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Dear Councillor

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

You are requested to participate in a meeting of South Ayrshire Council to be held in **on Thursday 21 April 2022 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

The meeting will be held on a hybrid basis for Council Members and will be live-streamed and available to view at <https://south-ayrshire.public-i.tv/>

Yours sincerely

CATRIONA CAVES
Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services

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 - (a) Minutes of Previous Meetings for approval:-
 - (i) South Ayrshire Council of [3 March](#) and [10 March 2022](#) (Special) (copies herewith).
 - (ii) Appeals Panel of [29 September 2020](#) (copy herewith).
 - (iii) Audit and Governance Panel of [16 March 2022](#) (copy herewith)
 - (iv) Chief Officers Appointments/Appraisal Panel of [21 January 2022](#) (copy herewith).
 - (v) Leadership Panel of [8 March 2022](#) (copy herewith).
 - (vi) Local Review Body of 20 April 2022 (copy to follow).
 - (vii) Partnerships Panel of [23 March 2022](#) (copy herewith).
 - (viii) Regulatory Panel – Licensing of 19 April 2022 (copy to follow).
 - (ix) Regulatory Panel – Planning of [31 March 2022](#) (copy herewith).
 - (x) Service and Performance Panel of [29 March 2022](#) (copy herewith).

(b) Minutes of Panels for noting.

The minutes of the undernoted meetings are for noting:-

- (i) Audit and Governance Panel of [23 February 2022](#).
- (ii) Leadership Panel of [15 February](#) and [1 March 2022](#).
- (iii) Local Review Body of [7 December 2021](#), [11 January](#), [1 February](#), [22 February](#), [15 March](#) and [29 March 2022](#).
- (iv) Partnerships Panel of [9 February 2022](#).
- (v) Regulatory Panel – Licensing of [20 January](#) and [17 March 2022](#).
- (vi) Regulatory Panel – Planning of [3 February](#) and [2 March 2022](#).
- (vii) Service and Performance Panel of [8 February 2022](#).

4. Chief Executive.

5. Provost.

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SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of a remote webcast meeting
on 3 March 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present Councillors Helen Moonie (Provost), Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell, Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Cochrane, Brian Connolly, Chris Cullen, Ian Davis, Julie Dettbarn, Ian Fitzsimmons, William Grant, Peter Henderson, Hugh Hunter, Mary Kilpatrick, Lee Lyons, Craig Mackay, Derek McCabe, Brian McGinley, Bob Pollock, Phillip Saxton, Arthur Spurling and Margaret Toner.

Apologies: Councillors Martin Dowey and Peter Convery.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Gillies, Director – Place; T. Eitringham, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; W. Wesson, Services Lead – HR Payroll and Employee Services; P. Bradley, Professional Design Service – Place; M. Alexander, Service Lead – Housing Services – Place; D. Love, Senior Accountant Capital/Treasury; T. Ingram, ICT; A. Nelson, Co-ordinator, Democratic Services; C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer; F. Maher, Temporary Committee Services Officer; and E. Moore, Committee Services Assistant.

1. Provost.

The Provost

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- (2) intimated that apologies had been received from Councillors Martin Dowey and Peter Convery;
- (3) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that part of this meeting would be broadcast live;
- (4) advised that, with the agreement of the Council, the electronic voting system would be utilised. The Council so concurred; and
- (5) advised that Item 11 entitled "Inclusive Investment Opportunity" had been deferred to Special Council on 10 March 2022.

The Leader

Councillor Peter Henderson made a statement on a recent COSLA Convention decision in respect of the situation in Ukraine.

2. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Chief Executive called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Council in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of previous meetings of Council and Panels.

(1) Minutes of previous meeting of Council.

The Minutes of South Ayrshire Council of 9 December 2021 and 25 January 2022 (Special) (issued) were authorised to be signed as a correct record.

(2) Minutes of previous meetings of Panels.

The Minutes of the undemoted Panels were submitted for information: -

Audit and Governance Panel of 3 November and 1 December 2021.

(ii) Chief Officers Appointments/Appraisal Panel of 4 November, 25 November and 16 December 2021.

(iii) Leadership Panel of 23 November 2021, 30 November 2021 (Special) and 18 January 2022.

In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation and Standing Orders for Meetings, Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor McGinley, moved the recommendations as contained in the 'C' paragraph of the Leadership Panel minutes of 18 January 2022 entitled "Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2021/22"

(copy of minute excerpt issued)

The Council

Decided: to agree the terms of the 'C' paragraph.

(iv) Local Review Body of 26 October 2021, and 16 November 2021.

(v) Partnerships Panel of 17 November 2021.

(vi) Regulatory Panel – Licensing of 25 November 2021 and 20 January 2022.

(vii) Regulatory Panel – Planning of 9 November (site visit), 11 November, 3 December (site visit) and 8 December 2021.

(viii) Service and Performance Panel of 16 November 2021 and 11 January 2022.

4. Section 112 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

The Chief Executive

(1) referred to the note on the agenda calling the meeting, to the effect that Members were subject to the provisions of Section 112 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 which provided that a Member of the Council could not vote on a range of Council Tax issues, including setting or adjusting the rate of Council Tax, if he or she was three months or more in arrears with payment of Community Charge (Poll Tax) or two months in arrears with Council Tax.

(2) indicated that if Section 112 applied to any Member he or she was required to disclose that fact; and

- (3) gave the opportunity to any Member to disclose the fact that Section 112 applied to him or her and indicated that failure to disclose was also an offence.

No Members so declared.

5. Revenue Estimates 2022/23 Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2033/34 and Carbon Budget 2022/23

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Head of Finance and ICT advising Members of the issues to be considered in setting the revenue budget for 2022/23, setting the capital budgets for 2022/23 to 2033/34 and setting a Carbon budget for 2022/23.

Decided:

- (1) to note the funding proposal as outlined by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance's letter of 9 December 2021 (attached as Appendix 1 of the report);
- (2) to note that the funding levels included within Finance Circular 9/2021, remain provisional until the Finance Order is approved in March/ April 2022;
- (3) to approve the budget proposals for revenue and capital for 2022/23 taking account of the conditions of the settlement that need to be met and incorporating:
 - (i) planned net revenue expenditure on services for 2022/23;
 - (ii) the level of reserves and fund balances held and contributions to/ from these;
 - (iii) the appropriate Band D Council Tax levy for 2022/23 and associated level of bad debt provision for non-collection of Council Tax;
 - (iv) the proposed capital programme for 2022/23 and beyond and associated debt charge implications; and
 - (v) consideration of the financial projections for 2023/24;
- (4) to note the required remuneration for Basic Councillors and the Leader of the Council as determined by The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration), Amendment Regulations 2022, and include appropriate budget provision for all elected member remuneration for 2022/23;
- (5) to approve proposals for Common Good budgets for 2022/23; and
- (6) to present a Carbon Budget for the period 2022/23 in support of the Council's policies on Climate Change.

Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor McGinley, moved that the Council should accept the recommendations at (1) to (6) above and approve the proposals of the SNP, Labour, and Independent Members (copies of these proposals were previously issued and form Annex 1 to this Minute).

By way of Amendment, Councillor Davis, seconded by Councillor Iain Campbell, moved that the Council should agree to the Revenue Budget Recommendations for 2022/23, Covid-19 2022/23 budget implications and Carbon Budget set out in the Administration's proposals and to Capital Investment Programme 2022/23 to 2033/34 as set out in the Conservative Group's proposals (copies of these proposals were previously issued and form Annex 2 to this Minute) and confirmed that the Amendment did not seek to amend the proposals relating to the Revenue Budget recommendations for 2022/23, Covid-19 2022/23 budget implications and Carbon Budget set out in the SNP, Labour and Independent Members proposals.

10 Members voted for the Amendment, 15 for the Motion which was accordingly declared carried by the Council.

After detailed discussion and deliberation, the Council

Decided:

- (a) to accept the recommendations in the report by the Head of Finance and ICT and to approve the proposals of the SNP, Labour and Independent Members as detailed in Annex 1 which formed part of this Minute; and
- (b) to record their appreciation and thanks for the work undertaken by the Head of Finance and ICT and his Finance Teams and all Officers involved in the budget process.

6. Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2022/23

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Head of Finance and ICT requesting that Members consider the proposed Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for financial year 2022/23.

After lengthy discussion, the Council

Decided: to approve the draft Treasury Management and Investment Strategy for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

7. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) – Revenue Budget 2022/23 and Capital Budget 2022/23 to 2026/27

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place and Head of Finance and ICT seeking approval of the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Budget for 2022/23 and the proposed 5-year Capital Budget for 2022/23 – 2026/27.

After discussion the Council

Decided:

- (1) to note the decision taken by South Ayrshire Council on 20 January 2021 which approved rent increases of 1.5% per annum and specific rent setting provisions for new build housing for the 3-year period from 2021/22 to 2023/24. Tenants had already been notified of their 2022/23 rental charge in accordance with the statutory requirements;

- (2) to approve the creation of 4 FTE permanent posts (1 FTE Housing Officer – Level 7 and 3 FTE Housing Assistants) as outlined in section 4.4.2 of this report; and
- (3) to approve the 2022/23 HRA Revenue Budget outlined in Appendix 1 of this report and the proposed 5-year Capital Budget as outlined in section 4.6 of this report and Appendix 2.

8. Adjournment of Meeting

The time being 12.05 p.m., the Council agreed to adjourn for 10 minutes.

9. Resumption of Meeting

The Council reconvened at 12.15 p.m.

10. Living Wage

There was submitted a report (issued) of 23 February 2022 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval of the partial revision to the Council's Pay and Grading Structure up to and including Grade 1, Level 4 in order to embed the Scottish Living Wage by 1 April 2022.

Having thanked the Service Lead – HR, Payroll and Employee Services for the work undertaken in relation to this matter and having acknowledged that it would assist those in the lowest pay grades and following discussion the Council

Decided:

- (1) to note the work that had been completed in the development of a revised Pay and Grading structure taking into consideration the COSLA agreed Job Evaluation System for determining grades;
- (2) to note the work that had been completed in relation to review of pay models to take account of the Gender pay gap;
- (3) to note that the Revenue Budget 2022/23 included provision for the revised Pay and Grading structure;
- (4) to approve the proposed pay model and implementation of a revised Pay and Grading Structure which embedded the Local Government Scottish Living Wage and increased the rates of pay for the Council's lowest paid employees to above the Scottish Living Wage with effect from 1 April 2021;
- (5) to note the agreement with the Trade Unions to backdate the implementation date; and
- (6) to approve that the costs of backdating to 1 April 2021 was met from projected underspend as reported to the Leadership Panel on 15 February 2022.

11. Rationalisation of Pay Cycles

There was submitted a report of 25 February 2022 by the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services seeking approval to rationalise the number of pay cycles as part of the Oracle Fusion project

Members acknowledged that this proposal would improve the efficiency of the payroll process and were pleased to note that arrangements were in place to assist those employees who may experience financial difficulty due to the change in payment frequency.

The Council

Decided:

- (1) to approve the removal of the fortnightly pay cycle and the move of employees to the Council's monthly pay cycle for Local Government Employees (LGE);
- (2) to approve the removal of the supply teacher pay cycle and the move of supply staff to the Council's monthly pay cycle for teaching staff; and
- (3) to agree that the Council make available a pay advance to the employees referred to in 2.1.1 of the report who may require assistance to bridge the gap between their last fortnightly and first monthly pay. This advance would be paid back by these employees over a term agreed with Employee Services, but no later than when they left the Council's employment.

12. Note of Motion

12.1 A Notice of Motion having been submitted in accordance with Council Standing Order No. 18 Councillor McGinley and Seconded by Councillor Dettbarn - Young Persons' (Under 22s) Free Bus Travel

'In light of the recent announcement by the Scottish Government to create a free bus access scheme for under 22s, officers from Health and Social Care were requested to investigate ways in which this scheme, or a complimentary initiative, could be established to increase the eligibility age to 30 years for care experienced people in South Ayrshire and to bring back a report to Council after the recess.'

A full debate took place regarding the terms of the Motion, including various questions to the Mover of the Motion and Officers.

Decided: unanimously, to agree the terms of the Motion as outlined above.

12.2 A Notice of Motion having been submitted in accordance with Council Standing Order No. 18 Councillor Chris Cullen and Seconded by Councillor Peter Henderson – Community Food Pantries.

'The impact of Covid has further enhanced food insecurity. Pantries enhance communities and were a preventative approach to food poverty, reducing the risk of household hunger.'

Recognising this I ask that Council noted the support provided this year by the Council to the local Food Network in South Ayrshire and asked officers to bring back a report to the Leadership Panel after recess with proposals on the support Council could continue to provide to the local Food Network.'

A full debate took place regarding the terms of the Motion, including various questions to the Mover of the Motion and Officers.

Decided: unanimously, to agree the terms of the Motion as outlined above.

12.3 A Notice of Motion having been submitted in accordance with Council Standing Order No. 18 Councillor Dettbarn and Seconded by Councillor Grant – South Ayrshire Fair Pay Agenda

UNISON South Ayrshire has welcomed the progress recently made by South Ayrshire Council through the joint work on the consolidation of the Living Wage.

They appreciate that this work has made South Ayrshire Council a more attractive employer with an entry level salary of 3 spinal points above the Scottish Living Wage and have praised our foresight and commitment to this issue.

UNISON South Ayrshire, Council Officers and Elected Members are united in their praise and recognition of the outstanding work of our frontline employees during the Covid 19 pandemic. Council wished to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to the fair pay agenda in South Ayrshire and to continue to reflect our recognition of the dedication and service shown by frontline staff.

Requesting Officers to work with the Trade Unions to develop proposals aimed at paying the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) registration fees where it is recognised that this expense may be a barrier to recruitment and/or retention of Social Services employees; and to request a report to the Leadership Panel on the outcome of this work by June 2022.

A full debate took place regarding the terms of the Motion, including various questions to the Mover of the Motion and Officers.

Decided: unanimously, to agree the terms of the Motion as outlined above.

13. Formal Questions

There were no formal questions.

Meeting finished at 1.10pm

**General Services Revenue Budget
2022-23**

and

**Capital Investment Programme
2022-23 to 2033-34**

and

Carbon Budget 2022-23

**Proposals of the SNP, Labour and
Independent Members**

3 March 2022

Budget 2022-23

It is this administration's fifth year of running South Ayrshire Council and I'm pleased to say that we have, yet again, been able to put forward proposals for a balanced budget in 2022-23.

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to our hard-working, dedicated staff. Each and every one of our employees go above and beyond to serve the people and places of South Ayrshire and help us to achieve our ambition of 'making a difference every day'.

I also want to extend my gratitude to everyone who has been involved in putting the budget proposals together. It's really important that we invest our limited resources wisely, and ensure they are targeted where they will have the greatest impact.

Our communities are at the heart of everything we do, and this has been at the forefront of our minds as we allocated our resources for 2022-23.

We know that rising living costs such as energy and food bills are having a huge impact on hardworking families. As a council, we are also affected by rising costs and tax changes such as the imminent increase in National Insurance contributions.

While we have received an additional £2.6 million of non-recurring funding from the Scottish Government, we still face the situation where costs continue to rise due to inflation, and our funding doesn't take these factors into account.

We have therefore had to develop these budget proposals against a very fiscally challenging background. We have had to balance the need to manage our budget effectively, while protecting frontline services and trying to mitigate the impact of any budget decisions on our communities.

We have therefore used £3.1 million from our uncommitted reserves to ensure that our frontline services can continue to deliver for local people. We have also allocated £250,000 from our general reserves on a one-off basis to assist in alleviating financial insecurities of those most in need.

We're investing £88.175 million in our Health and Social Care Partnership, an increase of 11% on last year. This will help residents to grow well, live well, and age well.

We're also proposing a further investment of £6.6 million in education. This will help us to continue to close the attainment gap in South Ayrshire and ensure our children and young people are given the best possible chances in life.

In the current climate emergency, it's vital that we strive towards a green recovery to build a better South Ayrshire for future generations. We're proposing to invest £1.8 million in a brand-new net-zero building in Girvan and are also going cleaner and greener with even further investment in our electric fleet vehicles.

I'm pleased to tell you our partnership work to deliver the Aerospace and Space Programme of the Ayrshire Growth Deal is moving forward, and the Spaceport is now a step closer to lift off. We signed a landmark deal with Glasgow Prestwick Airport and a

launch partner last year, so our continuous shared investment with the UK and Scottish Government of £91.2 million will bring an incredible boost to the local economy for years to come.

In recent years we have invested in a range of projects which have made South Ayrshire a better place to live, such as the brand-new multi-sport campus currently underway at Craigie in Ayr, and the new Maybole Community Campus and Sacred Heart Primary School in Girvan which will both open later this year. We are now further investing in our towns and villages by proposing £460 million for Capital Investment projects from 2022-23 to 2033-34 that will have a positive impact on our communities.

This investment includes:

- An extension at the Early Years Centre at the Space Place in Prestwick.
- An upgrade to the science department at Kyle Academy.
- A gym upgrade for Prestwick Swimming Pool.
- And the continued works at the Riverside Public Realm space.

In addition to these specific projects, our funding also allows for investment in projects within a range of programmes covering Community Facilities, ICT, and the Ayrshire Roads Alliance.

In the last year, we have exceeded our affordable homes target by building innovative core and cluster housing and special housing for looked after children. This will continue as we move forward, highlighting our commitment to provide quality homes across South Ayrshire that meet the needs of our tenants and residents.

Each budget increasingly presents with an array of difficult decisions and this year has been particularly challenging. Last year we were able to freeze Council Tax, however, the economic position and outlook nationally, means that this freeze cannot continue.

We have therefore taken the difficult decision to raise the Council Tax rate by 2.9% in 2022-23. However, households in bands A-D, and those in bands E-F who are entitled to a Council Tax reduction will receive a £150 rebate for 2022-23, which will be funded by the Scottish Government and we have included this in eligible Council Tax bills for next year.

