



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

North Ayrshire Council Meeting

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Licensing Committee

8 May 2024

At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m. involving a combination of participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance within the Council Chambers, Irvine

Present (Physical Participation)

Nairn McDonald, John Bell, Cameron Inglis, Christina Larsen, Jean McClung, Matthew McLean and Ronnie Stalker.

Present (Remote Participation)

Donald L. Reid.

In Attendance

R. Lynch, Senior Manager, D. Grier, Solicitor (Legal Services); C. Pollock, Licensing Administration Officer, A. Toal, Administration Assistant, S. Dalgoutte and A. Kellas, Senior Clerical Assistants (Licensing); C. Boyd, Team Manager (Environmental Health) and C. Stewart, Committee Services Officer (Corporate Services).

Also in Attendance

Sergeant S. Syme (Police Scotland).

Chair

Councillor McDonald in the Chair.

Apologies

Eleanor Collier and Angela Stephen.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 10 April 2024 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Exclusion of the Public

The Committee resolved, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public, for Case 1 in respect of Agenda Item 3 (Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes: Licensing Matters) on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in Section 50J of, and Schedule 7A to, the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The 'Exempt Information' concerned is information of the type described in one or more of Paragraphs 3, 6, 14 and 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act:

3. "Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority."
6. "Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority)."
14. "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime."
15. "The identity of a Protected Informant" - where "Protected Informant" is defined in Part III as a person who informs the Local Authority about a past, present or future crime, breach of statutory duty, breach of planning control, or nuisance."

4. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes: Licensing Matters

4.1 Taxi Driver's Licence: TDL/02464 (New): Ian Bruce (Case 1 in Agenda)

The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, was present. A representative from Police Scotland was in attendance.

Police Scotland addressed the Committee on the terms of a letter setting out their representation.

The applicant then addressed the Committee on the issues raised and responded to questions.

The Committee agreed that it had sufficient information available to allow it to make a decision in respect of this matter.

The applicant and representative from Police Scotland then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate. Thereafter the applicant and representative from Police Scotland re-joined the meeting, with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance, to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

Councillor McClung, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that the application be granted. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to grant the application subject to the Council's standard conditions in terms of Paragraph 5(1)(a) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

4.2 Short Terms Lets: NA00245P: Charles Fforde (Case 2 in Agenda) Short Term Lets: NA00257, NA00258, NA00259P, NA00260P and NA00261P: Strabane Enterprises Limited (Cases 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 in Agenda)

Councillor McDonald, Chair, informed the Committee that Police Scotland had withdrawn their objection in respect of the applications.

Decision

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to grant the applications under The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-Term Lets) Order 2022 No. 32 ("the STL Order") subject to (a) the Mandatory Conditions set out in Schedule 3 to the STL Order; and (b) the additional local condition set out as "The First Exception" in Paragraph 10(b) of the Committee's "Licensing Policy Statement on Short-Term Let Licensing".

4.3 Short Terms Lets: NA00382P: John Campbell (Case 8 in Agenda)

The licence-holder, having been duly cited to attend, was present. No objectors were present but their written objections in relation to the application were taken into consideration by the Committee.

The Committee agreed that it had sufficient information available to allow it to make a decision in respect of this matter.

The applicant then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate. Thereafter the applicant rejoined the meeting, with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance, to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

Councillor Reid, seconded by Councillor McLean, moved that the application be granted. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to grant the application under The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-Term Lets) Order 2022 No. 32 ("the STL Order") subject to (a) the Mandatory Conditions set out in Schedule 3 to the STL Order, (b) the additional local condition set out as "The First Exception" in Paragraph 10(b) of the Committee's "Licensing Policy Statement on Short-Term Let Licensing" and (c) a further additional condition requiring the applicant to provide contact details to the residents/occupiers of the block of flats containing the application address.

5. Public Entertainment Resolution under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services advising the Committee on the procedure for the review of its Public Entertainment Licence and to determine the terms of its Resolution on such for public consultation.

The Senior Manager (Legal Services) and the representative from Environmental Health were heard in clarification of certain matters as well as in answer to Members' questions.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the terms of the report; (b) that the List of places and activities needing a Licence in Part (A) of Appendix 2 to the report be revised on the basis discussed at the meeting, i.e. that "car cruise events or vehicle displays" be added to the List of places and activities, and also the expansion of the definition of 'exhibition' in said Appendix; (c) that the terms of the proposed resolution contained in Appendix 2, subject to the amendment referred to at (b) above, be consulted upon in terms of the required Statutory process under the Civic Government (Scotland)

Act 1982; and (e) that a further report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee in order to determine the final Resolution.

6. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 10.50 a.m.



