsfields; Mill o' Beith; Over Hesselhead; Knowehead Cottage; Shutterflat; South Highgate; Threepwood Road; Townend of Shutterflat; Townhead of Shutterflat; Townhead of Threepwood; Wardrop Street (No 20); Washingstone; West Overton; Auchenbarr; Boghall; Bogside; Broadstone; Burnside; Crookhill; Main Road; Muncaidh House; Overtoun of Broadstone; Reek Street; Whitestones Farm; Greenend; Whitehouse and Other Electors</p>	<p>This part of Polling District N708 moves to Ward 6 Polling District N605 (estimated 218 electors). These Electors would previously have voted at Beith Parish Church which is in Ward 7. These are rural properties and would recommend they vote at Barrmill Community Centre within Ward 6. Travel from the properties detailed to either Beith Parish Church or Barrmill CC is equidistant. It is therefore recommend that they vote at Barrmill CC which is within Ward 6.</p>	
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	734

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WARD 7 - KILBIRNIE AND BEITH - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE 10538									
7	Bridgend Community Centre (est 3 Polling Stations - a reduction from 4)	Bridgend	Kilbirnie		KA25 6DJ	N701	<p>Auchenhove Crescent; Baillieston; Bank Street; Bankside Gardens; Barrhill; Bashaw; Blackburn; Bridge Street; Bridgend; Brockly View; Broster Meadows; Castlegrove; Chapelton; Cochrane Street; Cockstone; Connel Court; Dean Road; Dennyholm Wynd; Dipple Court; Dipple Road; Dipple View; East Bankside; Fieldcrest; Gateside; Glasgow Street; Glengarth; Greenridge; Herriot Avenue; High Boydstone House; High Glengarth; High Street; Hillhead; Holehouse; Holehouse Drive; Holmhead; Houston Court; Jennings Gardens; Kaimhill; Knoxville Road; Ladeside Gardens; Ladyland; Ladyland Drive; Ladyland Place; Laigh Glengarth; Langlands; Largs Road; Lindsay Avenue; Lynn Drive; Main Street; Mill Court; Mill Road; Millside Meadow; Milton Park; Milton Quadrant; Milton Road; Montgomery Court; Moorpark; Moorpark Place; Muirend Street; Newton Street; North Auchenhove; North Langlands; Paduff Place;</p> <p>Plan (Bungalow and Plan Farm); Plan View; Pundeavon Avenue; Pundeavon Reservoir; Rashleyett; Redheugh; Redheugh Avenue; Redheugh Court; Rosebery Court; School Road; School Wynd; South Auchenhove; Steven Place; Stockbridge Crescent; Stoneyholm Road; Townhead; Wallace; Wattieston; Whiteridden and Other Electors</p>	<p>There is no change for these electors. This part of Polling District N701 remains in Ward 7. Those streets remaining are as detailed and will continue to vote at Bridgend Community Centre. It should be noted that Part of this Polling District (estimated 58 electors) moved to Ward 6 Polling District N603 and will vote at Dalry PS.</p>	2557
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2557
7	St Bridget's Primary School (est 2 Polling Stations)	Hagthorn Avenue	Kilbirnie		KA25 6EJ	N702	Alexander Fleming Avenue to The Dykes and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at St. Bridget's PS.	1779
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1779
7	Kilbirnie Auld Kirk Hall (est 2 Polling Stations)	Kirkland Road	Kilbirnie		KA25	N703	Balgray Road to Westfield	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Kilbirnie Auld Kirk Hall.	1144
						N705	Beith Road to Smith Avenue	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Kilbirnie Auld Kirk Hall.	200
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1344