We know that this rise will be disappointing news for residents. I'd like to stress that, while we were unable to avoid this increase, we have ensured it is below the rate of inflation.

This means we can continue to deliver the essential services that our communities rely on every day.

With that, I now bring you the 2022-23 budget proposals of the SNP, Labour and Independent administration.

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Summary Budget Proposals

1. General Services Revenue

Specific Revenue Budget Recommendations for 2022-23:

- (1) to levy a council tax charge of £1,383.96 for Band D, the equivalent of a 2.9 per cent increase over the 2021-22 charge. The resulting Council Tax for all bands is as follows:

Table 1 - Council Tax bands

<i>Band</i>	<i>2021-22</i>	<i>2022-23</i>
A	£896.64	£922.64
B	£1,046.08	£1,076.41
C	£1,195.52	£1,230.19
D	£1,344.96	£1,383.96
E	£1,767.13	£1,818.37
F	£2,185.56	£2,248.93
G	£2,633.88	£2,710.25
H	£3,295.15	£3,390.70

Council tax Band D £1,383.96

- (2) to note that council tax income of £63.067m is available to fund service expenditure in 2022-23 net of:
- ◆ a 3.25 per cent bad debt provisions for the non-collection of Council Tax; and
 - ◆ the estimated implications of applying reductions per the Council Tax Reduction Scheme;
- (3) to note that a Council Tax rebate of £150 will be applied to the above stated band rates, on a one-off basis in 2022-23, subject to the receipt of appropriate funding from the Scottish Government, to every household in receipt of Council Tax Reduction in any Band and to provide £150 to all other occupied households in Bands A to D
- (4) to utilise Aggregate External Finance of £238.799m to fund planned expenditure. This includes the additional £2.550m of non-recurring revenue funding allocated to the Council by the Scottish Government in late January 2022;
- (5) to utilise uncommitted reserves of £3.096m to assist in funding planned expenditure; and

- (6) to approve 2022-23 net service expenditure of £216.787m as shown in Table 2, excluding Health and Social Care Services, below:

Table 2 – Planned funding and expenditure 2022-23

	£m	£m
Funding:		
Council Tax income		63.067
Aggregate External Finance (AEF)		238.799
Use of reserves		3.096
Total anticipated SAC funding		304.962
Less funding contribution to South Ayrshire HSCP		88.175
Total anticipated funding (excluding HSCP)		216.787
Expenditure:		
Base expenditure:		
Base net service expenditure		192.447
Updated service expenditure:		
Pay awards, increments, payroll turnover etc.	5.525	
Key Strategic Objectives (Appendix 2)	7.698	
Improving educational attainment (specific grant funded)	2.351	
Gaelic initiatives (specific grant funded)	0.015	
Early Learning and Childcare expansion (specific grant funded)	9.792	
Revised debt charges (Appendix 8)	0.481	25.862
Efficiency measures:		
Previously approved efficiencies (Appendix 3)	(0.630)	
New efficiencies/savings proposed (Appendix 4)	(0.892)	(1.522)
Total planned net service expenditure (excluding HSCP)		216.787

- (9) to note that the planned expenditure of £216.787m shown, excluding Health and Social Care incorporates:

- ◆ directorate base expenditure from 2021-22 totalling, £192.447m;
- ◆ additional service expenditure of £13.223m for pay, corporate adjustments and additional investment in key priorities;
- ◆ spending of £2.351m for improving educational attainment allocated to schools across the council area as specified by the Scottish Government;
- ◆ spending of £0.015m for Gaelic initiatives;
- ◆ spending of £9.792m for the expansion of Early Learning & Childcare;
- ◆ increased debt charge expenditure of £0.481m per **Appendix 8** to reflect the updated Capital Investment Programme detailed in **Appendix 6 and 7**;
- ◆ previously approved saving measures of £0.630m, per **Appendix 3**; and
- ◆ new saving proposals of £0.892m outlined in **Appendix 4**.

A directorate service expenditure analysis of the above is shown in **Appendix 1**.

- (10) to allocate funding to the South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board of £88.175m, as shown in Table 3 below, to be added to the £8.300m of

funding provided by the Scottish Government via Health to ensure desired outcomes for Social Care in 2022-23 as follows:

Table 3 – Health and Social Care Partnership funding 2022-23

	£m	£m
Funding:		
Base contribution		76.995
Additional funding provided for:		
Expenditure pressures	9.011	
Criminal Justice Social Work (specific grant funding)	2.169	11.180
SAC contribution		88.175
Scottish Government funding via Health		8.300
Anticipated HSCP funding 2022-23		96.475

- (11) to note that the funding made available to the Health & Social Care Partnership from the Council represents a 11 per cent increase over the comparable previous years funding allocation;
- (12) to increase remuneration for all councillors in line with the uplift included in the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration), Amendment Regulations 2022;
- (13) to note that the approved Council Financial Strategy is to aim to maintain uncommitted reserves at 2 per cent of net expenditure to meet the potential cost of unforeseen liabilities. This equates to circa £6.1m for 2022-23, inclusive of the Council's delegated Health and Social Care Partnership spending;
- (14) to note that the latest projected uncommitted balances on the Council's General Reserves at 31 March 2022, as considered by the Leadership Panel of 15 February, is estimated to be £11.779m, or 3.9 per cent of planned future expenditure;
- (15) to note that further efficiencies/savings will be necessary to achieve a balanced budget for 2022-23, as shown in **Appendix 5**;
- (16) to approve the 2022-23 revenue and capital budgets for Common Good Funds as stated in **Appendix 9 and 10**;
- (17) for officers to continue the review that commenced in 2021-22 and bring forward proposals to address the deteriorating financial position of the Common Good Funds; and
- (18) to agree to allocate £0.250m of resources from General Reserves on a one-off basis in 2022-23 to assist in alleviating financial insecurity of those most in need and to augment any additional funding provided by the Scottish Government for this purpose. The funding to be considered by the Addressing Future Needs working group that has recently been established who will bring forward proposal for its use to Leadership Panel in due course.

Specific Budget Recommendations for 2022-23 to 2033-34:

- (1) to note that the current ten-year Capital Investment Programme 2021-22 to 2030-31 was approved by the Council on 4 March 2021. Progress on the current programme continues to be regularly reported to Leadership Panel;
- (2) to note that a review of the capital programme has been undertaken and has resulted in the re-profiling of several projects to better reflect current projected timelines and in some cases, budgets increased or reduced to reflect more accurate anticipated project spend levels. Further details on the process undertaken are outlined in **Appendix 6**;
- (3) to note that the ten-year programme timeframe has been extended, as agreed by Leadership Panel in October 2021, to a twelve-year programme and now includes investment spend up to 2033-34, per the Council's Capital Investment Strategy. This longer term allows a greater flexibility in the planning of significant capital investment, which tends to have long lead in times, and will ensure adequate preparation and planning in terms of operational service activity.
- (4) to note that the approach to capital asset management has allowed the budget setting process for 2022-23 to incorporate a bid process for new capital investment;
- (5) to note that £57.208m of additional investment is being brought forward for inclusion in the twelve-year capital investment programme;
- (6) to note that funding of £56.050m is available across the twelve-year timeframe resulting in over programming of £1.158m. It is anticipated that this over programming will be met by slippage across the programme and therefore no adjustment is currently proposed to the additional investment being brought forward for inclusion; and
- (7) to approve the overall twelve-year Capital Investment programme (inclusive of projects brought forward from 2021-22 to be completed in future years) which stands at £459.751m as detailed in **Appendix 7** along with the estimated debt charge (revenue) implications of the borrowing required to undertake the programme as outlined in **Appendix 8**.

3. Covid-19 2022-23 budget implications

Specific Revenue Budget Recommendations for 2022-23:

- (1) to note that the Leadership Panel of 15 June 2021 approved a programme of activity to support communities during the recovery from Covid-19. In addition, the panel approved a revised cost impact/loss of income funding requirement for 2021-22. Despite the recent increased restrictions brought about by the Omicron variant, the recovery activity continues;
- (2) to note that a review was undertaken in December 2021 to assess whether the revised funding allocated earlier in the year for loss of income/additional expenditure was still needed given the removal of many Covid-19 restrictions, resulting in various funds being returned to the Covid-19 reserve to be utilised in future years;
- (3) to note that the latest projected uncommitted balances on the Covid-19 Reserves as at 31 March 2022, is estimated to be £3.388m
- (4) to note that, like last year, a cost exercise has been carried out by services to provide an initial estimate of the likely cost of the pandemic continuing to impact on Council service provision for 2022-23. The estimated cost impact is shown in the table below:

Covid-19 direct service provision cost impact	£m
Category:	
Increased service provision cost	1.007
Loss of service income	1.633
Total impact	2.640

The above identified cost impact only includes the effect on direct Council service provision. It does not include the continuing cost of supporting the local community or local businesses which is currently being funded through a variety of Scottish Government grant funded schemes.

- (5) to approve the allocation of £2.640m of funds to services from the uncommitted Covid-19 reserve to meet the anticipated increased service provision costs and loss of income and to note that following this allocation, a balance of £0.748m will remain in the uncommitted Covid-19 reserve; and
- (6) to note that a review of the funds allocated to services per (5) above to will be undertaken periodically during the year and any unused funds or funds no longer required will be returned to the Covid-19 reserve for use in future years.

4. Carbon Budget 2022-23

- (1) This year sees the introduction of South Ayrshire Council's second carbon budget. This comes in the context of a nationally declared Climate and Ecological Emergency and following COP26 held in Glasgow last year. The clear need for action has never been greater or more compelling.
- (2) In October 2020 South Ayrshire Council adopted stretching targets for the reduction of the organisation's greenhouse gas emissions, with the aim of delivering against the council's public sector climate change duties as well as its moral and ethical obligations in this area. At the same time the council also committed to make a green recovery from Covid-19. This commitment intends to ensure that the disruption brought by the pandemic is harnessed as an opportunity for positive change while leaving the negative behaviours, habits and impacts of both the pre Covid-19 era and the pandemic in the past. By moving forward in ways which build and develop on the positives we will be best placed to deliver a resilient and low carbon future with a focus on wellbeing and future generations. The carbon budget is a key mechanism to deliver against these commitments while ensuring individual service needs and delivery is at the heart of how this is achieved.
- (3) Total accounted carbon emissions of the council in relation to electricity, direct fossil fuel use and grey mileage equated to 19,424.47 TCO_{2e} in 2019-20. The carbon budget for 2022-23 set out below considers the spend and trajectory the organisation needs to be on to meet its targets, as well as the historic carbon emissions required by individual service areas to provide for service delivery and meet the needs of the people of Ayrshire.

Directorate	TCO _{2e}
Chief Executive	523.38
Health & Social Care	1,099.33
People (of which Education is 5,545.93 TCO _{2e})	8,468.04
Place	4,035.46
Ayrshire Roads Alliance	1,452.49
Total Carbon Budget 2022-23	15,578.70

*Note Total Carbon Budget 2021-22 was 16,683.55 TCO_{2e}

- (4) This approach is in its infancy and there are many unknowns about potential future opportunities and indeed challenges in relation to climate change solutions in the years between now and our 2030 and 2045 target dates. However, it is only with improved understanding of how our emissions relate to the services we provide and the levels that we need to be aiming for that we can begin to adapt to deliver in a way that is fit for a resilient low carbon future. This is what the carbon budget seeks to do, taking our engagement and consideration of this critical agenda to new levels with its introduction. All services continue to be involved in the development of our annual carbon budget, and all will be central to the delivery of our climate change and sustainable development targets and ambitions going forward.
- (5) Further background and details on the new Carbon budget 2022-23 and the specific service-based target allocations are shown in **Appendix 11**.

5. Key Budget Risks

- (1) Within the budget proposals there are a number of inherent assumptions in arriving at figures and budget provisions and therefore risks, uncertainties and cost pressures that may be faced if costs change or new pressures emerge.
- (2) The following key risks and issues are highlighted in the context of this budget:
 - (1) The risk associated with using one off measures (surplus) to balance the budget in contrast to securing recurring funding through an increase in Council Tax income or through identifying additional savings;
 - (2) The continued uncertainties arising from the COVID Pandemic;
 - (3) Outstanding pay award settlements and the implications of the National Living Wage for external service providers;
 - (4) The impact of the wider economic climate on a range of factors including inflation, interest rates, employment, tax and income levels and service demands;
 - (5) Cost pressures, particularly demographic demand, exceeding budget estimates;
 - (6) Unplanned capital investment requirements and the associated cost;
 - (7) The ability to continue to meet the expectations of our communities within a period of fiscal constraint; and
 - (8) The impact of any further reduction in reserves would have on the Councils financial resilience and sustainability and in turn financial capacity to respond to unforeseen events or unbudgeted costs.
- (3) As many of the risks identified are out with the control of the Council, continual monitoring of each will be undertaken with updates and suggested required action provided to Leadership Panel as part of the normal financial budget monitoring arrangement throughout 2022-23. Any changes will also be factored in to future medium and long-term financial plans.

Directorate Service Expenditure Analysis

	Chief Executive £	People £	Place £	Misc. Services £	TOTAL £
Base expenditure	16,229,330	123,766,978	40,449,660	12,000,612	192,446,580
Service Expenditure demands:					
Pay awards, increments, payroll turnover etc.	531,690	3,219,958	1,378,776	394,576	5,525,000
Additional investment (Appendix 2)	435,920	4,475,298	2,047,045	739,675	7,697,938
Specific Grant funded expenditure	-	12,067,009	90,991	-	12,158,000
Debt charges (Appendix 8)	-	-	-	481,190	481,190
Efficiency/Savings					
Previously approved savings (Appendix 3)	-	-	(630,000)	-	(630,000)
New savings (Appendix 4)	-	-	-	(892,000)	(892,000)
NET EXPENDITURE	17,196,940	143,529,243	43,336,472	12,724,053	216,786,708
Health and Social Care Partnership funding					88,175,330
OVERALL PLANNED EXPENDITURE					304,962,038

Additional Investment/ Expenditure Pressures

	£
Chief Executive	
ICT Data Centre – Revenue funded hosting and delivery (phase 1)	200,000
ICT Cyber protection - anti-phishing software contract	90,000
ICT Contractual increases	64,525
Licensing - Taxi inspection cost increase	10,000
Trading Standards & Environmental Health – Contribution to Mortuary Service	8,222
Revenues & Benefits – software contract increases	42,973
Employee Services – Funding to mitigate permanent reduction in income	11,200
Employee Services - Training	5,000
Employee Services – software contract increases	4,000
Total Chief Executive	435,920

People	
Transport costs - ASN contract increase	38,864
Transport costs - Mainstream SPT contract increases	71,881
Schools – copyright licence increase	6,166
ActivPanel equipment and other ICT requirements for the Prestwick Campus	35,000
Ayr Academy new build - unitary charge increase	56,292
QMA new build - unitary charge increase	51,053
PPP – contract inflationary increase	759,042
Craigie Athletics Arena revenue running costs	290,000
Settlement changes - school clothing grant	111,000
Settlement changes – Scottish Disability Assistance	55,000
Settlement changes – Implementation of national trauma training	50,000
Settlement changes – Education Recovery (new teachers)	1,343,000
Settlement changes – 100-day commitment (new teachers)	1,608,000
Total People	4,475,298

Place	
Asset Management – Central Repairs Account increase	100,000
Housing Services – mixed tenure block revenue grants	100,000
ARA investment– SEPA regulation changes for coal tar disposal	100,000
ARA investment – pay uplifts	91,550
Neighbourhood Services – Fuel price increase	172,242
Neighbourhood Services – Transport vehicle cost increase	343,824
Neighbourhood Services - Waste Management – contract increase	700,000
Neighbourhood Services – Domestic and Commercial bin provision cost increase	50,000
Neighbourhood Services – Grounds & Bereavement material price increases	41,573
Planning and Building Standards - additional planning resource to meet the requirements of the new Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.	52,223
Facilities management – contract price increases	50,000
Facilities Management – revenue consequences of capital investment	34,384
Strategic Change team – Current posts made permanent from 1 January 2023 and two new permanent posts form 1 April 2022.	159,249
Settlement changes – Free child burials	5,000
Settlement changes – Private Sector Housing Grant funding	37,000
Settlement changes – Homeless provision	4,000
Settlement changes – Rapid rehousing investment	6,000
Total Place	2,047,045

Miscellaneous Services – held centrally to be allocated	
External Audit – contract fee increases	8,475
Insurance premium – contract increase	111,000
Strathclyde Passenger Transport – requisition increase	41,300
Utility increases - Electricity, Non-Domestic Rates etc.	578,900
Total Miscellaneous Services	739,675
Total - All Directorates/Services	7,697,938

Previously Approved Savings

Place	Approved	£
Newton House – new rental agreement	Leadership Panel November 2021	80,000
Contribution from over recovery of rental income from Homeless Temporary Accommodation (Temporary for 2021/22 can be reapplied in 2022-23).	Council March 2021	550,000
Total previously approved savings		630,000

New Savings Proposals

<i>Service area</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>2021-22 £</i>	<i>Responsible Service Lead</i>
Corporate			
CORP-01	Future Operating Model savings – Supplies & Services, mileage etc	175,000	Corporate Leadership Team
CORP-02	Increase payroll management target	500,000	Corporate Leadership Team
CORP-03	Increase all applicable external fees and charges by 2.9%	217,000	Corporate Leadership Team
Total Corporate savings – All Directorates/Services		892,000	

Equality Impact assessment matrix - for each of the new savings proposals can be found at:

[EQIA – Savings Matrix – Budget 2022-23](#)

Indicative scenario-based Revenue Budget 2023-24

- 1) It is considered good practice when assessing the financial outlook for a future year to apply different assumptions in order to provide a range of possible outcomes depending on a variety of factors. The table below provides an assessment of a best case, mid case and worse case outcome for 2023-24 based on varying a number of factors as outlined in section 2) and 3) below.

