

South Ayrshire Council

Report by Head of Legal and Regulatory Services  
to Cabinet  
of 31 October 2023

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**Subject: Approval under Delegated Authority – Former Ayr Station Hotel**

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**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of matters determined under delegated authority on the grounds of urgency.

**2. Recommendation**

2.1 **It is recommended that the Cabinet acknowledges the matters determined under delegated authority on the grounds of urgency.**

**3. Background**

3.1 The Scheme of Delegation details a list of powers which have been delegated to officers.

3.2 General delegation G03 allows designated officers 'to take measures, including incurring expenditure, as may be required in emergency or other unanticipated situations subject to consulting with the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, ICT and Procurement (where expenditure is required) and consult the appropriate Portfolio Holder and advise local Members where possible and reporting to the appropriate Panel as soon as possible thereafter, on any items for which Panel approval would normally be necessary'.

**4. Proposals**

4.1 Delegated authority under paragraph G03 has been exercised as follows:

4.1.1 **Former Ayr Station Hotel** - approval, by the Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development, of measures to be undertaken immediately following on from the fire at the former Ayr Station Hotel on Monday 25 September 2023 in the interests of public safety.

Consultation was undertaken with Councillor Martin Dowe, Leader of the Council, Councillor Martin Kilbride, Portfolio Holder for Buildings, Housing and Environment, the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance, ICT and Procurement.

## **5. Legal and Procurement Implications**

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1 Not applicable.

## **7. Human Resources Implications**

7.1 Not applicable.

## **8. Risk**

### **8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations***

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

### **8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations***

8.2.1 There are no risks associated with rejecting the recommendations.

## **9. Equalities**

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. There are no significant potential positive or negative equality impacts of agreeing the recommendations and therefore an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as [Appendix 1](#).

## **10. Sustainable Development Implications**

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

## **11. Options Appraisal**

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

## **12. Link to Council Plan**

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Priority 4 of the Council Plan: Efficient and effective enabling services.

## **13. Results of Consultation**

13.1 There has been no public consultation on the contents of this report.

13.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Martin Dowey, Leader of the Council, and Councillor Martin Kilbride, Portfolio Holder for Buildings, Housing and Environment (in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation), and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

#### 14. Next Steps for Decision Tracking

14.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Cabinet in the 'Council and Cabinet Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

<i>Implementation</i>	<i>Due date</i>	<i>Managed by</i>
No action required	Not applicable	Not applicable

Background Papers [Scheme of Delegation](#)

**Briefing to Elected Members dated 5 October 2023 – Former Ayr Station Hotel**

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**Date: 18 October 2023**

## South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Assessment Scoping Template

Equality Impact Assessment is a legal requirement under the Public Sector Duty to promote equality of the Equality Act 2010. Separate guidance has been developed on Equality Impact Assessment's which will guide you through the process and is available to view here: <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/equalities/impact-assessment.aspx>

Further guidance is available here: <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/assessing-impact-and-public-sector-equality-duty-guide-public-authorities/>

The Fairer Scotland Duty ('the Duty'), Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010, came into force in Scotland from 1 April 2018. It places a legal responsibility on Councils to actively consider ('pay due regard to') how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions. [FSD Guidance for Public Bodies](#) in respect of the Duty, was published by the Scottish Government in March 2018 and revised in October 2021. See information here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-scotland-duty-guidance-public-bodies/>

### 1. Policy details

Policy Title	Approval under Delegated Authority – Former Ayr Station Hotel
Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email)	Catriona Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services – catriona.caves@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

**2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts**

Community or Groups of People	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
Age – men and women, girls & boys	-	-
Disability	-	-
Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity)	-	-
Marriage or Civil Partnership	-	-
Pregnancy and Maternity	-	-
Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers	-	-
Religion or Belief (including lack of belief)	-	-
Sex – (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys)	-	-
Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight	-	-

Community or Groups of People	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights	-	-

**3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage i.e. The Fairer Scotland Duty (This section to be completed for any Strategic Decisions). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.**

Socio-Economic Disadvantage	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing	-	-
Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future	-	-
Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies	-	-
Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport)	-	-
Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent's education, employment and income	-	-

**4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:**

General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the 'Three Key Needs' of the Equality Duty	Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact (High, Medium or Low)
<b>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation</b>	Low
<b>Advance equality of opportunity</b> between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not	Low
<b>Foster good relations</b> between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?)	Low
Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life	Low
Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups	Low
Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups	Low
Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups	Low

## 5. Summary Assessment

<b>Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required?</b> (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as <b>Medium and/or High</b> )	<del>YES</del> <b>NO</b>
<b>Rationale for decision:</b>  <b>This report advises the Cabinet of matters determined under delegated authority on the grounds of urgency. Their decision on this has no specific equality implications</b>	
<b>Signed :</b> Catriona Caves	<b>Head of Service</b>
<b>Date:</b> 10 October 2023	