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7	Beith Community Centre (est 4 Polling Stations)	45/47 Kings Road	Beith		KA15 2BQ	N704	Acacia Drive to Crawford, Glengarnock and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Beith Community Centre.	2742
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2742
7	Beith Parish Church Hall (est 3 Polling Stations)	Barrmill Road	Beith		KA15	N706	Academy Brae to Woodburn Road and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Beith Parish Church Hall.	1156
							Aitken Drive; Bigholm Road; Crummock Gardens; Crummock Street; Head Street; Roebank Road; St. Inan's Drive; Trinity Crescent; Wardrop Street; Wardrop Terrace; Wilson Street	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Beith Parish Church Hall. It should be noted however that they were moved from Ward 7 Polling District N708 to N706.	
						N707	Barrmill Road, (Nos 37,39,41 and 43)	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Beith Parish Church Hall. It should be noted however that they were moved from Ward 7 Polling District N708 to N707.	960
							Balfour Avenue to St Andrew's Place and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Beith Parish Church Hall.	
7								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2116
WARD 8 - NORTH COAST AND CUMBRAES - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE 13509									
8	Skelmorlie Community Centre (est 2 Polling Stations)	Skelmorlie Castle Road	Skelmorlie		PA17 5AQ	N801	Constablewood to Winton Drive and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Skelmorlie CC.	1875
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1875
8	Barfields Pavilion (est 4 Polling Stations)	Greenock Road	Largs		KA30 8NE	N802	Acheson Gardens to Woodbank Gardens and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Barfields Pavilion.	1682
8						N803	Aubrey Crescent to Seamore Street and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Barfields Pavilion.	1323
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	3005
8	Largs Academy Sports Hall (est 4 Polling Stations - a reduction from 5)	Flatt Road	Largs		KA30 9JX	N804	Alexander Avenue to Woodcroft Avenue & Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Largs Academy Sports Hall.	3453
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	3453
8	Dunn Memorial Hall (est 4 Polling Stations)	Church Street	Largs		KA30	N805	Aitken Street to Wilson Street and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Dunn Memorial Hall.	863
						N806	Acre Avenue to Whinnhill Avenue and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Dunn Memorial Hall.	1975
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2838

Ward	Polling Place	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Polling District	Street Splits	Comments	Estimated Polling District Electorate
8	Fairlie Village Hall (est 2 Polling Stations)	Main Road	Fairlie		KA29	N807	Blairpark to Poteath Bank and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at Fairlie Village Hall.	1238
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1238
8	DA Hall, Millport (est 2 Polling Stations)	Millport	Isle of Cumbrae		KA28 1NN	N808	Balloch Bay to Woodlands Street and Other Electors	There is no change for these Electors - they will continue to vote at DA Hall, Millport.	1100
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1100
WARD 9 - SALTCOATS - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE FOR WARD 9971									
9	Dykesmains Primary School (est 4 Polling Stations - an increase from 2)	Simpson Drive	Saltcoats		KA21 6EY	N901	Allan Gardens to Windmill Wynd and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Dykesmains Primary School. The entire Ward 4 Polling District N401 moved to new Ward 9 Polling District N901.	1960
9						N902	Adams Avenue to St Medans Place and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Dykesmains Primary School. The entire Ward 4 Polling District N402 moved to new Ward 9 Polling District N902.	1004
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2964
9	Argyle Community Centre (est 4 Polling Stations) ALSO BEING USED FOR WARD 4	Campbell Avenue	Saltcoats		KA21 5AF	N903	Sorbie Road 2- 38 (Even) & 25 - 39 (Odds); Caledonia Road 81 - 93 (Odds)	This part of Ward 5 Polling District N505 moved to new Ward 9 Polling District N903 (estimated 67 electors). These Electors previously voted at Ardrossan Civic Centre which is in Ward 5. Travel from the properties detailed to either the Ardrossan Civic Centre or the Argyle CC is similar. It is therefore recommend that they vote at Argyle CC which is within Ward 9.	2192
9							Adair Avenue to Winton Street and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Argyle Community Centre. The entire Ward 4 Polling District N403 moved to new Ward 9, Polling District N903.	