	Best Case	Mid Case	Worst Case
	£m	£m	£m
Funding:			
Fixed income source across all scenarios:			
Aggregate External Finance	236.249	236.249	236.249
Variable income source across scenarios (per section 2 below):			
Increase/(decrease) in SG general revenue grant funding	2.219	-	(2.219)
Share of £120m non-recurring 2022-23 LG funding	2.550	2.550	-
Increase in SG funding for HSCP	2.580	1.720	0.860
Council Tax base income	63.067	63.067	63.067
CT increase	2.650	2.018	0.122
Total anticipated funding	309.315	305.604	298.079
Expenditure:			
Fixed expenditure pressures across all scenarios:			
Base net service expenditure	304.962	304.962	304.962
HSCP 3% increase on core SAC funding	2.580	1.720	0.860
Debt charges (per capital investment plan)	2.335	2.335	2.335
Variable expenditure pressures across scenarios (per section 2 below):			
Key Strategic Objectives/ additional investment	2.240	3.359	4.479
Pay uplifts	3.382	4.195	5.801
Total revised expenditure	315.499	316.571	318.437
Initial Budget surplus/(gap)	(6.184)	(10,967)	(20.358)

- 2) In terms of scenario planning a number of the contributing factors in determining the future budget position remain static irrespective of the scenario in question. These are outlined in the Indicative budget statement above as fixed income sources and fixed expenditure pressures.
- 3) There are other contributing assumptions that may vary depending on the outcome of a variety of factors. The table below provides a simple high-level matrix which identifies the different assumption that have been made against each contributing factor in each scenario.

Variable Scenario Factors	Best Case	Mid Case	Worst Case
Scottish Government General funding	1% increase	Flat cash	1% reduction
Share of £120m non-recurring 2022-23 LG funding	£2.550m mainlined in core settlement	£2.550m mainlined in core settlement	Treated as one off and not mainlined in core settlement
Scottish Government HSCP additionality funding	3% increase	2% increase	1% increase
Council Tax levels	4% increase	3% increase	0% freeze – only increase relates to new build properties
HSCP contribution	Full 3% funding uplift passported through to HSCP otherwise flat cash	Full 2% funding uplift passported through to HSCP otherwise flat cash	Full 1% funding uplift passported through to HSCP otherwise flat cash
Key Strategic objectives/additional investment	Based on 50% of 2022-23 additional investment	Based on 75% of 2022-23 additional investment	Based on similar level of investment as 2022-23
Pay uplifts	1.5% uplift	2% uplift	3% uplift

- 4) Based on the above analysis savings of between £6.184m and £20.358m will be required in order to achieve a balanced budget for 2023-24. There is significant amount of uncertainty across a number of the contributing factors therefore it is difficult to judge with any degree of certainty what actual outcome will occur.

General Services Capital Investment Programme 2022-23 to 2033-34

1. Background

The General Services Proposed twelve-year Capital Investment Programme has been prepared on the basis of a refresh of the previously approved programme and through the introduction of new projects aligned to the process approved in September 2014 for capital investment planning.

The Corporate Asset Management Group has considered capital bids developed during 2021-22 and submitted by services for recommendation by the group for inclusion in the programme. This process was undertaken by services in consultation with elected members and portfolio holders to allow projects to be discussed and developed at an early stage.

Adjustments have been made to the programme to introduce new projects and to ensure funding that is not expended in the current financial year (2021-22) is re-profiled to future years to ensure that projects previously approved by Council are carried out, and other re-profiling of project spend within the programme to ensure the profile of budgets reflect the actual anticipated spend profile.

A total of capital investment programme of £459.751m is proposed for the twelve-year period 2022-23 to 2033-34.

2. Proposed new/adjusted projects for inclusion

Children & Families investment

Daily Primary School Surplus Plot – Car Park – (Appendix 7 Ref: 1[a]): Investment of £110,000 has been added in 2022-23 for the creation of a car park for staff and visitors including 2 accessible spaces.

Dalmilling Campus - (Appendix 1 Ref: 1[b]): This project will replace the existing Dalmilling Primary School building with enhanced provision for pupils with additional support needs and facilities for the community and the Health & Social Care Partnership. Funding is split over years 2030-31 (£10,732,000), 2031-32 (£11,947,000) and 2032-33 (£891,000).

School Refurbishment Programme – Various Projects (Appendix 7 Ref: 1[c]): Additional funding has been added to the programme to include a total amount of £7,200,000 over three years (£2,400,000 in 2031-32, £2,400,000 in 2032-33 and £2,400,000 in 2033-34) for school refurbishment works.

Window and Roof Replacement – Various Projects (Appendix 7 Ref: 1[d]): Additional funding has been added to the programme to include a total amount of £450,000 over three years (£150,000 in 2031-32, £150,000 in 2032-33 and £150,000 in 2033-34) for window and roof replacement works.

Communities investment

ARA – Girvan South Pier Repairs (Appendix 7 Ref: 3[a]): Investment of £128,000 has been added over two years (£8,000 in 2022-23 and £120,000 in 2023-24) for repairs to the harbour wall sheet piling.

ARA Road Reconstruction and Improvement (Appendix 7 Ref: 3[b]): Additional funding of £4,500,000 has been added over four years (£1,000,000 in 2022-23, £1,500,000 in 2031-32, £1,500,000 in 2032-33 and £1,500,000 in 2033-34) to continue to provide road users with an improved and safer road network which will have fewer potholes and a smoother surface. The total amount of investment for 2022-23 will be £3,500,000 including the additional £1,000,000 detailed above.

Cycling Walking and Safer Routes (Appendix 7 Ref: 3[c]): Funding of £491,000 has been added to the programme to undertake projects linked to specific grant funding provided by the Scottish Government in 2022-23.

Golf Strategy – Health & Safety Works (Appendix 7 Ref: 3[d]): Funding of £500,000 has been added to the programme in 2022-23 to upgrade staff welfare accommodation and replace a storm damaged equipment store.

Mixed Tenure Grant (Appendix 7 Ref: 3[e]): Investment of £200,000 has been added to the programme over two years (£100,000 in 2022-23 and £100,000 in 2023-24) to support provision of grants to owners in mixed tenure blocks to ensure the Council meets the Scottish Housing Quality Standard requirements and improves the living standards in neighbourhoods and communities.

Other investment

Equalities Act – Various Projects (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[a]): Additional funding has been added to the programme to include a total amount of £900,000 over three years (£300,000 in 2031-32, £300,000 in 2032-33 and £300,000 in 2033-34) to continue to support the ongoing accessibility improvement worked being carried out across the Council's property estate.

Net Zero Carbon Retrofit (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[b]): Funding of £1,000,000 has been added to the programme in 2022-23 to determine the financial implications of the required works.

Property Refurbishment – Various Projects (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[c]): Additional funding of £3,750,000 has been added to the programme over three financial years (£1,250,000 in 2031-32, £1,250,000 in 2032-33 and £1,250,000 in 2033-34) to continue the funding that will support the ongoing refurbishment of the Council's property estate.

Rewiring Programme – Various Projects (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[d]): Additional funding has been added to the programme to include a total amount of £600,000 over three years (£200,000 in 2031-32, £200,000 in 2032-33 and £200,000 in 2033-34) to fund the ongoing rewiring programme in various properties.

Works to Facilitate Property Rationalisation – Various Projects (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[e]): Additional funding of £300,000 has been added over three years (£100,000 in 2031-32, £100,000 in 2032-33 and £100,000 in 2033-34) to facilitate property rationalisation.

ICT – Business Systems (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[f]): £3,900,000 has been added to the programme over three years (£1,300,000 in 2031-32, £1,300,000 in 2032-33 and £1,300,000 in 2033-34) to continue the renewal, consolidation and replacement of business systems across the Council. Business Systems are the shared software applications that enable and automate business tasks, transactions and data, resulting in employees, customers, and other stakeholders being more efficient and effective, and processes more compliant.

ICT – End User Computing (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[g]): Additional funding of £6,700,000 has been added to the programme over three years (£1,400,000 in 2031-32, £1,400,000 in 2032-33 and £3,900,000 in 2033-34) to renew/replace devices and software such as laptops, tablets, smart phones and printers etc, which provide the user interface to other technology-based business processes, information and productivity tools.

ICT – Information and Data (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[h]): Funding of £1,260,000 has been added to the programme over three years (£420,000 in 2031-32, £420,000 in 2032-33 and £420,000 in 2033-34) to maintain and upgrade core technology such as storing, managing, transforming and presenting the Council's electronic data resources.

ICT - ICT Infrastructure (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[i]): Funding of £390,000 has been added to the programme over three years (£130,000 in 2031-32, £130,000 in 2032-33 and £130,000 in 2033-34) to maintain and upgrade Network communications, Servers, Storage, Operating Systems, Databases, etc.

Facilitate Introduction of Flexible Working (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[j]): A further allowance of £300,000 has been added over three years (£100,000 in 2031-32, £100,000 in 2032-33 and £100,000 in 2033-34) to continue the funding that will support the Introduction of Flexible Working.

Initial Work on Projects for Future Years (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[k]): Further provision has been made in the programme for initial work on projects in future years in the amount of £450,000 over three years (£150,000 in 2031-32, £150,000 in 2032-33 and £150,000 in 2033-34).

Ayrshire Growth Deal investment (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[l]): The expenditure profile has been updated to reflect the most up to date project cost profile and timing of Scottish Government and UK Government contribution expectations. It should be noted that the UK Government funding contribution is expected over a fifteen-year period. UK Government contributions of £2.369m is therefore due to be received beyond the twelve-year time frame of the current investment programme shown. It is likely that further re-profiling will be required as information regarding the exact timing of project spend in later years becomes clearer.

New Projects – Over programming (Appendix 7 Ref: 4[m]): An over programming provision of £1.158m has been made in 2033-34 to reflect the fact that the programme is oversubscribed in terms of available funding however it is anticipated that this over programming will be met by slippage across the programme.

Appendix 7 – Capital Investment Programme: Expenditure 2022-23 to 2033-34

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1) Children & Families Investment													
Archive and Registration Centre and Ayr Grammar School Project	800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800,000
Carrick Academy (Maybole Campus)	31,448,948	15,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,448,948
Daily Primary School Surplus Plot - Car Park	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,000
DeMilling Campus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,732,000	11,947,000	891,000	-	23,570,000
Early Learning and Childcare - Multi Year Capital Allocations	5,587,505	1,317,555	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,905,060
Education - Digital Inclusion for South Ayrshire Council	5,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,302
Glenburn and St Ninian's Primary Schools/shared campus	5,873,817	1,150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,023,817
Givnan All Weather Pitch	800,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	800,000
Givnan Primary School	-	3,000,000	13,000,000	6,440,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22,440,000
ICT Replacement in Schools	220,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	220,000
Invergannan New build	12,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,572
Sacred Heart Primary	2,250,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,250,000
School Refurbishment Programme - Various Projects	2,264,710	2,200,000	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,400,000	2,400,000	2,400,000	26,258,292
Southraig Campus	88,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	88,000
St John's Primary and Wallaceston Early Years Centre	-	-	-	-	2,000,000	10,130,000	4,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	16,130,000
Window and Roof Replacement - Various Projects	285,888	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	2,085,688
	49,736,542	23,817,655	15,236,226	8,676,226	4,236,226	12,366,226	6,286,226	2,286,226	13,018,226	14,497,000	3,441,000	2,550,000	155,147,679

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2) Health & Social Care investment													
Scheme of Assistance	680,395	680,000	500,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	-	-	-	5,460,395
North Ayr Health and Care Facility	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,000,000	-	-	-	9,000,000
	680,395	680,000	500,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	9,600,000	0	0	0	14,460,395

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2030-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
3) Communities Investment													
AVT Leisure Facility	21,000,000	22,000,000											43,000,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Bridge works	790,571	278,000	362,000	200,000									1,630,571
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Bridge works (Bridge of Coyle Deck Replacement)	50,000												50,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Gilvan Harbour Jetty Repairs	310,000												310,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Gilvan South Pier Repairs	8,000	120,000											128,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - LED replacement	231,951					100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000				631,951
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Local Flood Risk Plan	172,586	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000								428,586
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Road Reconstruction and Improvement	3,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000		1,500,000	28,000,001
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - C12 Dunure Slope Stabilisation	188,000												188,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - EV Charging Infrastructure	100,000	100,000	120,430										320,430
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - 20mph Infrastructure	23,708												23,708
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Street Lighting	204,711	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000								1,204,711
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Traffic Signals Renewals Programme	180,000	140,000											330,000
Roads Alliance - B734 Pihgarnach Slope Stabilisation and Safety Barrier	2,000												2,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - New Traffic Signals	200,000												200,000
Facilities to assist with tourist and visitor facilities	159,507												159,507
Bealsie Park - Additional Works	680,000												680,000
CCTV Public Space Infrastructure	375,000												375,000
Cemetary Infrastructure Project	2,304,044	500,000	250,000	100,000	100,000								3,254,044
Citadel Enhancement works	15,000												15,000
Craigie Additional Sporting Facility	4,700,000												4,700,000
Craigie Park Sport for All facility Development	200,000												200,000
Cycling Walking Safer Routes (grant funded works)	491,000												491,000
Golf Strategy - Health & Safety works	500,000												500,000
Green Waste / Household Recycling and Waste Transfer Station	4,000,000	4,150,000	4,000,000										12,150,000
Mason's Crematorium Upgrade of drainage	242,500												242,500
Maybole Town Centre Regeneration - Town Hall	221,632												221,632
Maybole Town Centre Regeneration - Public Realm Improvements to the High Street	608,375	259,875											868,250
Northfield Bowling Centre Refurbishment	525,000												525,000
Place Plans	1,050,000												1,050,000
Public Conveniences - Various Projects	372,333												372,333
Rozelle House	200,000												200,000
Troon Cemetary Extension	26,832												26,832
VAT Recovery funds Investment	460,000												460,000
Mixed tenure grant	100,000	100,000											200,000
	44,200,769	30,461,875	1,544,430	3,114,000	2,914,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	2,600,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,600,000	103,137,056

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2025-27	2027-29	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
4) Other investment													
Buildings													
Developers' Contribution related projects	1,868,697												1,868,697
Depot Improvement Throughout South Ayrshire Council - Walker Road Depot - Transfer station	292,270	250,000											542,270
Depot Improvement Throughout South Ayrshire Council - Additional Works	94,000												94,000
Equalities Act Budget - Various Projects	207,170	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	3,657,170
Riverside Project	2,495,795	1,800,000											4,295,795
Net Zero Carbon Retrofit	1,000,000												1,000,000
Office and Welfare Facilities at Bridge Street, Ginnan	1,650,000												1,650,000
Property Refurbishment - Various Projects	1,164,408	1,150,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	15,814,408
Refurbishment and Extension to King George V Changing Facilities	300,000												300,000
Relocation of Archive Centre	850,000												850,000
'Renewable Heat Incentive Certifications	10,000												10,000
Rewiring Programme - Various Projects	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	2,600,000
Works to Facilitate Property Rationalisation - Various Projects	1,314,364	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	2,614,364
Information Technology													
Business systems	6,229,619	673,600	852,600	752,600	1,350,000	1,165,000	1,231,000	1,231,000	1,165,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	18,550,419
End User Computing	3,524,000	1,652,000	4,006,000	1,594,000	1,534,000	3,410,000	1,344,000	1,344,000	3,910,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	3,900,000	29,018,000
Information & Data	330,000	450,000	300,000	450,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	4,890,000
ICT Infrastructure	684,000	655,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	2,649,000
Other													
Facilitate Introduction of Flexible Working	385,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	1,685,000
Initial Work on Projects For Future Years	173,857	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	1,623,857
Project Management Costs	95,000												95,000
Repair & Renewal (works funded by contribution)	411,312												411,312
Economic Regeneration													
Ayrshire Growth Deal	11,634,790	15,890,898	29,900,000	11,932,000	4,000,000	6,300,000	5,500,000	6,000,000					91,157,688
Hanger space (GPA)	1,786,607	1,000,000											2,786,607
Future Years													
New Projects - Overprogramming												(1,157,848)	(1,157,848)
	35,710,889	24,321,499	37,238,600	15,808,600	9,494,000	13,925,000	11,175,000	11,675,000	8,175,000	5,350,000	5,350,000	8,692,152	187,005,740
Total 12 year Capital Investment programme	131,328,576	73,230,929	60,524,255	20,298,825	17,204,226	29,491,226	20,651,226	17,161,226	33,393,227	21,347,000	10,291,000	10,742,152	459,750,670

Appendix 7 – Capital Investment Programme: Funding 2022-23 to 2033-34

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Capital Grant													
General Capital Grant	8,577,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	107,577,000
Specific Capital grants:-													
Specific Capital Grant - Cycling, Walking & Safer Routes	491,000												491,000
9,068,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	108,068,000
Additional funding identified													
Anticipated capital receipts	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	2,850,000
Ayrshire Growth Deal Grant due in year	10,928,407	11,081,171	11,034,093	14,452,730	2,730,408	2,957,880	2,844,593	3,184,953	1,385,517	758,621	758,621		62,094,783
Ayrshire Growth Deal Deferred Grant due - Note further Government deferred grant of £2.369m is due to be received in 2034-35.				1,058,262	1,453,055	1,453,055	1,453,055	1,414,630	1,414,629	1,414,630	332,380	1,542,152	11,535,849
Developers contributions to match expenditure	1,868,887												1,868,887
Other Contributions - Grants / CFCR / CRA/R&R	786,302												786,302
13,841,406	11,331,171	11,284,093	15,760,993	4,433,463	4,680,736	4,547,649	4,849,583	3,030,147	2,373,250	1,291,000	1,742,152		79,145,641
Borrowing													
Prudential borrowing	107,710,787	53,140,030	21,371,258	8,116,828	3,984,228	13,941,228	5,911,228	1,911,228	24,143,227	12,147,000	2,173,250	1,414,630	255,984,910
Ayrshire Growth Deal borrowing - Increases(decrease) to Prudential borrowing required based on spend and grant profile	708,383	4,809,728	18,865,907	(3,578,983)	(183,463)	1,888,284	1,202,351	1,400,417	(2,780,147)	(2,173,250)	(2,173,250)	(1,414,630)	16,572,319
108,419,170	57,949,758	40,237,163	4,537,833	3,800,763	15,830,480	7,113,577	3,311,843	21,363,080	9,973,750	0	0	0	272,537,229
Total funding requirement	131,323,576	79,280,929	60,521,256	20,288,828	17,234,226	29,451,226	20,651,226	17,161,226	33,333,227	21,347,000	10,291,000	10,742,152	459,150,870