North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership

**Minute of Integration Joint Board meeting held on
Thursday 9 May 2024 at 10.00 a.m.**

**involving participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance
within the Council Chambers, Irvine.**

Present (Physical Participation)

Voting Members

Councillor Margaret Johnson, North Ayrshire Council (Chair)
Joyce White, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Anthea Dickson, North Ayrshire Council

Professional Advisers

Caroline Cameron, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership
Paul Doak, Head of Service (HSCP Finance and Transformation)/Section 95 Officer
Scott Hunter, Chief Social Work Officer
Thelma Bowers, Mental Health Adviser
Darren Fullarton, Associate Nurse Director/Lead Nurse
Iain Jamieson, Clinical Director
Sharon Hackney, Lead Allied Health Professional

Stakeholder Representatives

Scott Wally, Staff Representative

Present (Remote Participation)

Voting Members

Councillor Timothy Billings, North Ayrshire Council
Jean Ford, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Tom Hopkins, NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Professional Advisers

Wendy Van Riet, Director of Psychological Services

Stakeholders Representative

Vicki Yuill, Third Sector Rep/Chair Arran Locality Forum

In Attendance (Physical Participation)

Elizabeth Stewart, Head of Service (Children, Families and Justice)
Kerry Logan, Head of Service (Health and Community Care)
Lee Ballantyne, Senior Manager (Strategic Planning and Transformation)
Eleanor Currie, Principal Manager, (Finance)
Kimberley Mroz, SDS Policy Review Manager
Arthur Coutts, Team Manager (Child, Families & Justice)
Vicki Campbell, Head of Primary and Urgent Care Services
Claire McCamon, Senior Manager Primary Care Services

Dalene Steel, Associate Nurse Director
Julie Mitchell, Senior Officer (ASP) (Health & Community Care)
Linda Taylor, Team Manager, Litigation (Legal Services)
Fraser Bedwell, Chief Executive - Unity
Karen Andrews, Team Manager (Governance)
Shannon Wilson, Committee Services Officer
Hayley Clancy, Committee Services Officer

In Attendance (Remote Participation)

Michelle Sutherland, Partnership Facilitator, HSCP

Apologies

Councillor Nairn McDonald
Elaine Young
Marc Mazzucco

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 7.2 and Section 5.14 of the Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies.

3. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2024 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7(10) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3.1 Matters Arising from the Action Note

Updates in terms of the Action Note were detailed as follows:

- **Community Mental Health Fund** – Scheduled for May 2024.
- **Audit Scotland report** - Scheduled for later in the year.
- **Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report: Justice Services Update** – Scheduled for June 2024.

4. Community Nursing Transformation Update

Submitted report and received presentation by Darlene Steel, Associate Nurse Director (NHS) and Kerry Logan, Head of Service (Health and Community Care HSCP) on the progress of the outputs from the Community Nursing Review. The consultation for the Community Nursing review was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- improvement information feeding back and next stage measurements;
- public perception and the measures in place to help inform the public;

- prioritising risks associated with the way Community Nurses record care; and
- current IT system not being fit for purpose.

Noted.

5. Primary Care General Medical Services Update

Submitted report by Vicki Campbell, Head of Primary and Urgent Care Services on the provision of General Medical Services (GMS) across Ayrshire and Arran.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- General Medical Services fragility and associated risks escalated to Board and Director level;
- the successful bid for an additional £3.5m to further implement the contractual elements of the GMS contract; and
- communication channels used to convey the outcomes of the work.

Noted.

6. Primary Urgent Care Update

Submitted report by Vicki Campbell, Head of Primary and Urgent Care Services on the provision of primary urgent care services delivered through the Ayrshire Urgent Care Service.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- financial implications and next steps to further support success; and
- Urgent Care Services workforce

Noted.

7. Dental Services Update

Submitted report by Vicki Campbell, Head of Primary and Urgent Care Services on the actions and measures that have been taken forward in the last six months to further sustain service delivery as well as the current status with the ongoing review for the vision of dentistry across Ayrshire and Arran.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- the oral health support programme for prisoners;
- health needs assessment; and
- sedation service patient increase and plans to address this increase.

Noted.

8. Brighter Pathways: Re-Modelling Care Options

Submitted report by Elizabeth Stewart, Head of Service (Children, Families and Justice) on the programme of work and current pressures on placement availability and alternative care for any child and young person in the looked after system.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- Brighter Pathways programme of work providing regular updates to IJB;
- current pressures on placements; and
- housing representative on the programme board.

Noted.

9. Director's Report

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) on the developments within the North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

Noted.

10. Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund Update

Submitted report by Vicki Yuill, Arran Community & Voluntary Service on Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund year 1 report and interim year 2 data.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to the positive value the work had in terms of the Community Link Workers.

Noted.

11. Equality Mainstreaming and Outcomes Report 2022- 2024

Submitted report by Caroline Cameron, Director (NAHSCP) on the Equality Mainstreaming and Outcomes Report, set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to the ambitious goals for equality outcomes.

The Board agreed to approve the Equality Mainstreaming and Outcomes Report for publication.

12. Unpaid Carers Service Developments in North Ayrshire

Submitted report by Scott Hunter, Chief Social Work Officer (NAHSCP) on the developments to expand and improve support for unpaid carers in North Ayrshire

The Board agreed to (a) note the advancement and impact for improved carer information and support services; and (b) annual progress updates brought to future IJB meetings.

13. Strategic Inspection of Adult Support and Protection in North Ayrshire

Submitted report by Scott Hunter, Chief Social Work Officer (NAHSCP) on the outcomes of the strategic inspection of adult support and protection completed by the Care Inspectorate, Health Improvement Scotland and His Majesties Inspectorate of Constabularies

Noted.

14. Community Alarm and Telecare Service transition from Analogue to Digital Update

Submitted report by Kerry Logan, Head of Service (Health and Community Care) on the Community Alarm and Telecare Service transition from Analogue to Digital Service.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to similar challenges across Scotland.

Noted.