Ward	Polling Place	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Polling District	Street Splits	Comments	Estimated Polling District Electorate
9						N904	Argyle Road (Nos 4A-4F, 2A-2F and 34); Barnett Court; Bradshaw Street; Chapelwell Street; Countess Street; Dockhead Place; Dockhead Street; Eglinton Court; Eglinton Street; Green Street; Harbour Point; Hill Street; Melbourne Road; Nineyard Street; Quay Street; Raise Street (Even Nos 10-74C); Sidney Street; Springvale Court; Springvale Street; The Braes; Union Street; Vernon Street; Wellpark Road; Windmill Street; Winton Circus	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Argyle Community Centre. They were part of Ward 4 Polling District N405 which moved to Ward 9 Polling District N904.	859
9	St Peter's Primary School (est 3 Polling Stations) ALSO BEING USED FOR WARD 5	South Isle Road	Ardrossan		KA22 7PX	N905	Afton Place; Alloway Place; Armour Place; Ashgrove Road; Bluebell Gardens; Burns Square; Burns Terrace; Chapelhill Mount; Churchill Drive; Clyde Terrace; Dalry Road; Firth View Terrace; Garthland Drive; Hazel Avenue; Laird Weir; Lawson Drive; Millglen; Millglen Lodges; Millglen Place; Millglen Road; Mossiel Road; Motte Gardens; Nithsdale Road; Oak Road; Rashley Square; St Andrews Road; St. Margarets Road; St. Ninians Drive; Stanley Road; Weir Road; White Craig Road and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors. They moved from Ward 5 Polling District N501 to Ward 9 Polling District N905. Those streets moving are as detailed. These Electors previously voted at St Peter's PS which is within Ward 5. It is recommended that these Electors continue to vote at St Peter's PS.	1878
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	4929
9	St Anthony's Primary School (est 3 Polling Stations - a reduction from 4)	Dykesmains Road	Saltcoats		KA21 6DE	N906	Parkhouse Road (Nos 62 and 62A); Sorbie Road (Nos 63); Whitteels Court	Part of Ward 5 Polling District N502 (estimated 202 electors) moved to Ward 9 Polling District N906. These Electors previously voted at Whitteels Community Centre and it recommended that they now vote at St Anthony's Primary School with the remainder of Polling District N906.	2078
9							Greenacres to Three Sisters Court and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors. The entire Ward 5 Polling District N503 moves to New Ward 9 Polling District N906. These Electors will continue to vote at St. Anthony's PS.	
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2078

Ward	Polling Place	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Polling District	Street Splits	Comments	Estimated Polling District Electorate
10	WARD 10 - IRVINE SOUTH - ESTIMATED TOTAL ELECTORATE - 8930 Loudoun Montgomery PS (replacing Fullarton Community Centre for 2016/17) (est 3 Polling Stations)	Ayr Road	Irvine		KA12 8DF	N121	Auchengate to Waterside and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Loudoun Montgomery PS as the entire Ward 1 Polling District N111 moved to Ward 10 Polling District N121.	2479
10	Volunteer Rooms (one Polling Station only) ALSO BEING USED FOR WARD 1	19 High Street	Irvine		KA12 0BA	N122	Carnoustie Place; Glenbervie Wynd; Gleneagles Place; Gullane Court; Lyle Gardens; Muirfield Court; St. Andrews Way; Turnberry Wynd	There is no change for these electors . Part of Ward 1 Polling District N110 moved into new Ward 10, Polling District N122. These Electors previously voted at the Volunteer Rooms and it is recommended that they continue to vote there. The Volunteer Rooms is also being used for Ward 1 and arrangements put in place to ensure that they are separate from those voting in Ward 10.	505
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2984
10	Drybridge Community Centre (one Polling Station only)	4 Main Street	Drybridge		KA11 6BY	N123	Auchengate to Shewalton Road and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Drybridge CC as the entire Ward 1 Polling District N112 moved to Ward 10 Polling District N123.	161
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	161
10	Townend Community Centre (est 4 Polling Stations)	15 Townfoot	Dreghorn	Irvine	KA11 4EQ	N124	Annick Drive to Wood Grove and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Townend CC as the entire Ward 2 Polling District N210 moved to Ward 10 Polling District N124.	2790
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	2790

Ward	Polling Place	Address 1	Address 2	Address 3	Address 4	Polling District	Street Splits	Comments	Estimated Polling District Electorate
10	Elderbank Primary School (est 3 Polling Stations - an increase from 2)	St Kilda Bank	Broomlands	Irvine	KA11 1LA	N127	Broomlands Gate to Stronsay Way	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Elderbank PS as the entire Ward 2 Polling District N207 moved to Ward 10 Polling District N127.	1174
10						N125	Pladda Avenue to St Kilda Place	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Elderbank PS as the entire Ward 2 Polling District N209 moved to Ward 10 Polling District N125.	340
10						N126	Barra Crescent to Gigha Terrace and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Elderbank PS as the entire Ward 2 Polling District N208 moved to Ward 10 Polling District N126.	287
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1801
10	Springside Community Centre (est 2 Polling Stations)	Overtoun Road	Springside	Irvine	KA11 3BG	N128	Bourtreshill Cottage to Warrickdale and Other Electors	There is no change for these electors - they will continue to vote at Springside CC as the entire Ward 2 Polling District N205 moved to Ward 10 Polling District N128.	1014
								TOTAL FOR POLLING PLACE	1014

NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Agenda Item 11

21 December 2016

North Ayrshire Council

Title: **Safeguarding the Ardrossan to Brodick and Campbeltown Ferry services**

Purpose: To seek approval for the submission of a Prospectus to the Scottish Government which will set out the case for the retention of the Ardrossan to Brodick and Campbeltown ferry services.

Recommendation: That the Council agrees to:-

a) submit a Prospectus which sets out the strong case for the retention of the Arran and Campbeltown ferry services in Ardrossan; and

b) delegate to the Cabinet the approval of the financial case for investment in Ardrossan Harbour, which would be subject to a long term commitment by Scottish Government to the retention of the Ardrossan to Brodick and Campbeltown ferry services.

1. Executive Summary

1.1 In August 2016, the owners of the port of Troon, Associated British Ports (ABP) made an unsolicited bid to the Scottish Government to secure the ferry service currently operating from Ardrossan to Brodick on the Isle of Arran. The service has been provided from Ardrossan since 1834 and its loss would have a significant detrimental impact on the town and North Ayrshire through the loss of direct and indirect employment, the potential for stimulating major regeneration in the heart of Ardrossan, the creation of a large vacant site and the loss of the primary source of visitors to the town. Any such move would offer no benefit to either Ayrshire as a whole or ferry passengers.

1.2 North Ayrshire Council unanimously agreed on 9 November to support the case for the retention of the Arran and Campbeltown routes for Ardrossan. Several events have since been held to gauge the opinion of local residents and the business community. This has demonstrated a significant level of support from groups such as the Arran Economic Group, Arran Ferry Committee, North Ayrshire Economic Development and Regeneration Board, and the Three Towns Locality Planning Partnerships. It is also supported by local businesses and public sector partner organisations.

- 1.3 This report seeks approval for the submission of a Prospectus to the Scottish Government setting out the strong case for the retention of the route sailing from Ardrossan to both Brodick and Campbeltown. The Prospectus includes proposals for the Council to work in partnership with the current owners of the harbour area, Peel Ports to together deliver significant investment in the harbour. Together with investment in the harbour area it is envisaged that a long term commitment to the retention of the ferry services by the Scottish Government would see the delivery of investment of over £100M in Ardrossan over a 20 year period as part of national scale regeneration project, building on the current Ministerial Task Force in place for Ardrossan.
- 1.4 A decision on the harbour is expected to be made by the Minister for Transport and the Islands in Spring 2017.

2. Background

- 2.1 In August 2016, the owners of the port of Troon, Associated British Ports (ABP) made an unsolicited bid to the Scottish Government to secure the ferry sailing currently operating from Ardrossan to Brodick on the Isle of Arran. This would end a service which has been provided from Ardrossan since 1834 and have a significant detrimental impact on the town through the loss of direct and indirect employment, the creation of a large vacant site and the loss of the primary source of visitors to the town. Any such move would offer no benefit to either Ayrshire as a whole or ferry passengers.
- 2.2 As well as the negative economic impact any such move would have for Ardrossan, there is considered to be no case in technical or financial terms to support a relocation of the service to Troon. Ardrossan offers the shortest, fastest and cheapest means of accessing Arran, and has seen significant success in terms of passenger growth since the introduction of the Scottish Governments Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) scheme in October 2014. The Ardrossan to Brodick route currently sees passenger traffic of 762,000 passengers and 190,000 cars per annum. This represents a rise of around 10% in passengers and 40% in cars since the introduction of RET in 2014. Ardrossan also accommodates the relatively new route to Campbeltown on the Kintyre Peninsula, and the Scottish Government have confirmed their intention that the two destinations will always be served by the same port.