Appendix 8 – Capital Investment Programme: Debt Charge Implications

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Principle	5,870,000	6,564,000	6,933,000	7,057,000	7,070,000	7,177,000	7,343,000	7,688,000	8,100,000	8,652,000	9,152,000	9,575,000
Interest	6,699,767	8,401,719	10,117,060	10,659,585	11,447,346	11,748,936	12,508,828	13,362,794	13,649,311	13,841,531	13,806,796	13,573,071
Expenses	177,898	174,298	175,101	175,156	172,334	170,362	169,692	168,353	167,988	168,124	167,020	165,071
Investment income	(113,750)	(170,625)	(227,500)	(284,375)	(341,250)	(398,125)	(455,000)	(455,000)	(511,875)	(511,875)	(511,875)	(511,875)
	12,633,916	14,969,392	16,997,661	17,607,366	18,348,430	18,698,173	19,566,519	20,764,148	21,405,425	22,149,780	22,613,941	22,801,267
Increase from previous year	481,190	2,335,477	2,028,269	609,705	741,054	349,743	868,346	1,197,528	641,277	744,355	464,161	187,326

Appendix 9 – Common Good Fund Revenue Budget 2022-23

	Ayr £	Prestwick £	Troon £	Girvan £	Maybole £
Income:					
Rental income	(535,000)	(29,225)	(179)	(945)	-
Other income	(7,500)	-	-	-	-
Contribution from South Ayrshire Council	-	-	-	(45,000)	-
Interest on balances	(11,000)	(2,000)	(200)	-	(15)
Total planned income	(553,500)	(31,225)	(379)	(45,945)	(15)
Expenditure:					
Caretaker recharge	21,500	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	95,500	1,421	200	1,750	-
Grounds maintenance	165,000	29,054	-	43,000	-
Utilities	47,000	-	-	1,195	-
Non-domestic rates/ council tax/ water	157,000	250	-	-	-
Insurance	30,500	-	-	-	-
Other property costs	15,500	-	-	-	-
Supplies and services	3,000	-	-	-	-
Other administrative costs	1,000	-	-	-	-
Support Service costs	15,000	-	-	-	-
Grants to voluntary organisations	-	500	-	-	-
Total planned expenditure	551,000	31,225	200	45,945	-
Planned (surplus)/ deficit for the year	(2,500)	-	(179)	-	(15)
Projected revenue surplus at 1 April 2022	(93,311)	(253,836)	(35,214)	(9,490)	(1,531)
Projected revenue surplus at 31 March 2023	(95,811)	(253,836)	(35,393)	(9,490)	(1,546)

Based on anticipated rental income from properties owned by Ayr and Prestwick Common Good Funds due to the impact of economic recovery from Covid-19 restrictions and other market pressures, expenditure budgets have been adjusted accordingly.

Appendix 10 – Common Good Fund Capital Budget 2022-23

	Ayr £	Prestwick £	Troon £	Girvan £	Maybole £
Projected surplus balance at 1 April 2022	(533,958)	(34,699)	-	-	-
Planned expenditure	-	-	-	-	-
Anticipated income	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
Projected surplus balance as at 31 March 2023	(543,958)	(34,699)	-	-	-

This position assumes completion during 2021-22 of ongoing capital works to Rozelle House. Any new capital expenditure proposals will be brought forward during the year for Members' approval.

Carbon Budget 2022-23

1. Background

The council financial budgets and service provision is currently being delivered within the context of a climate and ecological emergency as declared by Scottish Government. Public sector climate change duties require South Ayrshire Council to act in a range of ways.

The duties first introduced by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 require that a public body must, in exercising its functions, act in the way best calculated to contribute to the delivery of emissions reduction targets (known as 'mitigation'), in the way best calculated to help deliver any statutory climate change adaptation programme, and in a way that it considers is most sustainable. From reporting for the 2021/22 year onwards public bodies are required to set out in annual reporting how each will align its spending plans and use of resources to contribute to reducing emissions and delivering emissions reduction targets.

The introduction of carbon budgeting is a key contribution to doing this, giving transparency in relation to the level of emissions being directly driven by the provision of each service area and linking the frontline and supporting functions of the organisation in a joint endeavour to identify and take forward opportunities to drive down these organisational emissions and meet the required targets.

2. Carbon Budget 2022-23 target

Total accounted carbon emissions of the council in relation to electricity, direct fossil fuel use and grey mileage equated to 19,424.47 TCO₂e in 2019/20. The service delivery driving the generation of these emissions has been analysed on a service basis. Taking account of the council's adopted target and allowing for a proportionate and incrementally stepped approach to delivery of this, carbon expenditure for these source areas should total no more than 15,578.70 TCO₂e for financial year 2022/23 and these areas can be devolved to service level. Other organisational emissions source areas, namely emissions driven by the Councils commercial waste recycling and disposal and water use, have also been calculated as a top line, but at the current time can only be accounted for on an organisational basis.

Having both the background information and understanding about the carbon generated through the provision of their services and the targets for reduction will allow services to establish how they are best able to meet the targets required while still delivering excellent services and as such what level of change and investment will be required to do so.

Consideration will require to be given going forward of the level and targeting of investment across the organisation to allow the organisation to meet its overall reduction target. This is particularly the case with regard to physical infrastructure projects, but also relates to changes to way we deliver services, staffing and skills realignment and development. In this way and through the processes outlined here the link will be made between alignment of spending plans and delivery of carbon reductions and climate change duties.

3. Carbon Budget 2022-23 allocation on a service basis

<i>Directorate</i>	<i>Service Area</i>	<i>TCO_{2e}</i>	
Chief Executive	Risk and Safety	7.66	
	Employee Services and HR	48.48	
	Legal and Licensing	19.57	
	ICT Operations	180.35	
	Revenue and Benefits	82.78	
	Senior Leadership	16.94	
	ICT Enterprise Architecture	4.26	
	Corporate and Service Finance	46.73	
	Trading Standards and Environmental Health	29.28	
	Democratic Governance	87.33	
	Total Chief Executive	523.38	
	Health and Social Care	Children's housing	49.99
		Reablement	173.23
Maintenance Care		390.09	
Children's Services		113.56	
Children's Health		16.54	
Social Work Justice		39.27	
Performance Planning and Administration		86.22	
Service Hubs – Troon, Prestwick, Maybole and Girvan		47.46	
Service Hubs - Ayr		48.78	
Learning Disability and Sensory Impairment		122.47	
Public Protection		7.23	
Mental Health		4.49	
Total Health and Social Care		1,099.33	
People	Sport and Leisure	1,421.14	
	Golf	270.93	
	Community Development and Employee Skills	476.52	
	Housing Policy & Corporate Planning and Improvement	25.07	
	Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud	5.59	

<i>Directorate</i>	<i>Service Area</i>	<i>TCO_{2E}</i>
	Organisational Development and Customer Services	48.07
	Maybole Regeneration	28.43
	Tourism Events and Community Facilities	646.36
	Central ASN	109.60
	Central Early Years and Primary	51.73
	Central Education	22.83
	Education - Ayr Cluster	507.99
	Education - Belmont Cluster	1,030.71
	Education - Carrick Cluster	575.48
	Education - Girvan Cluster	538.79
	Education - Kyle Cluster	504.52
	Education - Marr cluster	919.68
	Education - Prestwick Cluster	885.52
	Education - Queen Margaret Cluster	399.08
	Total People	8,468.04
Place	Planning and Building Standards	84.62
	Housing Services	384.80
	Professional Design Services	12.33
	Economic Development	29.98
	Asset Management	104.10
	Property Maintenance	373.68
	Procurement	16.70
	Special Property Projects	5.84
	Facilities Management	1,170.52
	Neighbourhood Services	1,852.89
	Total Place	4,035.46
Ayrshire Roads Alliance	Ayrshire Roads Alliance	1,452.49
	Total Ayrshire Roads Alliance	1,452.49
	Total all Services	15,578.70

4. Carbon Budget for years 2023-24 onwards

As the council has adopted a target to 2030 and an initial, equal and incremental approach to apportionment of savings, a 10-year projection has also been issued to budget holders and allows budget holders the ability to plan for longer term change projects and associated savings while staying within their 10-year budget requirements. Future analysis of the organisations carbon emissions undertaken each year will be provided at a service level and as part of this process realigned in response to any realignment of service delivery within the organisation, with revised targets and projections issued. Some minor realignments have taken place in response to restructuring to calculate the 2022-23 budget relative to the 2021-22 budget.

It is recognised and acknowledged that there are many unknowns in relation to the climate change agenda, not least with regard to evolving technology and new emerging solutions, however the urgency of the agenda means it is not possible to delay all action until we have certainty in all areas; rather progress requires to be made early with a focus on 'no regrets' actions and in many instances external support is available to assist with appropriate actions.

It should also be noted that there will be times when delivering appropriately in relation to our public sector climate change duties on an area wide basis in relation to climate change may compromise organisational carbon budget targets. In relation to this point it should be noted that the council's area wide targets will also require to evolve and increasingly be factored into financial decision making and annual reporting. The Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy as well as the regional approach to climate change currently under development will be key mechanisms for taking this forward.

It should also be noted that while the equal application of the target across services is appropriate at this time to recognise the scale of the challenge and develop thinking around each service areas specific response, this may not always be the case going forward. This will depend on the ability to facilitate change in different service areas in the initial years of the carbon budget, which may in turn require additional realignment of the balance of targets across the organisation in future years. It is noted that at the present time services with a heavy dependence on the built estate, such as education, or on heavy vehicles, such as waste management, have a more limited potential to reduce their emissions significantly in the short term although their overall contribution to the climate change agenda is significant, and in the case of heavy vehicles new solutions are likely to become viable in the second half of the decade.

5. Future Financial Implications

Delivering the carbon budget will undoubtedly require financial investment and changes to the way in which we deploy our resources. The carbon budget processes set out in this appendix are intended to help the Council to meet requirements in a way which is planned and structured, recognising the financial costs but striving to meet them in the most resource efficient way possible.

The full costs of becoming net zero carbon are not known at this point, and many variables, including technology and energy prices, will change over the period between now and 2030 and 2045. The Council will seek and pursue external funding opportunities where possible, however it is important for the Council to be aware that investments from within the Council's own budgets will also be required. However, for

2022-23 £1.000m of funding has been included in the capital investment programme to determine the financial implications of identified potential future works. This will allow consideration for possible inclusion in future budget setting cycles depending on affordability alongside consideration of the current programme commitments.

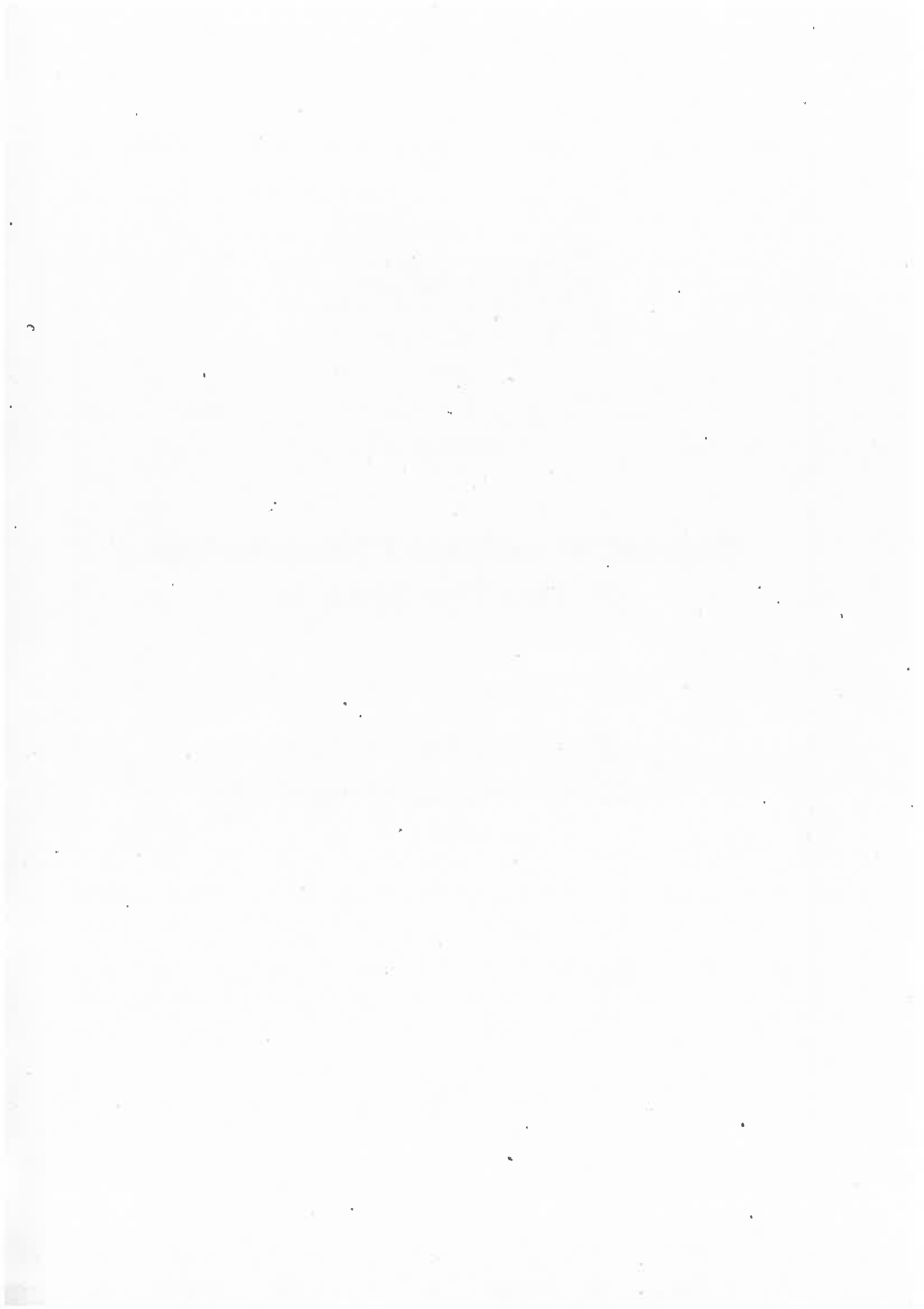


Annexe 2

**Capital Investment Programme
2022-23 to 2033-34**

**Proposals of the
Conservative Members**

3 March 2022



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General Services Capital Investment Programme 2022-23 to 2033-34

Conservative Group Proposals

1) **Accept the majority of the recommendations of the Councils Capital Asset Management Group (CAMG) for the refresh of the previously approved investment programme through:**

- the extension of the programme to include an additional £56.008 million available investment spend between 2031-32 and 2033-34 per the Council's Capital Investment Strategy;
- the re-profiling of funding that is not expended in the current financial year (2022-23) to future years to ensure that projects previously approved by Council are carried out and other re-profiling of project spend within the programme as recommended by the CAMG; and
- the introduction of new capital investment based on capital bids submitted by services for consideration by the CAMG totalling £58.198m. Further detail is provided in **Appendix 1**.

2) **Make the following further amendments to the programme (*Appendix 2*):**

- **Girvan All weather pitch** – specific location to be determined following consultation with the local community and groups and subsequent planning arrangements.
- **Ayr Leisure Facility** – retain the land and demolish and clear the site for future development following completion of the purchase and thereafter suspend the project and remove the remaining £36.3m funding from the programme;
- **Citadel Centre** - invest £9m in a significant refurbishment at the Ayr Citadel (£3m in 2022-23; £3m in 2023-24 and £3m in 2024-25);
- **Roads** - In addition to the investment recommended by the Capital Asset Management Group, invest a further £0.672m in 2023-24, £0.740m in 2023-24 and £1.000m per annum over the remaining ten years of the twelve-year programme in Roads Reconstruction and Improvement through the Ayrshire Roads Alliance;
- **Place Planning & Community Led Project Fund** – introduce a new place Planning & Community led investment project by allocating £1.000m for seven of the eight wards (excluding Ayr West Ward) for capital investment purposes (£7.0m in total) to be profiled in two amounts of £3.500m in both 2022-23 and 2023-24; and

- **Ayr West Ward - Ayr Town Centre Investment** – invest £6m in improving and revitalising Ayr Town Centre, split equally over 2 years 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- 3) **Agree the overall £2.888m of net reduction in expenditure to the programme resulting from the six amendments at 2) above (as detailed in Appendix 2) over the course of the twelve-year programme;**
 - 4) **To note that by incorporating £58.198m of new capital bids identified in 1) above with overall £2.888m net reduction in investment proposed in 3) above, results in net under programming of £0.630m when comparing to the £56.008m of available investment funding. Utilisation of this under programming will be considered as part the in-year capital investment monitoring arrangements or as part of future budget setting cycles.**
 - 5) **Agree to determine during this and future budget setting cycles that any annual net saving/ cost in debt charges over the twelve-year period occurring as a result of the amendments in 1) to 3) above will either be:**
 - allocated to/ from uncommitted reserves, or
 - utilised to reduce the level of potential savings required to balance future budget gaps.
 - 6) **Agree the overall £459.751m twelve-year capital investment programme, funding and debt charge implications as detailed in Appendix 3 which incorporates the amendments at sections 1) and 2) above.**

Appendix 1 - Capital asset Management Group - new investment proposals

		2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Children & Families Investment														
1	Daily Primary School Surplus Plot - Car Park	110,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,000
2	Dalmling Campus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,732,000	11,947,000	891,000	-	23,570,000
3	School Refurbishment Programme - Various Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,400,000	2,400,000	2,400,000	7,200,000
4	Window and Roof Replacement - Various Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	450,000
		110,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,732,000	14,497,000	3,441,000	2,590,000	31,220,000
Communities Investment														
5	AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE - ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT	2,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	6,500,000
6	Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Girvan Harbour South Pier Quay	8,000	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128,000
7	Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Formation of passing places on U25 between Barr and Dailly	150,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000
8	Ayrshire Roads Alliance - New Footpath to Crosshill Cemetery	60,000	140,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000
9	Mixed tenure grant	100,000	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000
10	Golf Strategy - Health & Safety works	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
		2,618,000	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	7,678,000
Other Investment														
11	Equalities Act Budget - Various Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	300,000	300,000	300,000	900,000
12	Net Zero Carbon Retrofit	750,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	750,000
13	Property Refurbishment - Various Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	3,750,000
14	Rewiring Programme (Including Residual Decoration Work, Etc.) - Various Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000	600,000
15	Works to Facilitate Property Rationalisation - Various Projects	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	300,000
16	Business systems	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	3,900,000
17	End User Computing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	3,900,000	6,700,000
18	Information & Data	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	420,000	420,000	420,000	1,260,000
19	ICT Infrastructure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130,000	130,000	130,000	390,000
20	Facilitate Introduction of Flexible Working	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000	100,000	100,000	300,000
21	Initial Work on Projects For Future Years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	150,000	450,000
		750,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,350,000	5,350,000	7,850,000	19,300,000
Total New Investment		3,678,000	300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,732,000	21,347,000	10,291,000	11,910,000	58,198,000

1) New investment proposal detail

The following information provides details on the new projects added to the programme identified in the table above.