15. Whistleblowing Report Quarter 3, October – 31 December 2023

Submitted report by Karen Callaghan, Corporate Governance Co-ordinator, in relation to whistleblowing concerns raised in Quarter 3 (October – 31 December 2023).

Noted.

The meeting ended at 1:00pm

Planning Committee 22 May 2024

At a Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m. involving a combination of participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance within the Council Chambers, Irvine.

Present (Physical Participation)

Robert Foster, Scott Davidson, Stewart Ferguson, Cameron Inglis, Davina McTiernan and Chloé Robertson.

Present (Remote Participation)

Timothy Billings and Jim Montgomerie.

In Attendance (Physical Participation)

A. Finlayson, Chief Planning Officer; R. Lynch, Senior Manager (Legal Services), C. Stewart and S. Wilson, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services) (Corporate Services).

Chair

Councillor Foster in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 April 2024 were confirmed and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. 24/00307/PP: Blairland Farm, Dalry

A Section 42 application has been sought by the Blair Trust Co. Ltd. in relation to some of the planning conditions attached to permission in principle for a major housing development at Blairland Farm in Dalry. The site has been allocated for residential development purposes since the adoption of the Council's first Local Development Plan in May 2014.

The Chief Planning Officer advised the Committee on representations received and officer responses in terms of the application.

A Member asked a question and was provided with information in relation to the position concerning delegation, in the event there was any variation in respect of conditions 8. and 9., as noted below and listed in the report:-

The Committee unanimously agreed that the application be granted, subject to the following conditions:-

1. That, along with the first application for the approval of matters specified in conditions (MSC), further intrusive site investigations shall be undertaken to establish the location and condition of the recorded mine entries, the results of which shall inform the layout of the detailed masterplan required by Condition 5 and any subsequent remediation works which may be required. Confirmation shall be submitted in writing to North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority and certified by a suitably qualified person that the required site investigations and any subsequent remedial works have been undertaken.
2. That, along with the first application for the approval of matters specified in conditions (MSC), a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation, the results of which shall inform the layout of the detailed masterplan required by Condition 5, shall be submitted for the approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. Thereafter, the developer shall ensure that the approved programme of archaeological works is fully implemented (taking phasing into account) and that all recording and recovery of archaeological resources within the development site is undertaken to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.
3. That, along with the first application for the approval of matters specified in conditions (MSC), a scheme to treat the surface water arising from the site in accordance with the principles and practices contained in CIRIA's "Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems Manual", (November 2015), the results of which shall inform the layout of the detailed masterplan required by Condition 5, shall be submitted for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. For the avoidance of doubt: - there shall be no drainage connections to the trunk road drainage system;
 - all waste water arising from the development must be collected and diverted away from operational railway land;
 - all surface water arising from the development must be collected and discharged no closer than 10 metres from operational railway land; and,
 - the SuDS scheme shall not be sited within 10 metres of railway infrastructure.

Thereafter, the scheme as may be approved shall be implemented during the course of development (taking phasing into account) and maintained thereafter to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

4. That, along with the first application for the approval of matters specified in conditions (MSC), a detailed flood risk assessment (FRA) which identifies the areas of the site at risk of flooding, taking into account the impact of the development on flood risk elsewhere, shall be submitted for the approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. Thereafter, the FRA as may be approved shall inform the layout of the detailed masterplan required by Condition 5. For the avoidance of any doubt, no built development or infrastructure should be located within the 1 in 200 year functional floodplain.
5. That, along with the first application for the approval of matters specified in conditions (MSC), a development brief together with a masterplan for the site shall be submitted for the approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. The brief and masterplan shall take into account the findings of the further intrusive

site investigations, archaeological investigations, the detailed SuDS scheme and flood risk assessments required by conditions 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

The development brief and associated masterplan shall take into account the principles of the Scottish Government's 'Designing Streets' and 'Designing Places' policy documents to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

Thereafter, the details contained in the MSC application(s) shall accord with the development brief and masterplan as may be approved, to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

6. That application(s) for the approval of matters specified in conditions (MSC) shall include a scheme of mitigation measures for the design and construction of the houses to ensure that the noise levels at each plot shall not exceed the following:

- (a) Daytime external level, 50-55dB LAeq 16hrs (0700-2300);
- (b) Night time internal level, 30dB LAeq 8hrs (2300-0700); and
- (c) Night time internal level, 45dB LA Max (2300-0700).

Thereafter, the development shall be implemented only in accordance with the approved scheme of noise mitigation measures unless North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority gives written consent to any variation.

7. That, prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the developer shall implement the recommendations contained within the "Preliminary Geo-Environmental Risk Assessment including Coal Mining Risk Assessment Report" dated March 2014 by Waterman (document reference EED14275-100-R-1-2-1-JLD-PERA) and also the recommendations contained within the "Preliminary Slag Analysis Report" by Waterman dated 7th July 2014 (document reference EED14275-100-C-001-SC-HW) in order to assess the likelihood of any ground contamination present at the site. Remediation proposals shall also be presented to North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority in relation to any significant findings. All documentation shall meet BS 10175:2011 and shall be verified by a suitably qualified environmental consultant. Thereafter, the presence of any significant unsuspected contamination which becomes evident during the development of the site shall be reported to North Ayrshire Council and treated in accordance with a remediation scheme to be agreed in writing with North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. On completion of the proposed works, written verification, detailing what was done by way of any remediation, shall also be submitted to North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.
8. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the developer shall submit a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority, which shall include details of routing arrangements for construction traffic. For the avoidance of doubt, the CEMP shall be designed to reduce potential adverse impacts on road safety and to minimise potential disruption and congestion for road users, pedestrians and local residents. Thereafter, the development shall progress in accordance with the CEMP as approved.

9. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the developer shall submit a Phasing Plan for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority to include all land within the application site, and the development shall progress in accordance with the approved Phasing Plan.
10. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the developer shall submit details of the lighting within the site for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland.
11. That prior to the commencement of the development hereby approved, the developer shall submit details of the landscaping treatment along the boundary with the A737 Dalry bypass trunk road for the written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority, after consultation with Transport Scotland.
12. That, prior to the occupation of any dwellings within the development, a barrier/boundary feature of a type to be approved in writing by North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority in consultation with Transport Scotland shall be erected and maintained along the proposed boundary of the site with the A737 Dalry Bypass trunk road. In addition, the developer shall provide a suitable trespass proof fence adjacent to Network Rail's boundary, which shall include provision for access to facilitate future maintenance and renewal.
13. That the recommendations of the "Bat Survey Report" (ref. EED14275-100-R-2-2-1) and "Preliminary Ecological Survey" (ref. EED14275-100_R_1_1_2_WE) by Waterman shall be reviewed, updated and taken into account during the MSC stage and implemented during the course of the development to the satisfaction of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.
14. That the development shall initially be limited to a maximum of 25 house completions per annum unless otherwise agreed in writing between the developer and North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority. Thereafter, at 2 yearly intervals following the commencement of the development until its completion, a review of the build rate shall be undertaken by the developer to consider new house completions, new house sales and local primary school capacity. Each review shall propose the number of houses that can be completed during the following 2-year period (at a rate of not less than 25 units per annum), and shall be submitted for the consideration and written approval of North Ayrshire Council as Planning Authority.

4. 24/00331/PP: 'Endmoor', Lochlibo Road, Burnhouse KA15 1LF

A Section 42 application has been sought by Mrs Patricia Wilson for permission to delete a condition that was imposed on a planning permission granted in 2002 for the erection of a dwellinghouse within the settlement of Burnhouse (ref. 02/00232/PP).

The Chief Planning Officer advised the Committee on the background to the request and on relevant Development Plan policies.

The Committee unanimously agreed to approve the application with no conditions.

5. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 2.20 p.m.

Audit and Scrutiny Committee
30 May 2024

At a Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m. involving participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance within the Council Chambers, Irvine.

Present (Physical Participation)

John Bell, Donald Reid, Cameron Inglis, Matthew McLean and Donald L. Reid.

Present (Remote Participation)

Davina McTiernan.

In Attendance (Physical Participation)

D. Hammond, Executive Director, R. Leith, Head of Service (Connected Communities), L. Cree, Senior Manager (Property Management and Investment) and A. Elliot, Senior Manager (Housing Operations) (Communities and Housing); T. Reaney, Head of Service (Neighbourhood Services) (Place); A. McClelland, Head of Service (Education); P. Doak, Head of Service (Finance and Transformation) (Health and Social Care Partnership); M. Boyd, Head of Service, D. Forbes Senior Manager (Strategic Business Partner) and L. Miller, Senior Manager (Audit, Fraud, Safety and Risk) (Finance); F. Walker, Head of Service, J. McNeil, Senior Manager (ICT) and E. Nixon, Senior Manager (Customer Services) (People and ICT); and A. Craig, Head of Service, I. Hardy, Team Manager (Policy & Performance), C. Stewart and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services) (Corporate Services).

Also in Attendance (Physical Participation)

D. Jamieson, Audit Scotland.

Chair

Councillor Bell in the Chair.

Apologies

Eleanor Collier, Tom Marshall and John Sweeney.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 March 2024 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Construction Contract Quality Monitoring

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) providing an update on the Council's approach to Construction Contract delivery.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to Contractor performance.

Noted.

4. 2023/24 Elected Member Requests Report

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Democratic) informing of the Council's performance in handling Elected Member requests and the volumes and trends of Elected Member requests handled in Financial Year 2023/24.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the following:-

- the EM Pro (Lagan) system particularly regarding logging requests, and some previous and historical issues surrounding reliability and downtime; and
- training and development sessions that could be arranged to facilitate greater use of the system, while noting that a new system would be getting rolled out in October 2024, which would be supported by training and guidance on how to use it.

Noted.

5. 2023/24 Complaint Report

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Democratic) informing of the Council's complaint handling performance and the volumes and trends of complaints received in Financial Year 2023/24. The report detailed the volume of complaints received and closed, complaints closed at each stage, complaint outcomes, the average time in working days for a full response at each stage, complaints closed within timescale, complaint timescale extensions, trends identified from upheld/partially upheld complaints and changes or improvements made as a result of complaints and compliments received.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- the nature of some of the complaints received including those relating to Education, and an explanation of the processes involved;
- the process involved with missed bin collections, including frequency of collection, presentation rates and resource availability; and
- the issue of replacement purple bin lids, which had an action plan in place, and the backlog of same which was being addressed.

It was agreed that in respect of future reports, there would be a comparison table with the previous two financial years in respect of Complaint outcomes and that the relevant information would be circulated to Members for the financial years 21/22 and 22/23.

Noted.