Bid by ABP

- 2.3 The Minister for Transport and the Islands indicated in August 2016 that an offer had been made by ABP to accommodate the Arran route at Troon. From information released to the press and presented to Arran residents, it is understood that ABP would propose to invest a sum of around £8M should a commitment be made to operate the ferry services from Troon. ABP have also announced a £50,000 per year community benefit fund for Arran residents should their bid be successful.
- 2.4 Limited information is available and "artists' impressions" would suggest the proposals for Troon would appear to have been developed to only a limited extent. A number of shortcomings have been identified with the ABP proposals compared to the offer at Ardrossan in terms of cost, length of journey, integration with public transport, logistics, etc.

Response to Scottish Government

- 2.5 The Council meeting of November 9th unanimously agreed a motion to support the retention of the Ardrossan to Brodick and Campbeltown routes as the shorter, quicker and cheaper route, and to work with the communities of Ardrossan and Arran, the current operators, Peel Ports, and the Scottish Government to take all necessary steps to retain the lifeline service.
- 2.6 Since then, Transport Scotland have indicated that an assessment of both proposals is to be undertaken following the Scottish Governments Strategic Transport Appraisal Guidance methodology by the end of February 2017, to inform a decision shortly thereafter. A consultant has been appointed to undertake this appraisal to look at the options of both mainland port options objectively. This appraisal will take into account the local social and economic situation, the impact on total public spending (including costs to the local authority under either scenario) and, principally, the needs of ferry users.
- 2.7 Officers have worked with the owners of the Harbour, Peel Ports Ltd, to develop a response to inform the decision and it is proposed that a Prospectus will be submitted to the Scottish Government in support of and demonstrating the advantages of the services continuing to operate from Ardrossan. While parts of the Prospectus will be submitted in confidence within a commercial case, the summary document attached at Appendix 1 sets out some of the main points contained in the Prospectus. The summary Prospectus will be submitted by 23 December, with the commercial case submitted by 23 January 2017.

- 2.8 In addition the factors of economic/regeneration and travel integration are considered to be key to the decision making process and these points are covered below.

Key Points	Response
Economic Impact	The economic and social impact of the loss of the Arran and Campbeltown ferry routes from Ardrossan would be significant. Ardrossan suffers from levels of deprivation and unemployment at twice the Scottish average and contains significant areas of derelict land due to the historical loss of local industries such as Shell. The loss of the ferry services would see the loss of around 165 jobs in the local area. While some of these jobs may transfer were a move to proceed, it would effectively see employment move from one of Ayrshire's most deprived towns, to one of Ayrshire's most affluent towns for no overall benefit to the region. A move to Troon would impact in financial terms on the Arran economy due to increased fares and potentially less visitors due to increased journey times.
Regeneration & Inclusive Growth	Securing the retention of the ferry route and associated improvements would be the catalyst for the delivery of new development on the back of successes such as the marina, health centre, ASDA supermarket and housing development. The loss of the ferry terminal would see the loss of regeneration momentum, further urban dereliction through the creation of a large vacant site, and the loss of identity and the principal source of visitors to the town. On the other hand, securing the route would facilitate new investment and encourage wider regeneration through the provision of improved links between the Harbour area to the town centre, further expansion of the marina and housing development at Ardrossan North Shore. This has the potential to secure investment of over £100M in Ardrossan through a national scale regeneration project building on the Ministerial Task Force established in February 2016.
Integration	Ardrossan represents the shortest, fastest and cheapest sailing. It offers immediate rail transfer and easier access to the trunk road network. In terms of reliability there is no difference between the two ports and the new ferry has been designed specifically to berth at Ardrossan.

Investment Proposals

- 2.9 Officers have worked with the owners of the harbour area, Peel Ports to develop proposals for investment should a long term commitment to the services be provided by the Scottish Government. While significant sums have been invested in maintenance by Peel Ports on an annual basis, a commitment to significant additional capital investment could not be made without a long term contract.