Table ref: 1 - Dailly Primary School Surplus Plot – Car Park: Investment of £110,000 has been added in 2022-23 for the creation of a car park for staff and visitors including 2 accessible spaces.

Table ref: 2 - Dalmilling Campus: This project will replace the existing Dalmilling Primary School building with enhanced provision for pupils with additional support needs and facilities for the community and the Health & Social Care Partnership. Funding is split over years 2030-31 (£10,732,000), 2031-32 (£11,947,000) and 2032-33 (£891,000).

Table ref: 3- School Refurbishment Programme – Various Projects: Additional funding has been added to the programme to include a total amount of £7,200,000 over three years (£2,400,000 in 2031-32, £2,400,000 in 2032-33 and £2,400,000 in 2033-34) for school refurbishment works.

Table ref: 4 - Window and Roof Replacement – Various Projects: Additional funding has been added to the programme to include a total amount of £450,000 over three years (£150,000 in 2031-32, £150,000 in 2032-33 and £150,000 in 2033-34) for window and roof replacement works.

Table ref: 5 - ARA Road Reconstruction and Improvement: Additional funding of £6,500,000 has been added over four years (£2,000,000 in 2022-23, £1,500,000 in 2031-32, £1,500,000 in 2032-33 and £1,500,000 in 2033-34) to continue to provide road users with an improved and safer road network which will have fewer potholes and a smoother surface.

Table ref: 6 – ARA Girvan South Pier Repairs: Investment of £128,000 has been added over two years (£8,000 in 2022-23 and £120,000 in 2023-24) for repairs to the harbour wall sheet piling.

Table ref: 7 – ARA Formation of Passing Place: Investment of £150,000 has been added to 2022-23 to enable passing places to be created on the U25 between Barr and Dailly.

Table Ref: 8 - ARA New footpath: Investment of £200,000 has been added over two years (£60,000 in 2022-23 and £140,000 in 2023-24) to create a new footpath to Crosshill Cemetery.

Table ref: 9 - Mixed Tenure Grant: Investment of £200,000 has been added to the programme over two years (£100,000 in 2022-23 and £100,000 in 2023-24) to support provision of grants to owners in mixed tenure blocks to ensure the Council meets the Scottish Housing Quality Standard requirements and improves the living standards in neighbourhoods and communities.

Table ref: 10 - Golf Strategy – Health & Safety Works: Funding of £500,000 has been added to the programme in 2022-23 to upgrade staff welfare accommodation and replace a storm damaged equipment store.

Table ref: 11 - Equalities Act – Various Projects: Additional funding has been added to the programme to include a total amount of £900,000 over three years (£300,000 in 2031-32, £300,000 in 2032-33 and £300,000 in 2033-34) to continue to support the ongoing accessibility improvement worked being carried out across the Council's property estate.

Table ref: 12 - Net Zero Carbon Retrofit: Funding of £750,000 has been added to the programme in 2022-23 to determine the financial implications of the required works.

Table ref: 13 - Property Refurbishment – Various Projects: Additional funding of £3,750,000 has been added to the programme over three financial years (£1,250,000 in 2031-32; £1,250,000 in 2032-33 and £1,250,000 in 2033-34) to continue the funding that will support the ongoing refurbishment of the Council's property estate.

Table ref: 14 - Rewiring Programme – Various Projects: Additional funding has been added to the programme to include a total amount of £600,000 over three years (£200,000 in 2031-32, £200,000 in 2032-33 and £200,000 in 2033-34) to fund the ongoing rewiring programme in various properties.

Table ref: 15 - Works to Facilitate Property Rationalisation – Various Projects: Additional funding of £300,000 has been added over three years (£100,000 in 2031-32, £100,000 in 2032-33 and £100,000 in 2033-34) to facilitate property rationalisation.

Table ref: 16 - ICT – Business Systems: £3,900,000 has been added to the programme over three years (£1,300,000 in 2031-32, £1,300,000 in 2032-33 and £1,300,000 in 2033-34) to continue the renewal, consolidation and replacement of business systems across the Council. Business Systems are the shared software applications that enable and automate business tasks, transactions and data, resulting in employees, customers, and other stakeholders being more efficient and effective, and processes more compliant.

Table ref: 17 - ICT – End User Computing: Additional funding of £6,700,000 has been added to the programme over three years (£1,400,000 in 2031-32, £1,400,000 in 2032-33 and £3,900,000 in 2033-34) to renew/replace devices and software such as laptops, tablets, smart phones and printers etc, which provide the user interface to other technology-based business processes, information and productivity tools.

Table ref: 18 - ICT – Information and Data : Funding of £1,260,000 has been added to the programme over three years (£420,000 in 2031-32, £420,000 in 2032-33 and £420,000 in 2033-34) to maintain and upgrade core technology such as storing, managing, transforming and presenting the Council's electronic data resources.

Table ref: 19 - ICT Infrastructure: Funding of £390,000 has been added to the programme over three years (£130,000 in 2031-32, £130,000 in 2032-33 and £130,000 in 2033-34) to maintain and upgrade Network communications, Servers, Storage, Operating Systems, Databases, etc.

Table ref: 20 - Facilitate Introduction of Flexible Working: A further allowance of £300,000 has been added over three years (£100,000 in 2031-32, £100,000 in 2032-33 and £100,000 in 2033-34) to continue the funding that will support the Introduction of Flexible Working.

Table ref: 21 - Initial Work on Projects for Future Years: Further provision has been made in the programme for initial work on projects in future years in the amount of £450,000 over three years (£150,000 in 2031-32, £150,000 in 2032-33 and £150,000 in 2033-34).

2) Other material changes

Ayrshire Growth Deal Investment: The expenditure profile has been updated to reflect the most up to date project cost profile and timing of Scottish Government and UK Government contribution expectations. It should be noted that the UK Government funding contribution is expected over a fifteen-year period. UK Government contributions of £2.169m are therefore due to be received beyond the twelve-year time frame of the current investment programme shown. It is likely that further re-profiling will be required as information regarding the exact timing of project spend in later years becomes clearer.

Appendix 2 - Proposed Conservative Group Amendments

Communities Investment	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ayr Leisure Facility	(14,300,000)	(22,000,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(36,300,000)
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Road Reconstruction and Improvement	672,000	740,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	11,412,000
Citadel Enhancement works	3,000,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,000,000
Place Planning & Community Led Project Fund (7 wards at £1,000m per ward over two years)	3,500,000	3,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,000,000
Ayr West ward Improving/revitalising Ayr Town Centre	3,000,000	3,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000,000
	(4,128,000)	(11,760,000)	4,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	(2,888,000)

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1) Children & Families Investment													
Archive and Registration Centre and Ayr Grammar School Project	800,000												800,000
Carrick Academy (Maybole Campus)	31,448,948	15,000,000											46,448,948
Daily Primary School Surplus Plot - Car Park	110,000												110,000
Dairmling Campus									10,732,000	11,947,000	891,000		23,570,000
Early Learning and Childcare - Multi Year Capital Allocations	5,587,505	1,317,555											6,905,060
Education - Digital Inclusion for South Ayrshire Council	5,302												5,302
Glenburn and St Ninian's Primary Schoolssshared campus	5,873,817	1,150,000											7,023,817
Girvan All Weather Pitch	800,000												800,000
Girvan Primary School		3,000,000	13,000,000	6,440,000									22,440,000
ICT Replacement in Schools	220,000												220,000
Invergarven New build	12,572												12,572
Sacred Heart Primary	2,250,000												2,250,000
School Refurbishment Programme - Various Projects	2,254,710	2,200,000	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,086,226	2,400,000	2,400,000	2,400,000	26,258,292
Southcraig Campus	88,000												88,000
St John's Primary and Wallacetown Early Years Centre					2,000,000	10,130,000	4,000,000						16,130,000
Window and Roof Replacement - Various Projects	285,688	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	2,085,688
	49,736,542	22,817,555	15,236,226	8,575,226	4,236,226	12,386,226	6,286,226	2,286,226	13,818,226	14,497,000	3,441,000	2,550,000	155,147,579

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
2) Health & Social Care Investment													
Scheme of Assistance	680,395	680,000	500,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000				5,460,395
North Ayr Health and Care Facility									9,000,000				9,000,000
	680,395	680,000	500,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	9,600,000	0	0	0	14,460,395

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
7) Communities Investment													
Ayr Leisure Facility	6,700,000												6,700,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Bridge works	790,571	278,000	382,000	200,000									1,630,571
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Bridge works (bridge of Coyle Block Reinforcement)	50,000												50,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Girven Harbour Jetty Repairs	310,000												310,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Girven South Pier Repairs	8,000	120,000											128,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - LED replacement	231,951						100,000	100,000	100,000				631,951
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Local Flood Risk Plan	172,596	64,000	64,000	64,000	64,000								428,596
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Road Reconstruction and Improvement	5,172,000	3,240,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	3,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000		40,412,001
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - C12 Durrie Slope Stabilisation	198,000												198,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - EV Charging Infrastructure	100,000	100,000	120,430										320,430
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - 20mph Infrastructure	23,708												23,708
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Street Lighting	204,711	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000								1,204,711
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Traffic Signals Renewals Programme	190,000	140,000											330,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - B734 Pingerrach Slope Stabilisation and Safety Barrier	2,000												2,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - New Traffic Signals	200,000												200,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - Formation of passing places on U25 between Barr and Daily	150,000												150,000
Ayrshire Roads Alliance - New Footpath to Crosshill Cemetery	60,000	140,000											200,000
Facilities to assist with tourist and visitor facilities	158,507												158,507
Belleisle Park - Additional Works	680,000												680,000
CCTV Public Space Infrastructure	375,000												375,000
Cemetery Infrastructure Project	2,304,044	500,000	250,000	100,000	100,000								3,254,044
Citadel Enhancement works	3,015,000	3,000,000	3,000,000										9,015,000
Craigie Additional Sporting Facility	4,700,000												4,700,000
Craigie Park Sport for All facility Development	200,000												200,000
Cycling Walking Safer Streets (grant funded works)	481,000												481,000
Golf Strategy - Health & Safety works	500,000												500,000
Green Waste / Household Recycling and Waste Transfer Station	4,000,000	4,150,000	4,000,000										12,150,000
Masonhall Crematorium Upgrade of drainage	242,500												242,500
Maybole Town Centre Regeneration - Town Hall	221,632												221,632
Maybole Town Centre Regeneration - Public Realm Improvements to the High Street	608,375	259,875											868,250
Mixed Tenure Grants	100,000	100,000											200,000
Northfield Bowling Centre Refurbishment	525,000												525,000
Place Plans	1,050,000												1,050,000
Public Conveniences - Various Projects	372,333												372,333
Rozella House	200,000												200,000
Troon Cemetery Extension	26,832												26,832
VAT Recovery funds investment	460,000												460,000
Place Planning & Community Led Project Fund (7 wards at £1,000m per ward over two years)	3,500,000	3,500,000											7,000,000
Ayr West ward improving/revitalising Ayr Town Centre	3,000,000	3,000,000											6,000,000
Total	41,282,780	70,641,875	71,046,330	4,114,000	3,914,000	1,610,000	3,608,000	3,690,000	3,608,001	2,608,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	101,858,156

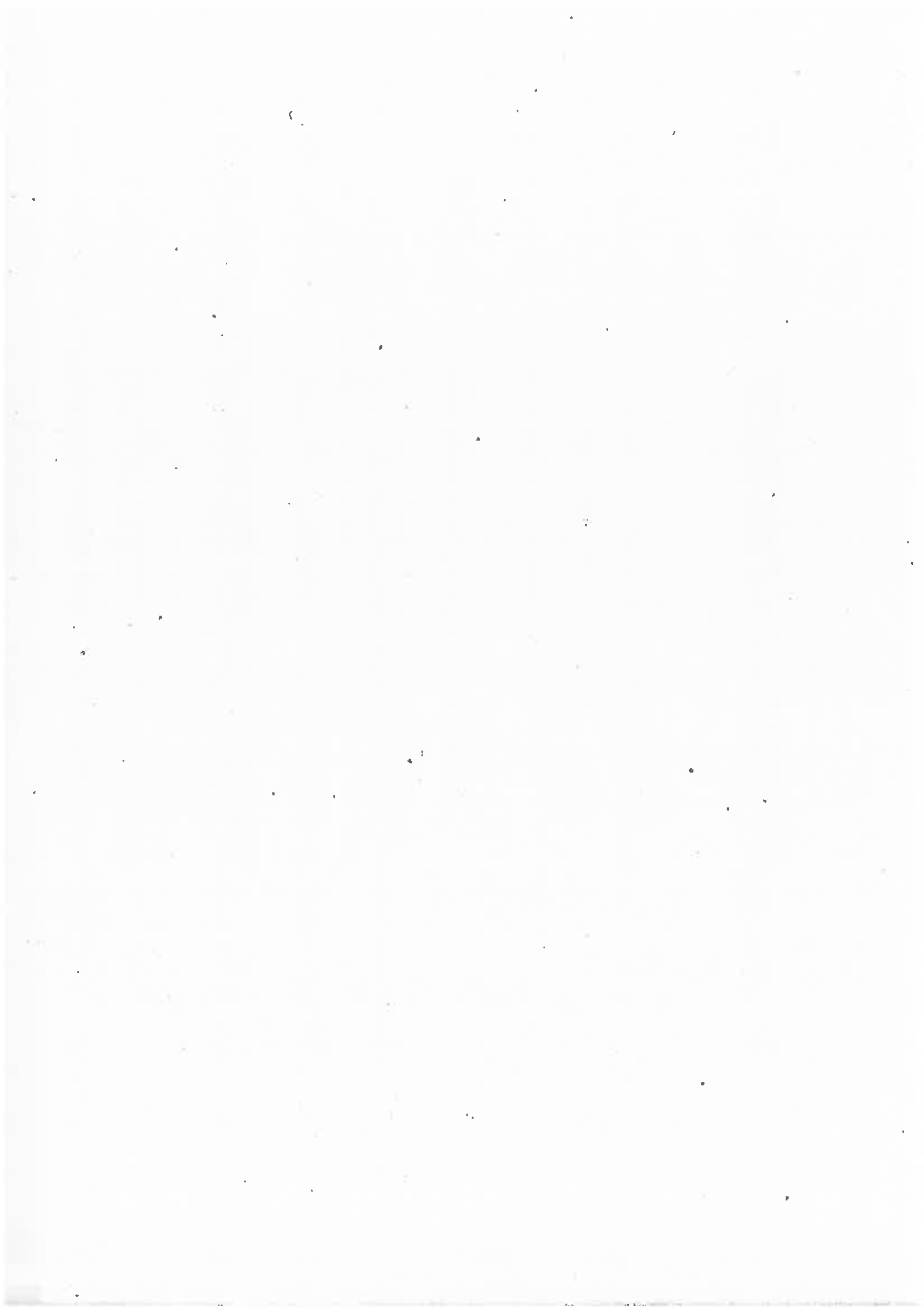
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
4) Other Investment													
Buildings													
Developers' Contribution related projects	1,868,697												1,868,697
Depot Improvement Throughout South Ayrshire Council - Walker Road Depot - Transfer station	292,270	250,000											542,270
Depot Improvement Throughout South Ayrshire Council - Additional Works	94,000												94,000
Equalities Act Budget - Various Projects	207,170	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	3,657,170
Riverside Project	2,495,795	1,800,000											4,295,795
Office and Welfare Facilities at Bridge Street, Girvan	1,650,000												1,650,000
Property Refurbishment - Various Projects	1,164,408	1,150,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	15,814,408
Refurbishment and Extension to King George V Changing Facilities	300,000												300,000
Relocation of Archive Centre	850,000												850,000
'Renewable Heat Incentive Certifications	10,000												10,000
Rewiring Programme - Various Projects	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	2,600,000
Works to Facilitate Property Rationalisation - Various Projects	1,314,364	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	2,614,364
Information Technology													
Business systems	6,229,619	673,600	852,600	752,600	1,350,000	1,165,000	1,231,000	1,231,000	1,165,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	18,550,419
End User Computing	3,524,000	1,652,000	4,008,000	1,594,000	1,534,000	3,410,000	1,344,000	1,344,000	3,610,000	1,400,000	1,400,000	3,900,000	29,018,000
Information & Data	330,000	450,000	300,000	450,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	420,000	4,890,000
ICT Infrastructure	694,000	655,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	2,648,000
Other													
Facilitate Introduction of Flexible Working	385,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	1,685,000
Initial Work on Projects For Future Years	173,857	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	1,623,857
Project Management Costs	95,000												95,000
Repair & Renewal (works funded by contribution)	411,312												411,312
Economic Regeneration													
Ayrshire Growth Deal	11,634,790	15,890,899	29,900,000	11,932,000	4,000,000	6,300,000	5,500,000	6,000,000					91,157,889
Hanger space (GPA)	1,786,607	1,000,000											2,786,607
Future Years													
Underprogramming												630,152	630,152
	30,460,868	24,321,469	37,238,600	16,906,606	9,494,660	13,925,000	11,175,000	11,675,000	9,175,000	5,360,000	5,350,000	8,460,152	188,543,740
Total 12 year Capital Investment programmes	128,160,576	66,600,929	64,521,296	30,268,626	18,234,226	30,461,226	21,661,226	18,161,226	34,393,227	22,347,000	11,281,000	13,536,152	486,750,870

