

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held virtually on Wednesday 7 October 2020 at 9.30am.

Present: Provost D Melloy, Councillors C Ahern, H Anderson, A Bailey, K Baird, M Barnacle, P Barrett, B Brawn, R Brock, A Coates, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, J Duff, A Forbes, T Gray, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle, R McCall, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, A Parrott, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, C Reid, W Robertson, F Sarwar, C Shiers, L Simpson, C Stewart, R Watters, M Williamson and W Wilson.

In Attendance: K Reid, Chief Executive; B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); K McNamara, Depute Director (Housing and Environment); S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); G Paterson, Chief Officer/Director – Integrated Health and Social Care; C Mailer, D Fraser and S Crawford (all Housing and Environment); S Johnston, H Robertson, G Boland and N Rogerson (Education and Children's Services); L Simpson, S Rodger, C Flynn, L Brown, C Guild, F Robertson, S Mackenzie, S Walker, D Littlejohn, A Brown, M Pasternak and B Parker and L McGuigan (all Corporate and Democratic Services); A Berwick and C Windeatt (both KMPG)

Apology for Absence: Councillor H Coates.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Provost welcomed all those present and noted apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors E Drysdale, J Duff, C Purves and X McDade declared a non-financial interest in Item 8 as a member of the Integration Joint Board.

Councillor S McCole declared a non-financial interest in Item 9 as a member of the Adult Protection Committee.

3. MINUTE OF 30 JULY 2020

The minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 30 July 2020 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature subject to a clarification on resolution (iii) of Report 20/124 as follows:

Resolved:

- (iii) A sub group of the Perth and Kinross Offer/Recovery and Renewal Member/Officer Working Group to be established, ***amalgamating the work of the previous Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group***, to review the Council's governance arrangements.

4. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT 2020/21 QUARTER 1

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (20/178) (1) providing an update on Treasury Activity for the quarter ending 30 June 2020; (2) reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement (TMPS); Treasury Management Practices (TMPs); the Investment Strategy and the Prudential Indicators for the same period.

Resolved:

The content of Report 20/178, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.

5. TREASURY & INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2020/21 – 2028/29

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (20/179) detailing the proposed Treasury Strategy for 2020/21 to 2028/29 and the Investment and Property Strategy for 2020/21.

Resolved:

- (i) The 9-year Treasury Strategy for 2020/21 to 2028/29, as detailed in Report 20/179, which is submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be approved.
- (ii) The Permitted Investments and Investment Strategy for 2020/21, outlined at Section 6 and detailed at Appendix III of Report 20/179, be approved.
- (iii) The Property Investment Strategy for 2020/21, outlined at Section 7 and detailed at Appendix IV of Report 20/179, be approved.
- (iv) The proposed Prudential Indicators for 2020/21 to 2028/29, outlined at Section 10 and detailed at Appendix V of Report 20/179, be approved.

6. ANNUAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2019/20 AND ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL AND THE CONTROLLER OF AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (20/180) presenting the Council's Audited Annual Accounts for financial year 2019/20 in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 and including the Annual Audit Report to the Members of Perth & Kinross Council and the Controller of Audit for the Year Ended 31 March 2020.

Resolved:

- (i) The 2019/20 Audited Annual Accounts be noted.
- (ii) The contents of KPMG's Annual Audit Report to the Members of Perth & Kinross Council and the Controller of Audit for the year ended 31 March 2020 be noted.

THERE FOLLOWED A SHORT RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10.47AM.

7. THE PERTH AND KINROSS OFFER – COVID-19 – UPDATE INCLUDING RECOVERY AND RENEWAL – BUILDING AN EVEN BETTER PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (20/181) providing (1) an update on progress with developing the Perth and Kinross Offer; (2) an interim summary of engagement feedback that will inform our emerging vision, key priorities and approach to recovery and renewal; and (3) seeking agreement from elected members on the draft Organisational Development plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made to date, in terms of advancing the agreed priority workstreams, to support delivery of the PK Offer, be noted.
- (ii) The feedback received and the emerging themes and issues as detailed in the community impact summary report, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 20/181, be noted.
- (iii) The proposed Organisational Development Plan, attached at Appendix 2 to Report 20/181, be noted and it be agreed that this will be subject to further design and plain English edits.
- (iv) The proposed direction for consultation and engagement on the PK Offer drafts, attached as Appendix 3 to Report 20/181, be noted and agreed and it be agreed that this will be subject to further design and plain English edits.

8. REVIEW OF PERTH AND KINROSS INTEGRATION SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (20/182) (1) advising of the requirement to review the Perth and Kinross Integration Scheme, which established the Integration Joint Board; and (2) and outlining the next steps which require to be taken to progress a review.

Resolved:

- (i) The requirement to review the Integration Scheme for Perth and Kinross to identify if changes are necessary or desirable be noted.
- (ii) The assessment of officers that changes to the Integration Scheme are necessary and desirable be noted.
- (iii) The Chief Executive be authorised to take the necessary steps to prepare a revised Integration Scheme.
- (iv) The Chief Executive be requested to consult as required with interested persons or groups, including the Integration Joint Board, and takes account of any views expressed in revising the Integration Scheme.
- (v) The Chief Executive be requested to prepare a final draft revised scheme for approval by the Council by July 2021, or as close as possible thereafter.

9. CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (20/183) (1) providing the Chief Social Work Officer's (CSWO) overview of social work services in Perth and Kinross during the financial year 2019/20; (2) setting out how social care and social work and criminal justice social work services have been delivered up until the end of March 2020 and the key challenges in responding to COVID-19 up until the end of July 2020; and (3) detailing the arrangements to enable the CSWO to

fulfil the responsibilities outlined in Section 5(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (as amended).

Resolved:

The CSWO Annual Report for 2019/20, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 20/183, be approved.

THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS FOR LUNCH

COUNCILLORS BARNACLE AND ROBERTSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1.38PM

10. GOVERNANCE REVIEW – MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance (20/184) (1) setting the proposed review of our governance framework in the context of the Perth and Kinross Offer; (2) seeking agreement to undertake the CIPFA Governance Mark of Excellence accreditation process to help redesign our governance framework; (3) setting out the proposed scope of the governance review; (4) outlining the proposed remit and membership of a new Governance Member/Officer Working Group (“Governance MOWG”) to replace the existing Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group; and (5) outlining the proposed remit and membership of the Perth and Kinross Offer Member/Officer Working Group (“Offer MOWG”) to reflect political balance.

Motion (Councillor M Lyle and J Duff)

The Council:

- (i) agrees to use the CIPFA Governance Mark of Excellence accreditation process to support the governance review.
- (ii) approves the scope of the governance review as detailed in the report.
- (iii) agrees that the Modernising Governance MOWG be disbanded and a new Governance MOWG be established, with 7 members based on political balance.
- (iv) approves the general scope of the Perth and Kinross Offer MOWG as detailed in the report.
- (v) agree that membership of the Offer MOWG should be 9 members based on political balance.

Amendment (Councillors X McDade and A Bailey) - Agree resolutions (i) and (ii) of Report (20/184) and replace resolutions (iii) to (viii) with:

- iii) **agree that the Modernising Governance MOWG be disbanded and a new Governance MOWG be established, with 9 members;**
- iv) **membership of the new Governance MOWG shall comprise 3 Conservative (Administration), 3 SNP, 1 Independent/Scottish Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative (opposition) to ensure all political groups are represented and that it broadly reflect the political balance of the Council;**

- vi) agree that membership of the Offer MOWG should be 9 members; and
- vii) membership of the new Offer MOWG shall comprise 3 Conservative (Administration), 3 SNP, 1 Independent/Scottish Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative (opposition) to ensure all political groups are represented and that it broadly reflect the political balance of the Council.

In terms of Standing Order 54 Councillor Wilson, Seconded by Councillor Barrett moved that the vote now be taken without further discussion.

In accordance with Standing Order 58 a roll call vote was taken

17 Members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Coates, J Duff, A Forbes, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, M Lyle, R McCall, Provost D Melloy, C Reid, C Shiers, L Simpson and W Wilson.

18 Members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors H Anderson, A Bailey, R Brock, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, T Gray, G Laing, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, A Parrott, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, C Stewart, R Watters, and M Williamson.

Resolved:

- (i) agrees to use the CIPFA Governance Mark of Excellence accreditation process to support the governance review.
- (ii) approves the scope of the governance review as detailed in the report.
- iii) agree that the Modernising Governance MOWG be disbanded and a new Governance MOWG be established, with 9 members;
- iv) membership of the new Governance MOWG shall comprise 3 Conservative (Administration), 3 SNP, 1 Independent/Scottish Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative (opposition) to ensure all political groups are represented and that it broadly reflect the political balance of the Council;
- vi) agree that membership of the Offer MOWG should be 9 members; and
- vii) membership of the new Offer MOWG shall comprise 3 Conservative (Administration), 3 SNP, 1 Independent/Scottish Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative (opposition) to ensure all political groups are represented and that it broadly reflect the political balance of the Council.

11. REVISED TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2020

Resolved:

The revised timetable of meetings for October to December 2020 be agreed, subject to further discussion with the Conveners and members of the Common Good Fund Committees regarding the rescheduling of the Common Good Fund Committee meetings to a Monday or a Wednesday.

12. POLLING PLACES

Resolved:

Due to the potential impact of Covid-19 on by-election planning temporary authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to implement any necessary adjustments to polling places for the by-elections to be held on 26 November 2020 in Ward 10 (Perth City South) and Ward 11 (Perth City North) with the changes being advised to the elected members for information.

13. RECORD OF DECISIONS UNDER EMERGENCY POWERS

In addition to the decisions reported on 30 July 2020, the Council is asked to note (1) decisions taken under emergency powers in response to Covid-19 and (2) that the date of the decision recorded at resolution (i) had been incorrectly listed on the published agenda as 10 March 2020.

Resolved:

- (i) 10 August 2020 - The timeline for the review of the Contributions Policy be revised, with the intention to bring forward a report to Council in April 2021 to allow a full and thorough consultation process to take place. (
- (ii) 17 August 2020 – Approval of the Tayside Children’s Services Plan 2020-2023 – Joint Statement prepared by NHS Tayside and Perth and Kinross Council (as report to the Children, Young People and Families Partnership on 18 September 2020).

14. VALEDICTORY

The Provost, on behalf of the Council, paid tribute to Keith McNamara, Depute Director of Housing and Environment for the commitment, hard work and dedicated service he had given to the Council over the past 36 year and wished him all the best in his new role as Managing Director of Tayside Contracts. Councillors Laing, Barrett, Forbes, McDade and Lyle also expressed their thanks to Mr McNamara.

Keith McNamara responded in appropriate terms.