6. Code of Corporate Governance Statement 2024/25

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Democratic) seeking approval of the Code of Governance Statement 2024/25. The Code of Corporate Governance Statement 2024/25 was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- training and development of Elected Members particularly in relation to the Local Development Plan (LDP) and Planning generally, which would be taken forward by officers to ensure that appropriate and regular update training was scheduled in the near future; and
- training sessions held and attendance.

The Committee agreed to (a) approve the Code of Corporate Governance Statement 2024/25, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) otherwise note the content of the report and associated Appendix.

7. Accounts Commission's Report: Local Government in Scotland: Financial Bulletin 2022/23

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) informing of the findings of the recently published report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to progress with the tourist and visitor levy and council tax multiplier proposals.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the findings of the recent Accounts Commission report; and (b) note the current position of North Ayrshire Council in relation to the findings.

8. 2022/23 External Audit Action Plan Update

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the updated actions identified in the 2022/23 External Audit Action Plan. Appendix 1 to the report provided an update on the management actions taken to date including updated target dates for any outstanding items.

The Committee agreed to note the updates to the agreed Action Plans as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

9. Annual Governance Statement 2023/24

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24 which will be included within the draft Annual Accounts. The draft Annual Governance Statement was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

A Member asked a question and received clarification on the scheduling of political engagement in relation to the budget process.

The Committee agreed to approve the draft Annual Governance Statement as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

10. Accounting Policies 2023/24

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) seeking approval of the accounting policies which will be adopted in the preparation of the Council's Annual Accounts for the year to 31 March 2024. The accounting policies were attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Clarification was provided on the definition of a "soft loan" and Members noted that the Council has no loans granted on this basis.

The Committee agreed to approve the accounting policies as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

11. Strategic Risk Register 2024/25

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the Council's agreed Strategic Risk Register for 2024/25. The Strategic Risk Register Report 2024/25, with detailed actions, was provided at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to the following:-

- the Financial sustainability of the Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), including the impact of financial challenges faced by funding partners, and potential budget gaps in terms of funding; and
- Business continuity and resilience, including cyber-security risk.

Noted.

12. Internal Audit Annual Report 2023/24

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the work of Internal Audit during 2023/24 and providing an opinion on the governance, risk management and internal control environment of the Council. The Annual Report 2023/24, together with a statement on internal controls, was detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked a question and were provided with assurance on the sufficiency of the staffing complement to deliver the work plan.

The Committee agreed to note (a) the content of the annual report detailed at Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) the opinion of the Senior Manager on the Council's governance, risk management and internal control environment.

13. Corporate Fraud Team Annual Report 2023/24

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the work of the Corporate Fraud Team during 2023/24, where 398 referrals for investigation had been received.

The Senior Manager (Internal Audit, Risk and Fraud) highlighted investigations which had been carried out across a range of areas, including employee-related matters as well as Council Tax, Discretionary Housing Payments, Scottish Welfare Fund, Blue Badges and Housing tenancy issues. The Committee was advised of joint working arrangements with the DWP Single Fraud Investigation Service (SFIS) in cases where there were suspected frauds relating to both DWP Benefits and Council Tax Reduction.

The Senior Manager also referred to the biennial National Fraud Initiative (NFI) work involving matching of relevant datasets across public bodies to identify possible fraud or error for further investigation. The exercise was now complete and details of the full results, as they relate to North Ayrshire, would be reported to a future meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

Noted.

14. Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud Action Plans: Quarter 4 update

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the progress made by Council Services in implementing the agreed actions from Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud reports as at 31 March 2024.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information on progress with the action relating to CCTV in buildings.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the current position with the implementation of Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud actions; and (b) challenge those Services that have not implemented actions within the previously agreed timescales.

15. Internal Audit Reports Issued

Submitted report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of Internal Audit work completed between March and April 2024. The findings from three audit assignments were detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, together with the respective executive summaries and action plans.

Members asked questions and received further information on:

- The number of procurement cards issued; and
- cyber resilience and security and data protection impact assessments.

The Committee agreed to note the outcomes from the Internal Audit work completed as set out in the report and detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

16. Standing Item of Business: Consideration of Future Business for Scrutiny

Members were invited to consider potential items of scrutiny business for future meetings.

Having heard the Head of Democratic Services, it was noted that reports on the Community Asset Transfer process and on the Council's Climate Change target and associated policies would be reported to future meetings of the Committee, for Members' consideration.

17. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

18. Valedictory

As this was the last meeting of the Committee which Laura Miller, Senior Manager (Audit, Fraud, Safety and Risk) would attend prior to moving to a new position, the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, wished Laura all the best for her new position and thanked her for all her work for North Ayrshire Council.

The meeting ended at 11.35 a.m.

Cabinet
4 June 2024

IRVINE, 4 June 2024 - At a Meeting of the Cabinet of North Ayrshire Council at 2.30 p.m.

Present (Physical Participation)

Marie Burns, Tony Gurney, Margaret Johnson, Christina Larsen and Shaun Macaulay and for consideration of Education Authority Business Jacqui McKenzie.