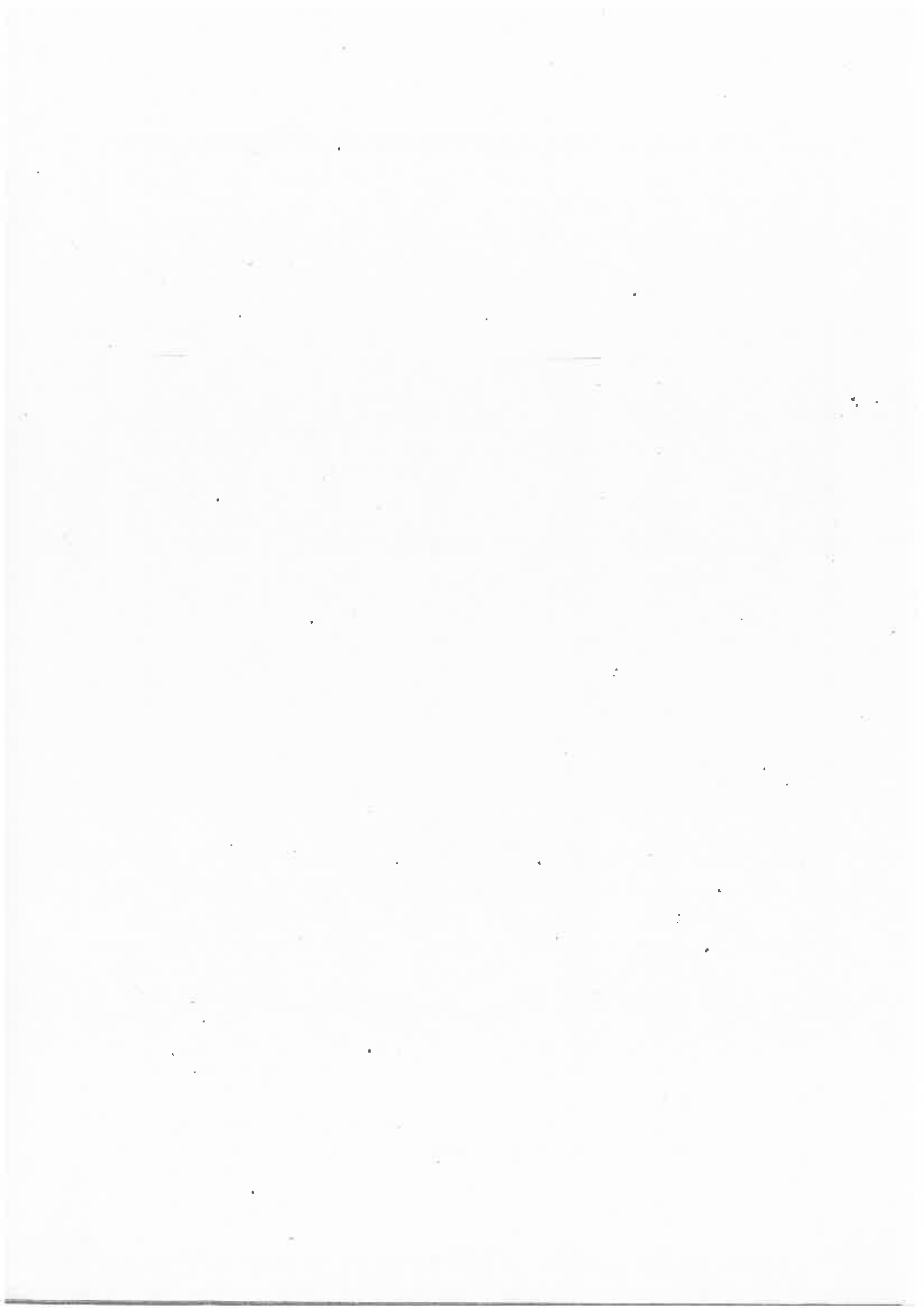
Capital Funding

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Capital Grant													
General Capital Grant	8,577,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	107,577,000
Specific Capital grants:-													
Specific Capital Grant - Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets	491,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	491,000
Specific Capital Grant - 9,068,000	9,068,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	108,068,000
Additional funding identified													
Anticipated capital receipts	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	2,850,000
Ayrshire Growth Deal Grant due in year	10,926,407	11,081,171	11,034,093	14,452,730	2,730,408	2,957,680	2,844,593	3,184,953	1,385,517	758,621	758,621	-	62,094,793
Ayrshire Growth Deal Deferred Grant due - Note further Government deferred grant of £2.169m is due to be received in 2034-35.	-	-	1,058,262	1,453,055	1,453,055	1,453,055	1,414,630	1,414,630	1,414,629	1,414,630	332,380	1,742,152	11,735,849
Developers contributions to match expenditure	1,868,697	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,868,697
Other Contributors - Grants / CFCR / CRA/R&R	796,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	796,302
	13,841,406	11,331,171	11,284,093	15,760,993	4,433,463	4,660,736	4,547,649	4,849,593	3,030,147	2,373,250	1,291,000	1,942,152	79,345,641
Borrowing													
Prudential borrowing	104,542,797	41,520,030	25,371,256	9,116,826	4,984,226	14,941,226	6,911,226	2,911,226	25,143,227	13,147,000	3,173,250	4,002,630	255,764,910
Ayrshire Growth Deal borrowing - increase/(decrease) to Prudential borrowing required based on spend and grant profile	708,383	4,809,728	18,865,907	(3,578,993)	(183,463)	1,868,264	1,202,351	1,400,417	(2,780,147)	(2,173,250)	(2,173,250)	(1,414,630)	16,572,319
	105,251,170	46,329,758	44,237,163	5,537,833	4,800,763	16,830,490	8,113,577	4,311,643	22,363,080	10,973,750	1,000,000	2,588,000	272,337,229
Total funding requirement	129,160,576	66,660,829	64,521,256	30,298,826	18,234,226	30,491,226	21,861,226	18,161,226	34,393,227	22,347,000	11,291,000	13,530,152	459,790,670

Debt Charge Implications

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Principle	5,870,000	6,538,000	6,811,000	6,962,000	6,979,000	7,089,000	7,259,000	7,608,000	8,024,000	8,581,000	9,079,000	9,506,000	95,006,000
Interest	6,689,104	8,299,068	9,771,806	10,376,155	11,162,769	11,498,750	12,278,080	13,133,643	13,453,852	13,697,925	13,703,907	13,511,175	135,511,175
Expenses	177,623	173,017	173,465	173,878	171,138	169,296	168,771	167,560	167,339	167,620	166,643	165,193	1,868,697
Investment income	(113,750)	(170,825)	(227,500)	(284,375)	(341,250)	(398,125)	(455,000)	(455,000)	(511,875)	(511,875)	(511,875)	(511,875)	(5,111,875)
	12,622,976	14,839,460	16,528,771	17,227,659	17,971,658	18,356,921	19,250,861	20,454,204	21,133,316	21,934,670	22,437,675	22,670,493	226,790,493
Increase/(Decrease) from previous year	470,251	2,216,484	1,689,311	688,888	743,999	385,263	893,941	1,203,342	679,112	801,354	593,605	1,537,177	11,537,177





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SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of a remote webcast meeting
on 10 March 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

Present Councillors Helen Moonie (Provost), Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell, Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Ian Cochrane, Brian Connolly, Chris Cullen, Ian Davis, Julie Dettbarn, Martin Dowey, Ian Fitzsimmons, William Grant, Peter Henderson, Hugh Hunter, Mary Kilpatrick, Lee Lyons, Craig Mackay, Derek McCabe, Brian McGinley, Bob Pollock, Philip Saxton, Arthur Spurling and Margaret Toner.

Apologies: Councillors Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Alec Clark and Peter Convery.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Gillies, Director – Place; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT, K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; L Reid, Assistant Director – Place; J. Bradley, Assistant Director – People; C. Iles, Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards; S. Curran, Supervisory Planner; A. Brown, Lead Development Plan Officer; W. Wesson, Service Lead – HR, Payroll and Employee Services; G. Farrell, Organisational Development and Customer Services; C. Boyd, Service Lead – Risk and Safety, A. Nelson, Co-ordinator, Democratic Services; C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer, F. Maher, Temp Committee Services Officer; C. McCallum, Assistant Committee Clerk; E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

1. Provost.

The Provost

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- (2) intimated that apologies had been received from Councillors Brennan-Whitefield, Clark and Convery; and
- (3) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

2. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Chief Executive called the Sederunt for the meeting and, having called the roll, confirmed that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Council in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. Draft National Planning Framework Consultation

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 3 March 2022 by the Director – Place seeking approval for the proposed responses to the draft National Planning Framework 4 that required to be submitted to the Scottish Government as the Council's response.

Councillor Cochrane, seconded by Councillor McGinley moved the recommendations within the report.

Questions were raised in relation to:

- (1) whether LDP 2 required to be amended as a result of the Draft National Planning Framework Consultation and the Service Lead - Planning and Building Standards advised that LDP 2 did not require to be amended and further advised that the LDP 2 was a standalone document with this report being considered a consultation document at this moment in time;
- (2) whether discussion had taken place with North Ayrshire Council and East Ayrshire Council in relation to submitting a collaborative response to the omission of Prestwick Airport in the LDP 4 and for the airport to be included as a priority; and the Service Lead - Planning and Building Standards advised that he had not been in discussion with North and East Ayrshire Councils but would take this matter forward and ask North and East Ayrshire Councils to include in any submission; and
- (3) members being kept up to date regarding the progress of the consultation and on any feedback received; and the Service Lead - Planning and Buildings Standards confirmed that he would ensure that any feedback received was shared with Members.

Comments were made in relation to disappointment in the consultation document and the clear omission of Glasgow Prestwick Airport given the funding provided by the Scottish Government and the airport's involvement in the Ayrshire Growth Deal. Members also made reference to 20-minute communities which appeared to be based around cities and would not be achievable in rural areas.

Members thanked all officers involved in the production of the report and the detailed response to the consultation and, after discussion,

Decided: to approve the proposed responses contained in Appendix A of the report for submission to the Scottish Government.

4. **Proposed South Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2 – Modification and Adoption**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 3 March 2022 by the Director – Place seeking approval to modify the Proposed South Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2 in line with Scottish Ministers' recommendations arising from the examination of the Local Development Plan 2. The report sought approval to publish the modified plan and submit it to Scottish Ministers as the Local Development Plan that the Council intended to adopt.

Councillor Cochrane, seconded by Councillor Saxton moved the recommendations within the report.

The Council

Decided:

- (1) to approve the modified proposed Local Development Plan 2 for publication and submission to Scottish Ministers as the Council's intended adopted local development plan;
- (2) to agree that the Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards would facilitate submission of the HRA and SEA to Scottish Ministers;
- (3) to agree that the Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards may make further non notifiable modification/corrections to text/grammar/illustrative material prior to submission to Scottish Ministers; and

- (4) to agree to consider the Local Development Plan 2 associated Action Programme at a future meeting of the Leadership Panel.

5. Supplementary Guidance: Maintaining an Effective Housing Land Supply and Housing Site Design Briefs

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 3 March 2022 by the Director – Place seeking Council's approval for the South Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2 Supplementary Guidance in respect of Maintaining an Effective Housing Land Supply and Housing Site Design Briefs and to submit these to the Scottish Government for Adoption.

Councillor Cochrane, seconded by Councillor Saxton moved the recommendations within the report.

Questions were raised in relation to:

- (1) why the proposed housing development at St Ninians Primary School was not included in the Site Design Briefs; and the Supervisory Planner advised that the site was not included in the Site Design Briefs as it was not identified through the local development plan process and advised that sites could not be added that had not progressed through the local development plan process. The site would be considered under another policy within the local development plan and discussions would take place with Housing colleagues in relation to the design of the site;
- (2) clarity on the position of the GIRVAN 1 and GIRVAN 2 sites, one of which was in private ownership and being used for a single house and the other site was the old gas works, owned by the NHS and, should this site not be developed, this would result in a shortfall in the Girvan area with other sites being required to make up the shortfall; and the Service Lead - Planning and Building Standards advised that the sites identified would provide 90 units. In relation to GIRVAN 1, the owner of the site had indicated that they were committed to the site, hence its retention in the report. In relation to GIRVAN 2, the necessary processes, in terms of consultation, had been completed and it was appropriate that this site was therefore included. He further advised that if funding could be identified, contamination issues could be resolved and that the Scottish Government were in the process of dealing with vacant derelict land grants in relation to such sites and that officers could work with the landowner to try and take this matter forward;
- (3) when the Council allocated land for the purposes of housing, the Council must ensure that land was not blocked for other purposes. The Council approved a budget that included the development of Dalmilling Campus, would there still be adequate land to progress projects such as this if the Council progressed with the housing development contained within the Site Design Briefs; and the Director – Place confirmed that the development potential of both aspects of the site had been considered, Dalmilling Primary School was a large site, housing would be at the bottom of the site and the school at the top. Officers were confident that when developing the site there would be sufficient area within the site to build both. Officers would work to ensure that the planning and delivery for the school integrated into the delivery of housing on the adjacent part of the site;

- (4) Buchan Road and Burns Road when Members questioned why Buchan Road was still contained within the plan as they understood the site had previously been removed and whether the site drawing within the report was therefore accurate; and the Service Lead - Planning and Buildings Standards outlined that the report related to modifications made by the Reporter in relation to the report going forward and it was not competent to amend the LDP2 to remove this site without restarting the process; the Supervisory Planner advised that the drawing was correct and referred to previous discussions on this matter; and the Director – Place reminded Members that any application to build on this site would require to be processed via the normally planning approval process and if HRA did not bring forward an application there would be no development at the site;

Procedural Matter

Following the above question, the Provost sought clarity that the Motion would remain competent, and the Monitoring Officer advised that since the LDP2 had already been approved it would not be competent to amend, through this report, any part of the LDP2 that had previously been approved.

Following the advice given by the Monitoring Officer Councillor Cochrane, seconded by Councillor Saxton moved the original Motion.

- (5) the Dundonald site and the bus service, which was facilitated by a private contractor, and how the Council could influence the contractor to improve this service; and the Service Lead - Planning and Building Standards advised that discussions would require to take place with ARA and other relevant parties; and
- (6) draining the Loch and the Service Lead - Planning and Building Standards advised that dealing with detailed matters of site design development would require to be examined in relation to detailed studies of the site when this site was taken forward.

Comments were made in relation to:

- (a) the areas of land supply, the areas identified were not just for social housing. The land was for housing in general and the areas for social housing were identified via the Strategic Housing Investment Plan through the housing needs assessment and housing strategy;
- (b) what the procedure was in relation to sites that do become available, the Service Lead Planning and Building Standards explained the processes that developers require to go through with a final decision being taken via delegated powers or the Regulatory Panel (Planning); and
- (c) the fact that the opportunity to make any changes appeared to require to be taken earlier in the LDP processes. The Service Lead - Planning and Building Standards advised that this was the final stage of a long consultation process, the identification of sites and the appropriateness of those sites and how these sites could be developed in accordance with the LDP was part of that process. He advised that the Planning Liaison Group would consider how best to present the process to members for the next iteration of the LDP2 so this is clearly understood. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that the consideration of such policies were reserved to Council.

Members thanked Officers for the work involved in the production of the report and the Council

Decided:

- (i) to approve the Supplementary Guidance: Maintaining an Effective Housing Land Supply (Appendix 1 of the report) and the Supplementary Guidance: Housing Site Design Briefs (Appendix 2 of the report) for submission to Scottish Ministers for adoption; and
- (ii) to agree that the Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards may make any further non notifiable modification/corrections to text/grammar/illustrative material prior to submission to Scottish Ministers.

6. Future Operating Model

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 3 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – People updating the Council on the progress made to develop proposals for the Council’s Future Operating Model; and seeking approval to implement new workstyles; implement supporting employee policies and procedures; and to continue to pilot the reintroduction of face to face customer services by appointment.

Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Henderson, moved recommendations 4.2.1 to 4.2.5 of the report and the proposed amendment of recommendation 4.2.6. to read ‘that Customer Services should operate as per pre-pandemic, subject to Covid regulations, and officers to further consider the model of delivery for Customer Services and present these recommendations together with an update on progress on recommendations 4.2.1 to 4.2.5 to Leadership Panel by September 2022’.

