

South Ayrshire Council – 7 December 2023

Formal Questions

Received from:	Councillor Philip Saxton
Response to be provided by:	Catriona Caves, Head of Legal and Regulatory Services

	<i>Question</i>	<i>Response</i>
	Questions below on the Cabinet papers for the meeting on the 27 th November 2023	
1.	Item 11a - Corporate and Strategic/ Finance. HR and ICT, This is a strategy document and should come to the full Council, why was it presented to the Cabinet	<p>The Standing Orders for meetings provide that Council has the following reserved power:</p> <p>13.1 To approve, review and amend, the Council Plan, including the Council's strategic objectives, and all major policies and organisational strategies (either with or without prior consideration by the Cabinet), including any new policies or changes to policies which may have a significant impact on the Council's strategic objectives, corporate policies, or its resources.</p> <p>This Corporate and Strategic/ Finance strategy is being presented to Council after consideration by Cabinet for approval as a Paragraph C paper.</p>
2.	Item 13a - Health and Social Care, this is a statutory requirement and should have come to full Council, why was it presented to the Cabinet	Item 13a is the Chief Social Worker's report and it is not a policy or strategy. It falls within the remit of Cabinet who approve this in each year.
3.	Item 14d - Medium term financial update, this is a new mid-term financial plan 24/25 to 28/29 and should have come to Council, why was it presented to the Cabinet	Item 14d is a plan and not a policy. In previous years it has not been presented to Council. Officers have brought it to Council this year after consideration by Cabinet for approval as a Paragraph C paper.

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Response to be provided by:	Louise Reid, Assistant Director – Strategic Change

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4.	Town Centre levelling up funding of £20million for infrastructure at Prestwick Airport, can you explain when this bid came to Council for approval the date and what meeting agreed to take this bid forward	<p>Three bids were submitted by South Ayrshire Council at Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund, including a joint bid with North Ayrshire Council 'Levelling Up For Ayrshire: Commercial and Low Carbon Infrastructure' – a programme to deliver new energy efficient commercial property and associated access, active travel and electric vehicle charging infrastructure at key employment locations across Ayrshire - two office pavilions and two speculative flexible industrial units at three sites in Irvine, North Ayrshire and a Maintenance, Repair, Operations (MRO) and aircraft decommissioning hangar at Prestwick Airport, South Ayrshire.</p> <p>Submission of the three bids at Round 2 was approved by the Council's Leadership Panel on 26 October 2021 and on 29 June 2022, where further detailed information was provided. The total award is £37,456,821, of which £20M is allocated to South Ayrshire Council.</p> <p>Levelling Up and Community Renewal Fund (south-ayrshire.gov.uk)</p>

Received from:	Councillor Philip Saxton
Response to be provided by:	Kenny Dalrymple, Assistant Director – Housing and Operations

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5.	<p>High flat Riverside Place Multi storey block, one remaining block is yet to be demolished, can you give me an update on progress made with EE to get the Antennas removed from this block, the date Of the last communication with EE and what further communication is being considered to take this forward</p>	<p>The last communication with the MBNL (EE) was on 24 November 2023 where their representative advised they would revert to the Council, with regards to the mast, once discussions had taken place with their technical colleagues.</p>