

The Governance Manager advised that there had been no public questions submitted in advance of the meeting. Having noted that there were members of the public in attendance, the Chair invited them to submit any questions they may have.

David Moncrieff (Present)

Mr Moncrieff asked Argyll & Bute Council to investigate safety concerns in relation to the use of urban buses, which were not fitted with seat belts, as service buses which were involved in transporting school pupils from Inveraray. The Governance Manager agreed to feedback the question to the relevant officers, and provide a response to this question following the meeting. The Governance Manager confirmed that this response would also

7. AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ3 2023/24

Consideration was given to the Area Performance Report for financial quarter 3 of 2023/24 (October to December 2023), which illustrated the agreed performance measures for the period.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee:-

1. noted and considered the performance and supporting commentary as presented;
2. agreed that upon receipt of the Quarterly Performance Report, the Area Committee should contact either the Responsible Named Officer or the Organisational Development Project Officer with any queries; and
3. noted that work was ongoing and to respond to the Organisational Development Project Officer with requests or comments regarding the layout and format of the Performance Report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services, dated 7 February 2024, submitted)

8. PRIMARY AREA ATTAINMENT REPORT: MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS (MAKI)

The Committee gave consideration to a report and a presentation which provided a range of key information about primary school provision in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area during the school session June 2023 to January 2024 and reported the national collection of attainment and achievement data from June 2023.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee considered and noted the information provided within the report and presentation.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education, dated March 2024, submitted)

9. HOUSING SERVICES ACTIVITY UPDATE - STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN (SHIP) - ANNUAL UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on Housing Services activity and the delivery of the Local Housing Strategy within the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee considered and noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated January 2024, submitted)

10. 2023/24 ACTIVE TRAVEL PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the progress made in 2023/24 in relation to active travel projects in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area, and sought continued support for the projects from Members.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee agreed to:-

1. welcome the progress made to date across a significant number of active travel projects by the small Active Travel Team;
2. support the continuation of the projects, and the submission of future funding applications, to external challenge funds (while these still exist), to continue to develop design and construction stages in order to deliver these projects;
3. support the allocation of the active travel funding element in the Council's 2024/25 block grant to the development and delivery of appropriate active travel projects, including those already underway in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area; and
4. instruct officers to continue to identify and develop new active travel projects to benefit local residents, businesses and communities.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 5 January 2024, submitted)

The Chair moved and the Committee agreed to adjourn for a short comfort break for 15 minutes until 1:15pm. Upon resuming, all were present as per the sederunt.

Having noted the commitments of those in attendance, the Chair agreed to vary the order of business for the remaining agenda items to facilitate officer attendance. This Minute reflects the order in which discussions took place.

11. ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided links to the recent activities of Roads and Infrastructure Services, and an update on the Claonaig landslip.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the report.

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The Committee gave consideration to a report which included a draft programme for roads reconstruction schemes for 2024/25 in the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands area.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee:-

1. provided comments on the draft programme contained at appendix 1 of the report, which were noted by the Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services; and
2. noted that the programme would go forward to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee on 21 March 2024 for endorsement.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services, dated February 2024, submitted)

13. LOCHGILPHEAD TO

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee:

1. agreed the proposals for distribution arrangements for the Campbell Bequest and the McNeil Bequest as outlined within the report;
2. noted that a review of the updated distribution arrangements for the aforementioned funds would be undertaken and reported to the Area Committee following the first 12 months of operation;
3. agreed that applications be invited from a suitable organisation for a one off project that would meet the terms of the Fisher Bequest, and that on submission this proposal would be subject to consideration by the Area Committee; and
4. noted that officers were working towards preparing distribution arrangements for the Macalister Mortification for later consideration by members.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support, dated January 2024, submitted)

18. MID ARGYLL, KINTYRE AND THE ISLANDS AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The Committee gave consideration to the Area Committee workplan for future meetings.

Decision

The Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee considered and noted the contents of the workplan.

(Reference: Area Committee Workplan, dated 28 February 2024, submitted)