

## **STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 7 February 2018 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors M Lyle, P Barrett, B Band, B Brawn (following the death of Councillor I Campbell, Councillor M Lyle assumed the role of Convener – Councillor B Brawn substituted for Councillor Lyle as a member of the Committee), S Donaldson, D Doogan, G Laing, R McCall, S McCole, Provost D Melloy, A Parrott, C Purves, C Shiers, L Simpson and C Stewart.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive, J Fyffe, Senior Deputy Chief Executive, J Valentine, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer, K Donaldson, S MacKenzie, C Mackie (for Art. 65), K McNamara, L Simpson, G Taylor, S Walker and C Irons (all Corporate and Democratic Services); S Devlin (Education and Children's Services); B Renton, F Crofts, P Marshall and B Murray (Environment Service) and L Cameron (Housing and Community Safety).

Also in Attendance: R Packham, Chief Officer, Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership; L Chalmers, C Flynn, F O'Neill, L Simpson and M Whittet (all Corporate and Democratic Services – up to Art. 59)

Apologies for Absence: Councillor A Bailey

Councillor M Lyle, Vice-Convener, Presiding.

### **59. TRIBUTE TO COUNCILLOR IAN CAMPBELL**

Prior to the commencement of business Councillor M Lyle paid tribute to Councillor Ian Campbell, who had died suddenly earlier in the week and expressed condolences to his family. Councillor Campbell had first been elected in 2007 and had become Leader of the Council in May 2017. Councillors D Doogan, P Barrett and Provost D Melloy also paid tribute and expressed condolences. Thereafter a one minute's silence was held.

### **60. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and an apology and substitution were noted as above.

### **61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor A Parrott declared a non-financial interest in Art. 63 paragraph 2.3.4 (Perth and Kinross Credit Union).

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**62. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 29 November 2017 (Arts. 663-676) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

**(ii) Executive Sub-Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources of 18 December 2017 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix I)*

**(iii) Appeals Sub-Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 8 November 2017 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix II)*

**(iv) Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee of 11 September 2017 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix III)*

**(v) Employees Joint Consultative Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Employees Joint Consultative Committee of 28 September 2017 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix IV)*

**(vi) Perth City Development Board**

The minute of meeting of the Perth City Development Board of 5 September 2017 was submitted and noted.

**(vii) Economy and Lifelong Learning Group**

The minute of meeting of the Economy and Lifelong Learning Group of 22 September 2017 was submitted and noted.

**(viii) Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board**

The minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board of 3 November 2017 was submitted and noted.

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**63. REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (18/41), providing an update (1) on progress with the 2017/18 General Fund Revenue Budget based on the November 2017 ledger, updated for subsequent known material movements; and (2) on the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 18/41 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2017/18 Management Revenue Budget, as detailed in Sections 2 and 3 of and Appendix 1 to Report 18/41, be approved.
- (iii) The 2017/18 Service virements, as summarised in Appendices 2 and 4 to Report 18/41, be approved.

**64. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2017/23 & HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2017/22 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (18/42), (1) providing a summary position to date for the Composite Capital Programme for 2017/18 to 2022/23 and the Housing Investment Programme 2017/18 to 2021/22 and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the Programmes.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 18/42 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the six year Composite Capital Programme Budget 2017/18 to 2022/23, as set out in Sections 2 and 3 of and summarised at Appendices 1 and 2 to Report 18/42, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the Housing Investment Programme Budget 2017/18 to 2021/22, as set out in Section 4 of and summarised at Appendix 3 to Report 18/42, be approved.

**65. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME 2015-2020 PROGRESS UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (18/43), providing an update on the Transformation Programme approved by Council on 1 July 2015.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress related to the Transformation Programme, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to Report 18/43, be noted.
- (ii) A further report be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee on further proposals for the Transformation Programme.

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**66. UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH THE PREPARATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (18/44), (1) seeking approval for the proposed programme and priorities for preparing supplementary guidance to support both the Adopted Local Development Plan and the Local Development Plan review process currently under way; and (2) providing an update in respect of progress made on the preparation of the statutory supplementary guidance and the non-statutory guidance work programme of the Local Development Plan Team.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made on the programme for the planning policy framework be noted.
- (ii) The priorities for preparing the Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance be agreed as set out in Report 18/44.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be requested to continue to prepare an annual update to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on progress with the preparation of Supplementary Guidance to support the Local Development Plan.

**67. BUILDING AMBITION – A BLUEPRINT FOR A 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COUNCIL**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (18/45), advising of changes to the senior management structure which would result in more streamlined and flexible arrangements, and deliver an annual recurring saving of £300,707, with a net reduction of Chief Officers.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The overall savings of £300,707 in a full financial year, be approved.
- (ii) The overall reduction in Chief Officers through the redesignation and deletion of posts to be effective from April 2018, as set out in Report 18/45, be noted.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973.**

**68. REQUEST FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO A REPLACEMENT UNDERPASS ON B9097**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (18/46), (1) outlining a request to support the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to build a new underpass at Vane Farm, near Loch Leven; and (2) seeking to use part of the funding previously allocated towards investment in the car park estate to support this development, while re-allocating the remaining balance to two car park related projects.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The proposal by RSPB Scotland to build a new underpass under the B9097 new Vane Farm, Kinross be noted.
- (ii) The original proposal for the £250,000 allocated as part of the revenue budget process in February 2017 towards investment in the car park estate was no longer possible.
- (iii) The sum of £250,000 be re-allocated towards the following:
  - (a) £30,000 for improved parking in Millbridge, Kinross
  - (b) £70,000 for improved parking in Auchterarder
  - (c ) £150,000 to support the underpass development being undertaken by RSPB, subject to the Council's standard governance arrangements.

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