

EX68. INFORMATION GOVERNANCE: FOI PUBLICATION SCHEME/RE-USE OF PUBLIC SECTOR INFORMATION

The Executive considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer on the Council's compliance with the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005.

The Regulations provide a framework for the use by a person of a document held by a public sector body for a purpose other than the initial purpose for which the document was produced. Consent to re-use can be by request, in which case the Council would have a specific time limit within which to respond; conditions could be imposed as could a charge for the document and a procedure is required for determining any complaints relating to the Council's actions under the Regulations. Alternatively, the Council could adopt the Open Government Licence which would cover automatic permission to re-use information obtained via the publication scheme and the re-use of documents obtained under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004. The advantages of such an approach together with measures taken to advise the public of the change in the Council's position were set out.

Decision

The Executive:-

- 1) noted adoption of the model publication scheme with effect from 31 May 2013;**
- 2) agreed that the Open Government Licence be used for the use and re-use of information available under the publication scheme, and for information given out under FOISA or the EIRs;**
- 3) noted that the documents available through the publication scheme comprise the Council's asset list for the purposes of the Re-use Regulations; and**
- 4) noted the Council's published complaints procedure as required by the Re-use Regulations.**