Questions were raised in relation to:

- (1) how Customer Contact Centres would operate and what discussions had taken place with staff returning to work; and the Assistant Director – People advised that the proposal, outlined in the report, would result in some members of the Customer Services Team co-locating in one of the five Thriving Community Offices. Straightforward enquiries would be answered immediately, however, where an enquiry was more complex, the customer would be offered either a telephone appointment with the Customer Services or the relevant Service, be referred online, or provided with a face-to-face appointment where required. An appointment system was proposed after discussion with relevant Services i.e., Housing/Revenues and Benefits as a preference to a drop-in service. The Assistant Director - People further advised that the new delivery model would be monitored and analysed over the following year. In terms of the circulation of mail, the Assistant Director – People acknowledged that this was a challenge during lockdown however other arrangements had been put in place for mail. It was however the Council’s intention to continue to further develop online options to widen access to Council Services. The Service Lead – Organisational Development and Customer Services confirmed that the proposals had been developed after extensive engagement with the Customer Services Team, Housing and Revenue and Benefits staff;
- (2) who decided who would receive a face-to-face interview; and the Assistant Director – People advised that it would be a Customer Services Supervisor who would either discuss, with the customer, the nature of their enquiry and assess whether a telephone call from a relevant officer or a face-to-face appointment was necessary;

- (3) discussions with Trade Unions in terms of mileage payments; and the Service Lead – HR, Payroll and Employee Services advised that discussions were ongoing with the Trade Unions;
- (4) HMRC implications, when the decision was made that an employee would work from home, did the Council have a survey as to what that employee needed in terms of home enhancements i.e. broadband and if so would the Council provide and pay for this and would there be tax implications; and the Assistant Director – People advised that there was no suggestion that employees would be given additional funds to work from home, however if an employee was unable to work from home because they did not have broadband, home working would not be an appropriate way of working for that individual member of staff and alternative options considered;
- (5) if recommendation 4.2.6 of the report was removed there would be no face-to-face options available, clarity was sought on Councillor McGinley's intention and Councillor McGinley intimated that he was not supportive of adopting recommendation 4.2.6 at this point but would like officers to further consider the model of delivery for Customer Services and present these recommendations together with an update on progress on recommendations 4.2.1 to 4.2.5 to Leadership Panel by September 2022';
- (6) concerns relating to Customer Service and the impact on vulnerable people and what arrangements would be put in place for people who were not online, who did not have phones or had a particular vulnerability to be seen; and the Assistant Director – People advised that every support would be put in place to help such individuals, the proposals outlined in the report would assist vulnerable people quickly and seek to resolve their enquiry in one transaction;
- (7) if recommendation 4.2.6 was introduced it would result in people not being able to drop into a Customer Contact Centre; and the Assistant Director – People advised that they could if their enquiry was straightforward, if it was more complex a member of the Customer Services Team would call the customer back and respond to their enquiry and determine whether a face-to-face appointment was necessary; and
- (8) what restrictions were in place to prevent Officers returning to the Customer Contact Centres; and the Assistant Director – People confirmed that Council was proposing a phased return to offices for some staff, however, there would be Customer Services staff, on a rotational basis, in each of the five main towns. These staff would be able to assess whether they could assist a customer immediately, whether a return telephone call was required or whether a face-to-face appointment was necessary. The remainder of the staff would work from home on a hybrid basis.

The Service Lead – Organisational Development and Customer Services advised that in relation to The Information and Advice HUB, face-to-face services were available and peripatetic advisors were already carrying out home visits as required and providing assistance at local foodbanks. The Information and Advice Hub, during the last few years has operated an appointment based system except where someone was presenting in crisis, where they were provided with immediate urgent assistance.. The proposals hoped to mirror that process across Customer Services. Currently all access to Council buildings was processed through the Recovery Group.

Comments were made in relation to:

- (a) the Customer Contact Centres and the fact that it was imperative that people could gain access to Services and speak face-to-face with an Officer;
- (b) risk assessment and the requirement these address appropriately health and safety issues, GDPR and security related issues;

- (c) the word triage be replaced with something more suitable as it had a medical connotation; and
- (d) the fact that the report and the proposals would evolve through time and that it was appropriate for Officers to report back in September.

After lengthy discussion, the Council

Decided: to approve recommendations 4.2.1 to 4.2.5 of the report and the proposed amendment of recommendation 4.2.6 to intimate 'that Customer Services should operate as per pre pandemic, subject to Covid regulations, and officers to further consider the model for the delivery of Customer Services and present these considerations together with an update on progress on recommendations 4.2.1 to 4.2.5 of the report to Leadership Panel by September 2022.

7. **Notice of Motion**

A Notice of Motion having been submitted in accordance with Council Standing Order No. 18 proposed by Councillor Dettbarn and seconded by Councillor Cullen – Recruit with Conviction

'Changes to the disclosure system made under the Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act 2019 came into force in November 2020. The reforms reduced the length of time that many minor convictions, including those which occurred before the age of 12, need to be disclosed for most job applicants.

By reducing these barriers, we strike a better balance between allowing people to move on from their previous offending behaviour and to contribute to society, whilst still protecting public safety. We know that the types of minor offending behaviours these reforms are aimed at are often rooted in poverty and deprivation. When the social determinants of adversity in a person's life are no longer present, through employment, then that person has no reason to commit crime any more than any other person.

We propose that South Ayrshire Council agrees to become a Recruit with Conviction Ambassador; to support and promote safe and sustainable employment for people with convictions within our workplace, and to be an example to our partner organisations and other workplaces within South Ayrshire.

A full debate took place regarding the terms of the Motion, including various questions to the Mover of the Motion and Officers.

The Council

Decided: unanimously, to agree the terms of the Motion as outlined above.

8. **Formal Questions**

The Council noted that no formal questions had been submitted.

9. **Closing Remarks.**

The Provost thanked all in attendance for their contribution.

The meeting ended at 4:37 p.m.

APPEALS PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 29 September 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Ian Cavana (Chair), Brian Connolly, Derek McCabe and Margaret Toner.

Apologies: Councillors Laura Brennan-Whitefield and Iain Campbell.

Attending: C. McMenamin, Co-ordinator (Legal Services); J. Dunne, Service Lead - HR Policy and Operations; and E. Wyllie, Committee Services Officer.

1. Exclusion of Press and Public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of 2 September 2020 (issued) were submitted and approved.

The Trade Union Representative, the Appellant and the Management Representative joined the meeting at this point.

4. Appeal Against Disciplinary Action

The appellant, an employee of the Place Directorate was in attendance and represented by P. Bennett, Unite the Union. W. Andrew, Service Lead – Property Maintenance represented management.

The Panel heard both parties fully on the case and, after questions, both parties withdrew.

Having heard and considered carefully all the documents and evidence presented, the Panel

Decided: that the grounds for the appeal had not been substantiated and, therefore, the appeal was not upheld.

Thereafter, both parties were re-admitted to the meeting and advised of the Panel's decision.

The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE PANEL.

Minutes of a remote meeting on 16 March 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Martin Dowe (Chair), Douglas Campbell, Alec Clark, Lee Lyons, Derek McCabe, and Arthur Spurling.

Apologies: Councillors Laura Brennan-Whitefield and Helen Moonie.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; T. Baulk, Head of Finance, and ICT; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; W. Carlaw, Service Lead – Democratic Governance; Cecilia McGhee, Chief Internal Auditor; W. Wesson, Service Lead – HR, Payroll and Employee Services; J. Hodge, Housing Asset Management Co-ordinator; F. Maher, Committee Services Officer; C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer, E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

Opening Remarks.

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- (2) took the sederunt and intimated the apologies that had been received; and
- (3) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

1. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Call-ins from Leadership Panel.

The Panel noted that there were no call-ins from the Leadership Panels (Special) of 1 March 2022.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of [23 February 2022](#) (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. **Action Log and Work Programme.**

There was submitted an update of the [Action Log and Work Programme](#) for this Panel (issued).

The Head of Finance and ICT provided the Panel with an update on the status of the Action Log and Work Programme and advised that there were no remaining outstanding Action Log matters.

The Panel

Decided: to note the current status of the Action Log and Work Programme.

External Audit Report

5. **External Audit Reports – Annual Audit Plan 2021/22**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 10 March 2022 by the Head of Finance and ICT providing Members with background to the presentation by Deloitte on the Annual Audit Plan.

The External Auditor gave an introduction to the report and highlighted the key points within the Annual Audit Plan including strategic audit priorities, national fraud initiatives, changes to the internal audit function, and improvements in performance reporting.

The Panel, having scrutinised the contents of the report,

Decided: to note the report.

Internal Audit Report

6. **Internal Audit – Proposed Internal Audit Plan 2022/23 (including Annual review of Internal Audit Charter)**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 21 February 2022 by the Chief Internal Auditor advising Members of the proposed internal audit plan for the first quarter of 2022/23.

The Panel, having scrutinised the contents of the report,

Decided: to approve the 2022/23 Internal Audit plan for quarter 1; and approve changes to the Internal Audit Charter.

Other Governance Reports

7. Best Value Action Plan 2021/22 Update

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 10 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – People, advising members of the progress made in delivering the actions identified in the Best Value Assurance Report - Action Plan 2021-22.

The Panel, having scrutinised the contents of the report,

Decided: to note the report.

The meeting ended at 10:33 a.m.

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CHIEF OFFICERS APPOINTMENTS / APPRAISAL PANEL.

Minutes of meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 21 January 2022 at 9.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Peter Henderson (Chair), Alec Clark, Martin Dowey, William Grant and Philip Saxton.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive, and W. Wesson, Service Lead – HR and Payroll.

1. Exclusion of press and public.

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items of business on the agenda, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of previous meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting of 16 December 2021 (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. Interviews for the Post of Director of Education.

Following interviews, the Panel

Decided: to appoint Lyndsay McRoberts to the post of Director of Education.

The meeting ended at 1.45 p.m.

LEADERSHIP PANEL

Minutes of meeting being held remotely on 8 March 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Peter Henderson (Chair), Ian Cochrane, Chris Cullen, Julie Dettbarn, William Grant, Brian McGinley and Philip Saxton.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Gillies, Director – Place; C. Caves, Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; J. Bradley, Assistant Director – People; D. Yuille, Service Lead – Special Property Projects; C. Iles, Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards; T. Burns, Service Lead – Asset Management and Community Asset Transfer; K. Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; L. McChristie, Solicitor; R. Jamieson, Co-ordinator – Community Asset Transfer; F. Ross, Co-Ordinator – Legal Services; L. Kerr, Co-ordinator, Libraries and Museums; G. Senior, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; A. Nelson, Co-ordinator – Democratic Services, C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer; F. Maher, Temp Committee Services Officer; C. McCallum, Assistant Committee Services Officer and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

1. Opening Remarks.

The Chair took the sederunt, confirmed to Members the procedures to conduct this meeting and advised that part of the meeting was being broadcast live.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. Minutes of previous meetings.

The minutes of [15 February 2022](#) and [1 March 2022](#) (Special) (issued) were submitted and approved.

4. Decision Log.

Following discussion, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the overdue [action](#);
- (2) to note no actions listed with revised due dates; and
- (3) to note the recently [completed actions](#).

5. **New Leisure Centre**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 2 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place providing Members with an update on the progress of the New Leisure Centre Project, including the final design proposals, costs, and programme, and to seek approval to proceed to execute the necessary documents at financial close.

Members thanked the Officers involved in compiling the report and following discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the final design proposals, project cost and programme for the Leisure Centre project;
- (2) to note that the acquisition of the land at Arran Mall, as previously approved, can progress now subject to successful planning application outcome and purification of all suspensive conditions associated with application; and
- (3) to request the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services on acquisition of the Arran Mall site, to arrange for execution of the necessary documents, on behalf of the Council to reach Financial Close for the project with HubSW.

6. **Strategic Review of Assets held in the Common Good Funds**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 1 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval on the approach for a long-term strategic review of all assets held within the Common Good Funds.

Members thanked those Officers involved in the production of the report and welcomed the review of Common Good Funds land and buildings as a positive way forward for the Council.

Decided:

- (1) to note the assets held in the Ayr Common Good, Prestwick Common Good, Troon Common Good and Girvan Common Good Funds as highlighted in Appendix 1 of the report.
- (2) to note the review and consultation with Elected Members that has taken place on Common Good Fund assets as highlighted in Appendix 2 of the report.
- (3) to note the update on the 'Transforming the Estate' programme and agreed that this should include assets held within the Common Good Funds;
- (4) to request that Officers review the current management arrangements for Common Good Fund land and buildings occupied by the Council;
- (5) to agree that a further report be provided to Members with proposals for each and all Common Good Fund assets and buildings in August 2022;
- (6) to agree that Ward Members were engaged with as part of the review; and

- (7) to agree that external match funding opportunities are considered as part of this review where applicable for buildings and assets held in the Common Good.

7. Sale of Land at Queens Terrace, Maybole

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 1 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval from the Leadership Panel to declare the area shown hatched in the plan attached as Appendix 1 of the report surplus to requirements and to transfer it to Ayrshire Housing as part of its revised proposal to develop 22 affordable homes at Queens Terrace, Maybole.

The Panel welcomed this report and the opportunity to build 22 affordable homes in Maybole, after discussion the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to grant approval to declare this area of land shown hatched in Appendix 1 of the report extending to 0.133 hectares (surplus to requirements) and transfer ownership to Ayrshire Housing for nil value; and
- (2) to request that the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services conclude this transaction.

8. Roads Improvement Plan 2022-23

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 1 March 2022 by the Director – Place seeking approval for the 2022/23 Road Improvement Plan for carriageway, footpaths, street lighting and other related infrastructure improvements.

The Panel thanked K. Braidwood, Ayrshire Roads Alliance for the work undertaken by his Teams and the noticeable improvement to the road infrastructure within the Council area. It was however acknowledged that there required to be a focus on local roads and pavement improvements and that this would be progressed within the next year.

Following discussion, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the Road Improvement Plan for 2022/23 contained in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to approve the Carriageway and Footpath Programme for 2022/2024 in Appendix 1 of the report.

9. South Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 4 March 2022 by the Director – Place seeking approval of an Active Travel Strategy for South Ayrshire Council, following a three-month consultation draft process.

The Panel welcomed this report which promoted active travel at a local level, the report further developed rural routes for walking and cycling. One Member requested that the Ayrshire Coastal Path be included in any revision of the Strategy.

Following discussion, the Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve South Ayrshire Council's Active Travel Strategy as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) to agree that the Active Travel Strategy would be updated to include the proposals as detailed in 4.4 to 4.7 of the report and as outlined in Appendix 1.

10. Service to Gypsy/Travellers – Site to Support and Accommodate Gypsy/Traveller Encampments

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 1 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place providing Members with details of a potentially suitable site for a designated area to support and accommodate Gypsy/Traveller encampments in South Ayrshire.

The Panel commended the report which would improve the lives of the Gypsy/Travelling Community. It was anticipated, subject to the consultation exercise, that any bids to the Scottish Government for funding would be favourably received and allow the Council to move forward with this initiative.

The Panel, following discussion

Decided:

- (1) to consider the information presented and confirmed the preferred location;
- (2) to approve the development of a Transit site at the preferred location as suggested in Section 4.2 of the report;
- (3) to request that Officers undertake consultation with the local community and the Gypsy/Traveller community on the preferred site location;
- (4) to request that Officers carry out full design and feasibility study for the preferred location; and
- (5) to request that Officers report back to the Leadership Panel by June 2022.

11. Adjournment of Meeting

The time being 11:05 a.m., the Council agreed to adjourn for 10 minutes.

12. Resumption of Meeting

The Council reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

Confidential Reports – Members Only

13. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Council resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the remaining item of business on the agenda, on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraphs 1, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

14. Proposed Lease to ‘Vic’s in the Community’ for Whitletts Football Pitch and Whitletts Sports Pavilion

There was submitted a report (issued – members only of 1 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with ‘Vic’s in the Community’.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to grant authority to enter into a lease with Vic’s in the Community for Whitletts Football Pitch and Whitletts Pavilion, Voluntary Park, Whitletts Road, Ayr (Appendix 1 of the report) in accordance with the terms and conditions contained within the Addendum (confidential) to this report;
- (2) to request that the Assistant Director – Place seek Scottish Ministers’ consent for the disposal by lease of the Housing Revenue Land related to Whitletts Football Pitch and Whitletts Pavilion; and
- (3) to request that the Assistant Director – Place and the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services conclude this lease.

15. Sale of 15-17 Sandgate, Ayr

There was submitted a report (issued – members only) of 1 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval to sell the property at 15-17 Sandgate, Ayr (as shown in Appendix 1 of the report) on the basis of the terms and conditions contained in the addendum (confidential) to the report.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to request that a Common Good consultation is carried out in terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Section 104 on the proposed disposal on the basis of the terms and conditions contained within the addendum to this report and the result of the consultation is reported to the Leadership Panel; and
- (2) to grant authority to conclude the sale of 15-17 Sandgate, Ayr (as shown in Appendix 1 of the report) in accordance with the terms and conditions contained within the addendum (confidential) to this report subject to the outcome of the Common Good consultation in (1) above.

16. Sale of Dam Park and Lease at Millbrae Ayr

There was submitted a report (issued – members only) of 1 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place seeking approval to sell the Dam Park Stadium to Ayr Rugby Club (RFC) and to grant pedestrian and vehicular servitude right of access in favour of the Ayr RFC (in their future status as a company limited by guarantee and having charitable status) over the Council's ransom strip at the Murdoch's Lone in Alloway on the basis of the terms and conditions contained within the addendum (confidential) to this report.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to grant authority for the sale of Dam Park Stadium to Ayr RFC in accordance with the terms and conditions contained within the addendum (confidential) to this report.
- (2) to grant authority simultaneously to grant a pedestrian and vehicular servitude right of access in favour of the company limited by guarantee and having charitable status which Ayr RFC intend to set up over the Council's ransom strip at Murdoch's Lone in Alloway in accordance with the conditions contained within the addendum (confidential) to this report; and
- (3) to request that the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services conclude these transactions.

17. Building Standards Resourcing Arrangements

There was submitted a report (issued – members only) of 1 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place outlining proposals to amend the resourcing arrangements within the Building Standards Service and seeking authority to implement the revised arrangements.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to note the proposed resourcing arrangements for the Council's Building Standards Service;
- (2) to note engagement undertaken with staff affected by the proposals and Trade Union associations;
- (3) to note that the proposals were cost neutral; and
- (4) to approve the implementation of the revised resourcing arrangements for the Building Standards Service.

18. Review of Sport and Leisure and Destination Promotion and Inclusive Participation

There was submitted a report (issued – members only) of 1 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – People seeking agreement to proposed changes to the structure and delivery of the Sport and Leisure and Destination Promotion and Inclusive Participation Services in South Ayrshire.

