

Emergency Governance Arrangements (Covid-19 Outbreak)

Friday 3 April 2020

Decision

Craig Hatton, Chief Executive.

In Consultation with

Joe Cullinane (Group Leader: Labour), Marie Burns (Group Leader: SNP), Tom Marshall (Group Leader: Conservative and Unionist) and Ronnie McNicol (Nominated Independent Member representative) **(Item 3 only)**.

1. National Planning Framework 4 'Call for Ideas'- NAC Response

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) on the preparation of National Planning Framework 4 and seeking endorsement of the Council's response to the Scottish Government's early engagement.

Having considered the implications of the proposals as outlined in the report, the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council, agreed to approve the response to the Scottish Government's early engagement on the preparation of National Planning Framework 4, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

2. Emergency Governance Arrangements

Submitted report by the Head of Democratic Services on proposals to enable effective decision-making during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Having considered the implications of the proposals as outlined in the report, the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council, agreed as follows:

- (a) in respect of community councils, that
 - (i) 'Ordinary' community councils due in September/ October/November for Arran, Cumbrae, Dalry, Fairlie, Irvine, Kilbirnie & Glengarnock, Kilwinning, Largs, Skelmorlie and West Kilbride will not now take place until Spring 2021. (Ordinary elections due in 2021/22 are not affected)
 - (ii) the term of office of existing community councils and their members which would otherwise come to an end in 2020 is extended until 30 April 2021 (or effectively until the postponed ordinary elections have taken place);
 - (iii) in the interim, community councils are not required to meet and are not subject to the requirement to meet at least six times per year actions/decisions which they require to take during this period when meetings cannot take place, can be taken remotely via consultation with their members, including the appointment of new members; and

- (iv) the Council will not exercise the power to dissolve a community council during this period

and

- (b) in respect of meetings of the Council and its committees, to cancel meetings until 30 June 2020.

3. Internal Audit Plan

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Support) on the proposed Internal Audit plan for 2020-21 and the indicative programme of work for the period 2021-25. Appendix 1 to the report provided a full list of auditable areas and indicative programme of work for Internal Audit for the 5-year period from April 2020 – March 2025. Appendix 2 set out the detailed audit plan for 2020-21 and indicates which quarter of the financial year it is intended to commence each audit.

The political Group Leaders and the nominated Independent Member representative were consulted in respect of the recommendations contained in the report.

Having considered the implications of the proposals as outlined in the report, and following consultation with the Members referred to above, the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council, agreed:

- (a) to approve the Internal Audit plan for 2020-21 set out at Appendix 2 to the report;
- (b) note the indicative programme for 2021-25 set out at Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (c) approve the indicators and targets at Section 2.9 of the report.