

NITHSDALE AREA COMMITTEE (BUSINESS)

Meeting of Wednesday 5 June 2013
at 2.00pm in Municipal Chambers, Buccleuch Street, Dumfries

Present

Members

Andy Ferguson (Vice-Chairman)	- North West Dumfries
Graham Bell	- North West Dumfries
Ian Blake	- Abbey
Jim H Dempster	- Mid and Upper Nithsdale
Jack Groom	- Nith
Yen Hongmei Jin	- Lochar
Jeff Leaver	- Lochar
John Martin	- Nith
Tom A McAughtrie	- Abbey
David J McKie	- North West Dumfries
Ronnie Nicholson	- North West Dumfries
Colin Smyth	- Nith
Davie Stitt	- Abbey
John Syme	- Mid and Upper Nithsdale
Ted Thompson	- Lochar
Alastair Witts	- Nith
Andrew S Wood	- Mid and Upper Nithsdale

Officials

Richard Grieveson	- Head of Resource Planning and Community Services
Chris Brown	- Service Manager Business & Enterprise
Gillian Brydson	- Head of Service Strategic Support East
Charles Clemie	- Senior Manager Roads Services
Steven Herriott	- Head of Infrastructure and Commissioning
James McLeod	- Service Manager Infrastructure
Fraser Marshall	- Senior Manager Neighbourhood Services
Dawn Redpath	- Service Manager Employability & Skills
Jason Syers	- Service Manager Strategic Projects

Apologies

Gillian Dykes (Chairman)	- Mid and Upper Nithsdale
Ivor A Hyslop	- Lochar

Alex Haswell
Director Chief Executive Service

1 SEDERUNT AND APOLOGIES

14 Members present. 2 apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NONE declared.

3 MINUTE OF MEETING OF 1 MAY 2013**Decision**

APPROVED subject to amending the word intimidated to read intimated.

MEMBERS – Yen Hongmei Jin and Colin Smyth entered the meeting - 16 Members present.

4 PERFORMANCE REPORT: EDUCATION SERVICES - REPORT BY DIRECTOR EDUCATION SERVICES**Decision**

4.1 **NOTED** the Nithsdale Area level report and exception report; and

4.2 **AGREED** that the following aspects of performance referred to the Education Committee:

4.2.1 that a further KPI be developed to include use of information related to deprivation; and

4.2.2 it should be made clear for all KPIs whether these were benchmarked against Scottish or UK averages.

MEMBER - Andrew S Wood entered the meeting – 17 Members present.

5 PERFORMANCE REPORTING - PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES - REPORT BY DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES**Decision**

5.1 **NOTED** the overall performance of the Planning and Environment Services;

AGREED

5.2 to recommend to the Planning, Housing and Environment Services Committee that the Burns Statue Access and Environmental Improvements Project not be progressed to the award of Tender Stage until the proposals were brought back to Nithsdale Area Committee for further consideration; and

5.3 to recommend to the Planning, Housing and Environment Services Committee that local

Members and Area Committees be involved throughout the consultation and decision making process on major capital projects in their area.

MEMBERS – Graeme J Bell and Yen Hongmei Jin left the meeting - 15 Members present.

6 PERFORMANCE REPORT – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES AND DGFIRST STRATEGIC COMMISSIONS 2012-13 – REPORT BY DIRECTOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES AND DIRECTOR DGFIRST

Decision

6.1 **NOTED** the performance of the Planning and Environment Services and DGFirst Commissions for the 12 month period ending 31 March 2013; and

6.2 **AGREED** that the following aspect of performance be referred to the Planning, Housing and Environment Services Committee or the DGFirst Management Committee:

6.2.1 that a further KPI be developed with regard to first time permanent repairs to roads.

MEMBERS – James H Dempster, Jeff Leaver and John Syme left the meeting - 12 Members present.

7 THE RIVER NITH HARBOUR AUTHORITY - REPORT BY DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

Decision

7.1 **NOTED** the progress in developing a Harbour Empowerment Order for the River Nith Harbour Authority;

AGREED

7.2 to appoint Ian Blake and Alastair Witts as Trustees of the River Nith Harbour Authority to hold office for a period of three years; and

7.3 that Rob Davidson, Tom A McAughtrie and Ted Thompson would sit on the Interview Panel, alongside others, to appoint six part-time Trustees.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN DUE TO THE NEED FOR A DECISION

Decision

NOTED that there was no business deemed urgent by the Chairman due to the need for a decision.