

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
3 OCTOBER 2012

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minute of Council Meeting in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 3 October 2012 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, R Band, M Barnacle, P Barrett, R Brock, I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, D Cuthbert, D Doogan, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, J Giacobazzi, C Gillies, A Grant, T Gray, K Howie, J Kellas, G Laing, A Livingstone, M Lyle, E MacLachlan, A MacLellan, D Melloy, I Miller, A Munro, D Pover, M Roberts, W Robertson, C Shiers, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, G Walker, M Williamson and A Younger.

Also Attending: B Malone (Chief Executive); G Taylor, I Innes, J Symon, C Flynn, S Walker (up to Item 7), C Irons and A Taylor (all Chief Executive's Service); D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment).

Also Attending: P Tate (Audit Scotland, External Auditors) and M Radley (Work Experience)

Apology for Absence: Councillors L Simpson and W Wilson.

Provost E Grant, Presiding.

### **484. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

### **485. MINUTE**

The minute of the Council Meeting of 27 June 2012 (Arts. 313-324) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **486. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

#### **Minutes of Committees from 20 June 2012 to 19 September 2012**

The decisions recorded in Arts. 281-312 and 325-447 and copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council were submitted and noted as necessary, with the exception of Art. 442 in the Scrutiny Minute of 19 September 2012 which should read A977 and not A997.

### **487. ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT 2011/12**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (12/435) (1) summarising the Council's treasury activities for the 2011/12 financial year; and (2) comparing actual performance with the approved Treasury and Investment Strategy for 2011/12.

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**Resolved:**

The content of Report 12/435, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.

**488. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT 2012/13 QUARTER 1**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (12/436) (1) providing a summary of the Loans Fund transactions for the quarter ending 30 June 2012 and (2) reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement, Treasury Management Practices, Investment Strategy and the Prudential Indicators for the same period.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The content of Report 12/436, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.
- (ii) The amendment to the Treasury Management Roles and Responsibilities and limitations to Authority, as detailed in Appendix III to Report 12/436 be noted.
- (iii) The introduction by HM Treasury of the discount rate on PWLB loans be noted.

**489. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (12/437) together with the Council's Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2011/12.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The content of Report 12/437 be noted.
- (ii) The Audited Statement of Accounts for 2011/12 be submitted to a future meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee for detailed consideration.
- (iii) The International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 260, "*Report to those Charged with Governance on the Audit of Perth & Kinross Council*", be submitted to a future meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee for detailed consideration.
- (iv) The External Auditors' Report to Members and the Controller of Audit be considered at the Council meeting on 19 December 2012.

**490. EMPLOYABILITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN FOR PERTH AND KINROSS**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/438) outlining a new Community Planning Employability Strategy and Action Plan for Perth and Kinross.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Employability Strategy and Action Plan be approved, subject to the identification of appropriate resources.
- (ii) The governance arrangements as outlined in Report 12/438, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) bring forward annual progress reports on the Strategy and Action Plan.

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**491. SECURING THE FUTURE FOR CULTURE AND LEISURE SERVICES –  
PROGRESS UPDATE (Art. 549/11)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/439) providing an update on progress made in respect of the recommendations agreed by the Council on 28 September 2011.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress in developing a new arm's length delivery model for culture and leisure services as agreed by Council on 28 September 2011 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be authorised to agree terms for the new model with Horsecross and Live Active Leisure.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit a report on progress to the Council meeting on 19 December 2012.

**492. ARMED FORCES COMMUNITY COVENANT**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (12/440) advising the Council of a proposed Community Covenant with the Armed Forces.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Council adopt the Armed Forces Community Covenant as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 12/440, subject to the covenant being tailored for Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) The Chief Executive be authorised to conclude the Covenant on behalf of the Council.

**493. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS**

**(i) Equality and Diversity Member/Officer Working Group**

Councillors A Younger and A Cowan be appointed to the Equality and Diversity Member/Officer Working Group to replace Councillors D Pover and H Stewart.

**(ii) Corporate Parenting Member/Officer Working Group**

Councillor B Vaughan be appointed to the Corporate Parenting Member/Officer Working Group.

**494. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS**

The timetable of meetings for December 2012 was amended as follows:-

- (i) meetings of the Common Good Fund Committees and the Council scheduled to be held on 12 December 2012 be held on Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 9.30am and 10.30am respectively.
- (ii) an additional meeting of the Development Management Committee be held on Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 9.30am.

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- (iii) a meeting of the Pre-Determination Committee, followed by a special meeting of the Council be held on Wednesday 12 December 2012 at 2.00pm.

**495. JANUARY – JUNE 2013 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (12/441) on provisional meeting dates for January – June 2013.

**Resolved:**

The provisional timetable of meetings for the period January – June 2013 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 12/441 be approved.

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