The Panel

Decided:

- (1) to approve the new structures outlined in the addendum (confidential) to the report (Annex 1); and
- (2) to request that the Assistant Director – People implement the new structures by September 2022.

19. Consideration of Disclosure of Confidential Information

The Members, after seeking the advice of the Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services, the Panel

Decided:

(1) ‘Vic’s in the Community’

the report was exempt from disclosure in accordance with Standing Order 10.9 until the lease terms had been agreed.

(2) Sale of 15-17 Sandgate, Ayr

the report was exempt from disclosure in accordance with Standing Order 10.9 until the consultation was completed and agreement was reached on the sale of the property.

(3) Sale of Dam Park and lease at Millbrae, Ayr

the report was exempt from disclosure in accordance with Standing Order 10.9 until agreement was reached on the sale of the property.

(4) Building Standards Resourcing Arrangements

to authorise under Standing Order 32.4 disclosure of the report once personal information had been redacted in accordance with GDPR requirements.

(5) Review of Sports and Leisure and Destination Promotion and Inclusive Participation

to authorise under Standing Order 32.4 disclosure of the report once personal information had been redacted in accordance with GDPR requirements.

The meeting ended at 11:56 p.m.

PARTNERSHIPS PANEL

Minutes of the Meeting held remotely on
23 March 2022 at 10.00am

Present: Councillors Arthur Spurling (Chair), Douglas Campbell, Ian Cavana, Ian Davis and Martin Dowey

Attending: L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; M. Newall, Assistant Director – People; W Carlaw, Service Lead – Democratic Governance; A. Mutch, Co-ordinator (Sports and Leisure); L. Kerr, Co-ordinator (Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation); Jeremy Wyatt, Chief Executive – Ayr Gaiety; F Maher, Committee Services Officer; C. Buchanan, Committee Services Officer, C. McCallum, Clerical Assistant, and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

1. Sederunt & Declarations of Interest

The Chair took the Sederunt and outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2022 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Action Log

The Assistant Director – People provided the Panel with an update on the status of the Action Log and Work Programme.

Decided: to note the content of the Action Log and Work Programme

4. Ayr Gaiety Partnership Performance Report and Funding Request

There was submitted a report (issued) of 14 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – People inviting Members of the Panel to scrutinise the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership (AGP) and to note the funding request as set out in Appendix 1.

The Co-ordinator (Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation) advised the Panel of the following amendments to the Report which had been supported by the Portfolio Holder, Councillor Chris Cullen.

2.1.2 notes the request for additional funding and that officers will refer the matter to the Leadership Panel for consideration.

In addition there would be a small amendment to paragraph 4.4 of the report.

4.4 Members of the Partnerships Panel do not have authority to approve the request for financial assistance outlined at 4.3 and, accordingly members note that officers will refer the matter to the Leadership Panel for consideration.

The Co-ordinator (Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation) also invited Jeremy Wyatt, Chief Executive – Ayr Gaiety to provide the Panel with an update.

A Member noted that in terms of recommendation 2.1.2, a request for additional funding would be made to the next available Leadership Panel following the Local Government Election on 5 May 2022. The Chief Executive – Ayr Gaiety commented that viability would be maintained in the meantime.

A Member enquired if there were any projects pre-Coronavirus that had been deferred, along with funding, to 2022; and the Chief Executive - Ayr Gaiety advised that significant funding had been received from Creative Scotland for specific projects (e.g. Wallacetown, Dementia Friendly, Girvan and Maybole) which was currently ringfenced.

The Chair thanked the Co-ordinator (Destination, Promotion and Inclusive Participation) and the Chief Executive - Ayr Gaiety for their informative report.

The Panel, having scrutinised the performance of the Ayr Gaiety Partnership

Decided: to note the request for additional funding and that Officers would refer the matter to the Leadership Panel for consideration.

The Chair thanked Members and Officers for their support over the past two meetings.

The meeting concluded at 10:33am

REGULATORY PANEL (PLANNING)

Minutes of Meeting held remotely
on 31 March 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Brian Connolly (Chair), Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Fitzsimmons, Mary Kilpatrick, Craig Mackay and Margaret Toner.

Apology: Councillor Brian McGinley

Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead – Legal and Licensing; C. Iles, Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards; D. Clark, Supervisory Planner (Place Planning), R. Lee, Supervisory Planner (Place Planning), F. Sharp, Supervisory Planner (Place Planning), C. Lobban, Enforcement Officer; E. Goldie, Co-ordinator (Place Planning); G. Senior, Ayrshire Roads Alliance; F. Maher Committee Services Officer; E. Moore, Clerical Assistant.

In Attendance: Various applicants/agents and interested parties to address the Panel.

1. Welcome & Declarations of Interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and took the sederunt. There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The minutes of [2 March 2022](#) (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Consultation under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 – Application for consent under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 for the proposed overhead line (OHL) from Stranoch and Chirmorie Windfarms to Mark Hill substation (16km stretch) (refs: 21/01137/DEEM, 21/01154/DEEM & 21/01164/DEEM) (issued)

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 31 March 2022 by the Place Directorate, advising:

- (1) That this Council has been consulted by the Scottish Government under Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989, on three applications (21/01154/DEEM, 21/01137/DEEM and 21/01164/DEEM) by Scottish Power Energy Networks (SP Energy Networks) to install an Overhead Line (OHL) which would connect the consented Stranoch Wind Farm and consented Chirmorie Wind Farm to the existing substation site at Mark Hill;
- (2) That this Council is not the determining authority for these proposals; and
- (3) That the Planning Service has delegated authority to respond to these consultations, but in this instance has chosen not to do so without first referring the matter to the Regulatory Panel due to community interest in elements of the Overhead Line.

Prior to the vote, a Member requested that the Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards included with the Council’s observations to the Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit on the three proposed Section 37 applications, a paragraph summarising his comments during the Panel regarding the concerns of the people of Barrhill.

Decided: to agree in terms of paragraph 2 of the report to submit the report as its observations on application 21/01154/DEEM and that no objections be raised; and to approve delegated authority to conclude planning conditions with the Energy Consents Unit should the Scottish Government be minded to grant consent for the application; and to instruct the Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards to include with the Council’s observations to the Energy Consents Unit a paragraph summarising the Member’s comments during the Panel regarding the concerns of the people of Barrhill.

Decided: to agree in terms of paragraph 2 of the report to submit the report as its observations on application 21/01137/DEEM and that no objections be raised; and to approve delegated authority to conclude planning conditions with the Energy Consents Unit should the Scottish Government be minded to grant consent for the application; and to instruct the Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards to include with the Council’s observations to the Energy Consents Unit a paragraph summarising the Member’s comments during the Panel regarding the concerns of the people of Barrhill.

Decided: observations on application 21/01164/DEEM and that no objections be raised; and to approve delegated authority to conclude planning conditions with the Energy Consents Unit should the Scottish Government be minded to grant consent for the application; and to instruct the Service Lead – Planning and Building Standards to include with the Council’s observations to the Energy Consents Unit a paragraph summarising the Member’s comments during the Panel regarding the concerns of the people of Barrhill. to agree in terms of paragraph 2 of the report to submit the report as its

4. Application for Planning Permission

There were submitted reports (issued) of 31 March 2022 by the Director - Place on planning applications for determination.

The Panel considered the following application:

- (1) 22/00041/APP – Land to the North East of Barassie Farm, Kilmarnock Road, Troon** – Erection of detached pavilion building to house communal pump and communal water storage tank.

Decided:- to approve application (Ref: **22/00041/APP**) subject to the following conditions:

- (1) That the development hereby granted shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plans as listed below and as forming part of this permission unless a variation required by a condition of the permission or a non-material variation has been agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.

Reasons

- (1) To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans unless otherwise agreed.

List of Determined Plans:

Drawing - Reference No (or Description): 6403_A0-24 (Rev. B)

Drawing - Reference No (or Description): 6403_EXT_GA-01 (Rev. I)

Drawing - Reference No (or Description): 6403_L-01

Reason for Decision:

The siting and design of the development hereby approved is considered to accord with the provisions of the development plan and there is no significant adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring land and buildings.

The explanation for reaching this view is set out in the Report of Handling and which forms a part of the Planning Register.

- (2) **22/00042/APP – 49 Academy Street, Troon** – Alterations to and amalgamation of existing retail units to form single retail unit, erection of trolley bay, siting of electricity substation and associated amendments to car park layout.

Decided:- to approve application (Ref: **22/00042/APP**) subject to the following conditions:

- (1) That the development hereby granted shall be implemented in accordance with the approved plan(s) as listed below and as forming part of this permission unless a variation required by a condition of the permission or a non-material variation has been agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.
- (2) That, prior to the commencement of the development, details shall be submitted for the prior written approval of the planning authority of an uncontrolled crossing at Academy Street. Thereafter, the crossing shall be installed as per the agreed specification, and shall be operational prior to the first use of the development, and thereafter retained and maintained to the satisfaction of the Council.
- (3) That, prior to the commencement of the development, details shall be submitted for the prior written approval of the planning authority of cycle parking accommodating a minimum of 12 cycles shall be provided within the site boundary. Thereafter, the cycle parking shall be installed as per the agreed specification, and shall be operational prior to the first use of the development, and thereafter retained and maintained to the satisfaction of the Council.

- (4) That before the first occupation of the development a Travel Plan shall be submitted for the prior written approval of the Council as Planning Authority (in consultation with the Council as Roads Authority). The Travel Plan shall identify the measures and initiatives to be implemented in order to encourage modes of travel to and from the development other than by single occupancy private car trips. The Travel Plan shall clearly define the system of management, monitoring, review, reporting and the implementation and duration of the plan.
- (5) That, prior to the commencement of the development, details shall be submitted for the prior written approval of the planning authority of a swept path analysis accommodating the largest size of vehicle expected to be used by or serve the development. Thereafter, the development shall be installed as per the agreed specification, and shall be operational prior to the first use of the development, and thereafter retained and maintained to the satisfaction of the Council.
- (6) That, prior to the commencement of the development, details shall be submitted for the prior written approval of the planning authority of the trolley bays, electric charging points and electrical substation. The substation details shall include the substation being elevated to a level above 3.59 metres AOD. Thereafter, the trolley bays, electric charging points and electrical substation shall be installed as per the agreed specification, and shall be operational prior to the first use of the development, and thereafter retained and maintained to the satisfaction of the Council.
- (7) That the operation of this facility shall not result in an increase of more than 5dB(A) between the existing background noise level (LA90 (1 hour)) and the rating level (LArTr) where Tr = 1 hour daytime and 5 minutes 30 minutes night time as applicable (Measured as per the current version of British Standard 4142 BS 4142:1997, or as may be amended). For the avoidance of doubt BS4142:1997 defines the rating level (LAr Tr) as being the specific noise level LAeq, Tr plus any adjustments for the characteristic features of the sound as detailed in Section 8.2 of the British Standard. An assessment of the existing background noise level carried out by a suitably qualified acoustic consultant or other competent person shall be submitted for the formal prior written approval of the Planning Authority before any work commences on site.
- (8) That delivery vehicles for the operation of this facility shall be restricted to between the hours of 7am and 11pm Monday to Sunday, inclusive.

Reasons:

- (1) To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans unless otherwise agreed.
- (2) For the purposes of road safety and the functional operation of the local road network.

- (3) To ensure adequate provision of cycle parking on site, and encourage sustainable means of travel.
- (4) To encourage sustainable means of travel.
- (5) In the interest of road safety.
- (6) To clarify the terms of this permission.
- (7) In order to prevent noise nuisance.
- (8) In the interests of residential amenity.

List of Determined Plans:

- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)002 (Rev. P1)
- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)003 (Rev. P1)
- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)004 (Rev. P1)
- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)005 (Rev. P1)
- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)005 (Rev. P1) Proposed elevations
- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)011 (Rev. P1)
- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)012 (Rev. P1)
- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)013 (Rev. P1)
- Drawing - Reference No (or Description): AL(0)001 (Rev. P2)

Reason for Decision :

The siting and design of the development hereby approved is considered to accord with the provisions of the development plan and there is no significant adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring land and buildings.

The explanation for reaching this view is set out in the Report of Handling and which forms a part of the Planning Register.

The meeting ended at 11:57am

SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Minutes of the meeting held remotely on
29 March 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Alec Clark (Chair), Iain Campbell, Martin Dowey and Bob Pollock.

Apologies: Councillors Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell and Derek McCabe.

Attending: M. Newall, Assistant Director – People; L. Reid, Assistant Director – Place; K. Carr, Assistant Director – Place; T. Eltringham; Director of Health and Social Care; C. Caves, Head of HR and Regulatory Services; K. Anderson, Service Lead - Policy, Performance and Community Planning; D. Alexander, Service Lead – Procurement; S. MacMillan – Project Implementation Coordinator; C. Buchanan – Committee Services Officer; F. Maher Committee Services Officer; C. McCallum – Clerical Assistant – Democratic and Governance and E. Moore, Clerical Assistant – Democratic and Governance.

1. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest

The Chair took the Sederunt and outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on [08 February 2022](#) (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Action Log and Work Programme

There was submitted an update of the [Action Log and Work Programme](#) (issued) for this Panel. The Assistant Director – People provided the Panel with a verbal update on the Action Plan and Work Programme

The Assistant Director – People highlighted Action 4 and advised that he had received a response from the Assistant Director - Place outlining that, although it was clear that there had been an economic effect, it was not possible to specifically quantify the impacts of the Pandemic on the Councils economy, Members agreed to note Action 4 as complete.

The Panel

Decided: to note the current status of the Action Log and Work Programme.

4. Local Procurement Policy: Annual Update

There was submitted a [report](#) of 18 March 2022 by the Assistant Director - Place providing Elected Members with an update on the actions in regard to the Local Procurement Policy Statement first approved at Leadership Panel in March 2021.

The Assistant Director - Place gave a verbal overview of the report and invited the Panel Members to ask any questions that they had in relation to the report.

The Service Lead, Procurement gave a brief overview of the key details specified within the Local Procurement Policy Update report.

Questions were raised by members in relation to;

- 1) Are suppliers restricted to covering a certain locality area or if they can be used for projects for specific local schools? The Service Lead, Procurement highlighted that the project requirements would be determined by the contract for each supplier.
- 2) How will the Supplier Development Programme be advertised? The Service Lead, Procurement stated that the procurement team will be in contact with suppliers in April who may have an interest in bidding on some of the local development contracts as well as hosting a virtual event in May 2022. The Service Lead outlined that the procurement team will work with Scotland Excel to give guidance to onboarding local suppliers and that the procurement team will attend Scotland's 13th Annual Meet the Buyer event scheduled to be held virtually on 15 July 2022.
- 3) Are there community benefits for small companies in securing employment contracts and is the national living wage a requirement for all employees? The Service Lead, Procurement explained that this is classed as a community benefit and outlined that all employees are paid the national living wage and although payment of national living wage is encouraged by the Council for modern apprentices, these are ultimately determined by each individual employer.
- 4) Is there collaborative working with neighbouring authorities to achieve National Frameworks? The Service Lead, Procurement stated that the procurement managers from North Ayrshire Council and East Ayrshire Council had been working collaboratively on the procurement initiative and will be in attendance at the National Supplier Development Programme and said the intention is to work collaboratively with neighbouring authorities going forward.

Having scrutinised the contents of report, the Panel;

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

5. Planning Performance Framework 2020-21 – Update

There was submitted a [report](#) of 18 March 2022 by the Assistant Director – Place to set out the Council's performance against the National Planning Performance Framework for 2020-21 (Appendix 1) and the Scottish Government's feedback to this (Appendix 2).

The Service Lead - Planning and Building Standards gave an informative presentation and summary on the Key Performance Markers from April 2020 to March 2021 which were submitted to the Scottish Government in July 2021 and their response was received in November 2021 using the RAG rating system. The Service Lead outlined that all matters had scored positively with the exception of the four indicators detailed within Paragraph 4.4 of the report relating to incomplete improvement commitments, out of date Local Development Plan, development contributions plan still awaiting adoption and the discussion of developer contributions at pre-application engagement. Questions were raised by members in relation to;

- 1) How can the Developer Contributions Scheme be improved? The Service Lead said he felt that the Scheme could be improved by working alongside other services and by putting appropriate resources in place to allow developers to progress and deliver plans within the established timescales.
- 2) How can balance be established between service demand and the staffing and resources within the service? The Service Lead outlined that planning application fees are to be increased in April 2022 by the Scottish Government which may cause a slight reduction in the demand for applications which would relieve some of the staffing and resource issues within the Planning Service.
- 3) The impact of appeals on various Planning developments? The Service Lead explained that the process of appeals is not measured within the Planning Performance Framework Report at present, but said that Planning could look to have a commentary element related to appeals within the Planning Performance Framework Report in future.

Having considered the report, the Panel

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

6. The South Ayrshire Way Strategic Change Programme, Preparing for the Future

There was submitted a [report](#) of 18 March January 2022 by the Assistant Director - Place to update Service and Performance Panel Members on the progress of the South Ayrshire Way (SAW) Strategic Change Programme and benefits realisation.

The Assistant Director – Place gave an introduction to the Report and outlined that a number of projects had been undertaken since June 2021 and that the proposals would be brought to the Leadership Panel in June 2022.

The Project Implementation Coordinator gave an update on the new Street Cleaning Operating Model stating that the project should start advancing in the coming months and that his intention is to detail the scope of the project and how to take this forward as well as identifying an Officer to take the lead role on the project. He highlighted that he had been working closely with the Communications Team with a view to create a Communications Strategy and said engagement with Trade Unions was due to be arranged.

A Member of the Panel made a comment around the consideration of the implementation of hand carts for environmental cleanliness within the new Street Cleaning Operating Model.

The Assistant Director – Place said that she had drafted a plan for highlighting identified benefits throughout the benefits realisation plan process, she noted that she is also working alongside the Change Team with plans to upskill and develop staff around managing change.

Having considered the report, the Panel

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

The meeting concluded at 11:00 a.m.