- 2.10 Figures of £25 to £30M have been quoted as the investment required for Ardrossan Harbour. This figure is equivalent to the value of the new infrastructure at Brodick. It does not reflect the value of the required, or indeed assessed, investment for Ardrossan Harbour. This is currently assessed at £13M, which is comparable with the Troon estimates.
- 2.11 A long term commitment would see the delivery of the following:
- Investment by Peel in Marine Infrastructure through one new and one improved linkspan, repairs to harbour wall and fenders, improved navigational infrastructure; and,
 - Investment in Land infrastructure through a new terminal building, improved public realm links to the town centre, resurfaced car park and expanded marshalling areas with revised access arrangements.
- 2.12 An illustration of the investments proposed is included within the summary Prospectus at Appendix 1.
- 2.13 Investment in the critical marine infrastructure and the majority of the land infrastructure can be in place in time for the delivery of the new Arran ferry in Autumn 2018 subject to a timely decision on the future of the ferry services. The development of a new terminal building would be likely to follow with delivery into 2019, although the existing facility could remain operational until this point.
- 2.14 To facilitate this investment, options are under review with Peel Ports for the delivery of investment in, and ongoing management and maintenance of the harbour infrastructure. In addition, IBRC have agreed to support the Ardrossan bid and have indicated that they are willing to commit significant funds to enabling the development and regeneration of the harbour area as part of their legacy plans.
- 2.15 Together with investment in the harbour area, it is envisaged that a long term commitment to the retention of the ferry service by the Scottish Government could see the delivery of investment of over £100M in Ardrossan over a 20 year period. This would be primarily related to the harbour investment, marina extension, housing and the new Ardrossan Academy for the town. This level of investment would be put at risk should the ferry services be relocated to Troon given the impact on investor confidence in the town.

3. Proposals

3.1 It is proposed that the Council agrees to:

- a) submit a Prospectus which sets out the strong case for the retention of the Arran and Campbeltown ferry services in Ardrossan; and
- b) delegate to the Cabinet the approval of the financial case for investment in Ardrossan Harbour, which would be subject to a long term commitment by Scottish Government to the retention of the Ardrossan to Brodick and Campbeltown ferry services.

3.2 This Prospectus, jointly produced by the Council and Peel Ports aims to communicate the strong case for the retention of the Ardrossan to Brodick and Campbeltown sailings to the Scottish Government. A summary is attached at Appendix 1. This work will inform a decision, to be made by the Minister for Transport and the Islands in Spring 2017.

4. Implications

Financial:	<p>It is proposed that Peel Ports and NAC work in partnership to deliver significant capital sums on the marine and land infrastructure at Ardrossan Harbour. This would see total investment of £13M on linkspans, repairs to harbour wall and fenders, improved navigational infrastructure, a passenger access system, a new terminal building, car park improvements, reconfigured marshalling and access, and improved public realm links to Ardrossan town centre.</p> <p>The Irvine Bay Regeneration Company have made a commitment to support the investment through their legacy business plan. Additional sources of external funding will also be pursued to support the investment.</p> <p>Further reports will be brought to Cabinet to consider financial implications.</p>
Human Resources:	<p>There are no human resource implications arising from the report.</p>
Legal:	<p>Negotiation will be entered into with Peel Ports and further reports will be presented to the Council's Cabinet on the terms of the investment. Initial discussions have been held with the Scottish Government State aid unit and this will continue as the commercial case and investment requirements are developed further with Peel Ports.</p>

Equality:	There are no equality implications arising from the report.
Environmental & Sustainability:	There are no environmental or sustainability implications arising from the report
Key Priorities:	<p>The retention of the Arran and Campbeltown sailings at Ardrossan would support our corporate priority of growing our economy, increasing employment and regenerating our towns. It also has potential to contribute to other priorities including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working together to develop stronger communities; ● Ensuring people have the right skills for learning, life and work; and, ● Protecting and enhancing the environment for future generations.
Community Benefits:	There are no community benefit implications arising from the report.

5. Consultation

5.1 A number of events have been held to determine the views of and support from local residents and the business community. This has included:

- A 'Save Our Ferry' event held in Ardrossan on 24 November was attended by over 200 local residents, as well as national and local politicians.
- A 'Keep it A to B' public event held on Arran on 8 December and attended by around 150 Arran residents.

5.2 A presentation summarising the case for Ardrossan and the content of the Prospectus has also been presented to the following groups, all of which have expressed their support

- North Ayrshire Economic Development and Regeneration Board;
- Arran Economic Group;
- Arran Ferry Committee;
- Three Towns Locality Planning Partnership; and,
- Irvine Bay Regeneration Company.

- 5.3 In addition a number of local businesses have expressed their support for the retention of the service including ASDA, Cecchini, and Clyde Marine.



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Background Papers

Please note that Appendix 1 was also circulated to Elected Members on 16 December 2016.