Present (Remote Electronic Participation)

Alan Hill

Also Present

Chloé Robertson

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Chief Executive; D. Hammond, Executive Director, R. Leith, Head of Service (Communities); and J. Greenlees, Senior Manager (Policy, Performance and Community Planning) (Communities and Housing); C. Cameron, Director, E. Stewart, Head of Service (Children, Families and Criminal Justice) (Health and Social Care Partnership); S. Anson, Executive Director, A. McClelland, Head of Service; and K. McCormick, Executive Manager (Education); M. Boyd, Head of Service; and D. Forbes, Senior Manager (Strategic Business Partner) (Finance); T. Reaney, Head of Service (Neighbourhood Services); and L. Kirk, Head of Service (Economic Development, Growth and Regeneration); F. Walker, Head of Service (People & ICT) ; and A. Craig, Head of Service, M. Sugden, Communications Officer, H. Clancy, Senior Committee Services Officer and C. Stewart, Committee Services Officer (Democratic Services).

Chair

Marie Burns in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 30 April 2024 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Third Church Representation on Cabinet (Education)

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Democratic Services) advising of the resignation of Reverend Mark Goodman as the Third Church representative on Cabinet when it considers Education business.

The Chair thanked Reverend Mark Goodman for his contributions to the Education Cabinet and wished him well for the future.

The Cabinet agreed to note the resignation of Reverend Mark Goodman from Cabinet; and advertise for the vacancy of Third Church representative to consider Education business.

4. School Attainment Results

Submitted a report and received a presentation by the Head of Service (Education) on (i) Curriculum for Excellence attainment levels in literacy and numeracy for 2022-23; and (ii) the overall performance of the 2022-23 North Ayrshire Council school leavers as highlighted in the INSIGHT benchmarking tool. Supporting statistics were attached at Appendices 1-6 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- stretch aims included within the service improvement plan and form part of the Standards and Quality report within the service improvement plan annual actions;
- the service improvement plan annual actions report being brought to the next Education Cabinet; and
- ongoing work in North Ayrshire to ensure we are on track including the refreshed strategy on raising attainment and the use of data and the launch of new data tools to support schools.

The Cabinet agreed to note (i) the content of the report, including the progress being made by learners, specifically in literacy and numeracy; (ii) the achievements of school leavers in SQA examinations in 2023; and (iii) the measures being taken to make further improvements to attainment and achievement levels across all schools.

5. Educational Achievement of Care Experienced Learners in North Ayrshire in 2023

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Education) on (i) Curriculum for Excellence Broad General Education (BGE) attainment levels of care experienced learners in 2022; (ii) Senior Phase attainment of care experienced school leavers in 2023; (iii) post-school participation of care experienced learners.

A Member asked a question and was provided with further information in relation to the proposed improvement actions and specific improvements that can be measured.

The Cabinet agreed to note (i) the content of the report, including the progress being made by care experienced learners, specifically in literacy and numeracy; (ii) the achievements of care experienced school leavers in SQA examinations in 2023; (iii) the progress in closing the attainment gap between all learners and care experienced learners; and (iv) the positive progress in post-school participation of care experienced school leavers.

6. Play Pedagogy in the Early Stages of Primary

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Education) with information on the current and proposed approach to play pedagogy in primary school establishments. A collaborative improvement summary of findings was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- the roll out of the approach to all Primary Schools;
- collaborative improvement work with 3 other Local Authorities to progress to phase 2;
- the link to the South West Educational Improvement Collaborative plan and potential changes;
- including parents in the process to capture effective feedback; and
- How play pedagogy will remain a focus for North Ayrshire's Education Service and that there will be a planned programme for teaching and support staff to undertake the necessary professional learning to enable them to take the programme forward.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the current and proposed approach to play pedagogy in our primary schools; and (b) receive further updates through the annual Education Service Standards and Quality Report.

7. Firework Control Zones

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Democratic Services) on the progress made with regard to the new discretionary powers to designate Firework Control Zones and seek Cabinet's approval for the proposed process for handling community requests.

A Member asked a question and was provided with further information in relation to initial engagement with partners on the proactive designation of a firework control zone in North Ayrshire and that it will be kept under review.

The Cabinet agreed to (a) note the progress made with regard to the new discretionary powers to designate Firework Control Zones; and (b) approve the proposed process for handling community requests and receive further update reports as the process is refined.

8. Revenue Budget 2023/24 : Financial Performance to 31 March 2024

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the financial performance for the Council for 2023/24.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- anticipation that Integration Joint Board will cover the full overspend from available reserves, resulting in an in-year net breakeven position for the HSCP; and
- the main pressure areas to be addressed in order to report a balanced position by the end of 2024/2025.

The Cabinet agreed to (i) note the information and financial outturn position outlined in the report; (ii) approve the earmarking of £5.486m identified at 2.5 of the report to meet future year commitments; (iii) note the financial performance of the Health and Social Care Partnership highlighted at 2.6 of the report; and (iv) note the virements detailed in Appendix 7 to the report.

9. Capital Programme Performance to 31 March 2024

Submitted a report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the progress in delivering the Capital Investment Programme for 2023/2024.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- individual programme costs being monitored closely with cost increases met initially from the additional flexibility built into the programme, but that there is a significant level of risk to be managed; and
- increase in the level of spend due to the large Millport Coastal Flood Protection Project and significant investment in the educational estate at the Montgomerie and Moorpark primary schools.

The Cabinet agreed to note (i) the revisions to budgets outlined in the report; and (ii) the General Services and HRA expenditure to 31 March 2024.

10. Children's Services Performance Update 2023-24

Submitted a report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) seeking approval for the North Ayrshire Children's Services Performance Update 2023-24 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- the plan for a third annual Promise Conference;
- children's mental health service improvements;
- improvements in speech and language therapy provision; and
- 43 young people accessing the care experienced app on a regular basis.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the North Ayrshire Children's Services Performance Update 2023-34 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

11. Brighter Pathways : Remodelling Care Options

Submitted a report by the Director (Health and Social Care Partnership) to note the programme of work and current pressures on placement availability and alternative care for any child and young person in the looked after system. These challenges are not unique to North Ayrshire and compounded by a number of factors outlined in this report.

Members commented on the report and were provided with further information in relation to the significant progress and increased numbers of children in kinship care in North Ayrshire and supports in place for families of kinship care.

The Cabinet agreed to endorse the Brighter Pathways programme of work and proposals to address the pressure areas with service developments and alternative resources to prevent high cost residential resources for children and young people; and note (i) the intention to build capacity and provide more local resources and choice to young people who require to be looked after with increased family based care and alternative options for young people leaving care; and (ii) the review of current service provision to ensure it meets current context, changing landscape of the care system and the demographic young people and families.

12. Participation Strategy and Locality Planning Update

Submitted a report and received a presentation by the Executive Director (Communities and Housing) seeking approval of the proposed North Ayrshire Participation Strategy and providing an update on proposed next steps in relation to North Ayrshire's locality planning approach to support the implementation of the strategy. The draft Participation Strategy was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:

- accessibility and monitoring the approach and obtaining regular feedback, particularly from communities and groups;
- the use of images on the website for accessibility purposes; and
- community wealth building as part of the review.

The Cabinet agreed to approve (i) the proposed North Ayrshire Participation Strategy attached at Appendix 1 to the report for publication; and (ii) the proposed next steps at paragraphs 2.15-17 of the report to develop the locality planning approach further and agrees to receive a further report to Cabinet on the outcome of this work.

Councillor Hill left the meeting at this point.

13. Proposals for Community Investment Fund (CIF) Expenditure

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities and Housing) on an application received from the Irvine Locality Partnership on the allocation of Community Investment Fund (CIF) funding. The application from the Irvine Locality Partnership, in relation to Irvine Cricket Club was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Having reviewed the application in line with the CIF criteria, the Cabinet agreed to approve a £49,500 award to the Irvine Locality Partnership.

14. North Ayrshire Visitor Management Plan 2024

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) seeking approval of the North Ayrshire Visitor Management Plan 2024 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the North Ayrshire Visitor Management Plan 2024 attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

15. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport – Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy: Consultation on the Recommended Options for Improving our Future Bus Network

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) seeking approval for the proposed North Ayrshire Council submission to Strathclyde Partnership for Transport consultation on the “Recommended Options for Improving our Future Bus Network”. A table summarising the five options for future delivery of the regional bus network and the draft consultation response were attached at Appendices 1 and 2 respectively, to the report.

The Cabinet agreed to approve the submission of the proposed consultation response provided at Appendix 2 to the report.

16. North Ayrshire Burial Grounds

Submitted a report by the Executive Director (Place) on the review of burial grounds capacity and future provision of cemeteries in North Ayrshire.

Members asked a question and were provided with further information in relation to potential ashes only plots for Moorpark Cemetery.

The Cabinet agreed (a) to note significant progress has been made since the previous report in 2016 with cemetery extensions delivered at Knadgerhill, High Road, Dalry, West Kilbride and Kilbride (Lamlash) as well as walls repairs and other infrastructure works; (b) to note a new cemetery at Redston, Kilwinning is complete; (c) to note a site has been identified for a new cemetery in Kilbirnie and is being progressed; (d) to note that work is underway to identify a suitable site for a new cemetery in Ardrossan; (e) to note it has not been possible to identify a suitable site for extension or construction of a new Sannox cemetery, Arran; (f) that when Sannox cemetery has no further capacity, alternative existing burial grounds on Arran will

require to be used ; (g) to note a comprehensive assessment of available burial space within all existing cemeteries has been carried out; (h) options will continue to be assessed for cemeteries with less than 10 years capacity remaining – Dalry, High Road, Brisbane Glen; and (i) to note that future funding requirements will be considered as part of the Capital Plan refresh.

The meeting ended at 4:35 p.m.

Licensing Committee
5 June 2024

IRVINE, 5 June 2024 - At a Meeting of the Licensing Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Eleanor Collier, John Bell, Cameron Inglis, Christina Larsen, Jean McClung, Matthew McLean, Donald L. Reid, Ronnie Stalker and Angela Stephen.

In Attendance

D. Grier, Solicitor (Legal Services); C. Pollock, Licensing Administration Officer, A. Kellas, Administration Assistant (Licensing), S. Dalgoutte, Senior Clerical Assistant (Licensing); and C. Stewart, Committee Services Officer (Corporate Services).

Chair

Councillor Collier in the Chair.

Apologies

Nairn McDonald.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 8 May 2024 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other Licensing Statutes:
Licensing Matters**

3.1 Short Terms Lets: NA00162P: John and Janet Smith

It was noted that this application had been continued from the meeting of the Licensing Committee on 10 April 2024, when it was agreed that, given the nature of the objections heard, Members would like to hear from the applicant, or their representative, in relation to this application. The applicant, having been duly cited to attend, was present and addressed the Committee and responded to questions.

Objectors to the application were in attendance and their principal spokesperson, amongst others, addressed the Committee and responded to questions.

The Committee agreed that it had sufficient information available to allow it to make a decision in respect of this matter.

The applicant and objectors then withdrew to allow the Committee to deliberate. Thereafter the applicant and objectors rejoined the meeting, with the same Members and Officers present and in attendance, to hear the Committee's decision.

Decision

The Committee agreed that the application be granted. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to grant the application under The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-Term Lets) Order 2022 No. 32 ("the STL Order") subject to (a) the Mandatory Conditions set out in Schedule 3 to the STL Order; (b) the additional local condition set out as "The First Exception" in Paragraph 10(b) of the Committee's "Licensing Policy Statement on Short-Term Let Licensing"; and (c) the applicant having given an undertaken to supply contact details of their Day-to-Day Manager to the representatives of the Castlebay Court residents committee.

3.2 Short Terms Lets: NA00462P: Greig Hendry

The applicant and his agent, having been duly cited to attend, were present and addressed the Committee and responded to questions. No objector was present but their written objection in relation to the application was taken into consideration by the Committee.

The Committee agreed that it had sufficient information available to allow it to make a decision in respect of this matter.

Decision

Councillor Inglis, seconded by Councillor Stalker, moved that the application be granted. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to grant the application under The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Short-Term Lets) Order 2022 No. 32 ("the STL Order") subject to (a) the Mandatory Conditions set out in Schedule 3 to the STL Order and (b) the additional local condition set out as "The First Exception" in Paragraph 10(b) of the Committee's "Licensing Policy Statement on Short-Term Let Licensing".

4. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.

Police and Fire and Rescue Committee
10 June 2024

At a Meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m. involving a combination of participation by remote electronic means and physical attendance within the Council Chambers, Irvine.

Present (Physical Participation)

Donald Reid, Stewart Ferguson, Jean McClung, Davina McTiernan, Donald L. Reid, Angela Stephen and John Sweeney.

Present (Remote Attendance)

Scott Davidson.

In Attendance

C. Cochrane, Solicitor (Legal Services) and S. Wilson and H. Clancy, Committee Services Officers (Corporate Services).

Also In Attendance

Chief Superintendent R. Higgins and Chief Inspector F. Normansell (Police Scotland); and Area Commander I. McMeekin and N. Shearer (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Chair

Councillor Donald Reid in the Chair.

Apologies

Amanda Kerr.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Police and Fire and Rescue Committee held on 26 February 2024 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The Solicitor (Legal Services) gave an update on the Firework Control Zones report approved by Cabinet on 4 June 2024 noting no further action could be taken until the call-in period had expired.

3. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance and Service Update

Submitted report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) which provided statistical information on progress against the North Ayrshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan for the period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024. The report provided an analysis of the performance across six indicators, using the rolling three-year

average as a basis of measuring performance, together with a summary of priorities and current activity. Additional contextual information was provided by Area Commander McMeekin.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- deliberate fire setting and cooking related fires statistics within Saltcoats and Stevenston and prevention strategies undertaken by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
- Fire Service coverage within the Garnock Valley area;
- the volume of Home Fire Safety Visits (HFSV) carried out in Saltcoats and Stevenston, with a third of these arising from post fire audits, and whether the Service were satisfied with the information relating to HFSV available to the public; and
- Fire Service coverage and challenges faced on the Isle of Arran and the Isle of Cumbrae.

Noted.

4. Police Scotland Performance Update

Submitted report by Police Scotland on performance in relation to the North Ayrshire Local Policing Plan for the period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024. A summary of current local policing plan priorities was also detailed.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- partnership working between North Ayrshire Council and Police Scotland to address anti-social behaviour;
- action taken from the test purchasing operation undertaken in licensed premises;
- public engagement opportunities to encourage crime reports to be submitted to Police Scotland;
- changes to the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 and how this impacted allocation of Police presence at reported crimes; and
- taser deployment and response handling figures for 101 calls for Quarter 4.

Noted.

5. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Review Online Survey

A verbal update was provided by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in respect of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Review Online Survey. Supporting information and the 'Shaping Our Future Service: Your Say' questionnaire were included in the agenda.

Noted.

6. Presentation by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) on recent Kilwinning battery recycling centre incident

A short presentation was provided by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the recent Fenix Battery Recycling Centre, Kilwinning incident.

A Member asked a question and was provided with further information in relation to the 70 appliances present at the incident and the stations these were deployed from.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, commended the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for their response to the Fenix Battery Recycling Centre incident.

Noted.

7. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

The meeting ended at 3:50 p.m.

Staffing and Recruitment Committee
18 June 2024

At the Meeting of Staffing and Recruitment of North Ayrshire Council at 10.30am.

Present

Marie Burns, Shaun Macauley, Cameron Inglis, John Bell and Tony Gurney.

In Attendance

C. Hatton, Chief Executive, R. McCutcheon, Executive Director (Place) and F. Walker, Head of Service (People and ICT).

Apologies

Joe Cullinane

Chair

Marie Burns in the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 11 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

2. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting of the Staffing and Recruitment Committee held on 22 May 2024 was confirmed and the Minute and signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Exclusion of the Public and Press

The Committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting, the press and the public for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

4. Recruitment: Head of Service (Sustainability, Transport & Corporate Property)

Four candidates were shortlisted for the position of Head of Service (Sustainability, Transport & Corporate Property) however one candidate withdrew. Three candidates were therefore interviewed, and the Committee agreed to appoint Laurence Cree to the post.

The Meeting ended at 2.45pm