

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chamber, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 1.00pm.

Present: Provost D Melloy, Councillors C Ahern, H Anderson, A Bailey, K Baird, B Band, M Barnacle, P Barrett, B Brawn, R Brock, A Coates, H Coates, S Donaldson, D Doogan, E Drysdale, A Forbes, T Gray, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle, R McCall, S McCole, X McDade (up to and including Art. 119), T McEwan, A Parrott, J Rebbeck, C Reid, W Robertson, F Sarwar, C Shiers, L Simpson, C Stewart, R Watters, M Williamson and W Wilson.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive; J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer; S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Renton, Executive Director (Environment); L Cameron, Interim Director (Housing and Community Safety); K McNamara, Head of Community Planning, Strategic Commissioning and Organisational Development; F Robertson, Head of Public Service Reform, Culture and Community Development; G Taylor, S Hendry, S MacKenzie, K Donaldson, S Flanigan, C Judge, C Flynn and L Simpson (all Corporate and Democratic Services); S Crawford, N Brian and J Fyfe (all The Environment Service.)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors B Pover and C Purves.

Provost D Melloy, Presiding.

### **108. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Provost Melloy welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies were submitted and noted as above.

### **109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillors A Parrott, K Baird, C Ahern and R Watters declared a non-financial interest in Art. 117 on the agenda.

### **110. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **(i) Minute of the special meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 22 November 2017**

The minute of the special meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 22 November 2017 (Arts. 687-689) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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**(ii) Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 20 December 2017**

The minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 20 December 2017 (Arts. 727-743) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

**111. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES FROM 22 NOVEMBER 2017 TO 7 FEBRUARY 2018**

The decisions recorded in Arts. 690-726/17 and 1-77, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and noted/approved as necessary, with the following amendments noted:

- With reference to Article 26 of the Minute of the Housing and Communities Committee of 24 January 2018, Valedictories, the first sentence to be removed.
- With reference to Article 77 of the Minute of the Scrutiny Committee of 7 February 2018, the date should read 12 December 2017.

**112. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Senior Depute Chief Executive (18/65) providing an update on the activities of the Community Planning Partnership since the last update to Council on 20 December 2017.

**Resolved:**

The progress made in relation to Community Planning, and meeting requirements under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, be noted.

**113. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT – 2017/18 QUARTER 3**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (18/66) (1) providing a summary of Loans Fund transactions for the quarter ending 31 December 2017; and (2) reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement; Treasury Management Practices; the Investment Strategy and the Prudential Indicators for the same period.

**Resolved:**

The contents of Report 18/66, submitted in accordance with the Council's Treasury Management Practices, be noted.

**114. TREASURY & INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2018/19 – 2022/23**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (18/67) detailing (1) the Council's proposed Treasury Strategy and activities for 2018/19 to 2022/23; and (2) the Investment & Property Strategy for 2018/19.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The five year Treasury Strategy for 2018/19 to 2022/2, as set out in Report 18/67 and submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be approved.
- (ii) The Permitted Investments and Investment Strategy for 2018/19, as outlined in Sections 5 and 6 and detailed in Appendix III and IV to Report 18/67, including expanding the Permitted Investments of the Council to include further negotiable instruments such as Bonds and Floating Rate Notes, be approved.
- (iii) Consideration of the implementation of the revised Prudential Code and Code of Practice for Treasury Management be deferred to the Council meeting on 20 June 2018, as outlined in Section 8 of Report 18/67.
- (iv) The current approved Prudential Indicators for 2017/18 to 2022/23 continue to apply until the Council meeting on 20 June 2018 when a new Capital Budget will be set, as outlined in Section 9 of Report 18/67.

**115. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2018-2022**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (18/68) (1) presenting the new Corporate Plan 2018-2022 for Perth and Kinross Council; and (2) setting out the Council's vision for the area and the type of organisation needed to fulfil that vision.

**Resolved:**

The new Corporate Plan 2018-2022, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 18/68, be approved.

**116. CORPORATE WORKFORCE PLAN 2018-2021**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (18/69) (1) presenting the Council's Corporate Workforce Plan for the period 2018-2021 and (2) identifying the key workforce planning challenges facing the Council over that period.

**Resolved:**

The Corporate Workforce Plan 2018-2021, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 18/69, be approved.

**117. TRANSFORMING THE CULTURAL OFFER OF PERTH AND KINROSS:  
UPDATE ON CITY HALL**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (18/70) updating on progress with the City Hall project following the Council's decision in August 2017 to approve the appointment of Mecanoo by HubCo East Scotland as project architects. It was noted that in relation to Sections 1.1 and 2.6 of the report, the confirmed total City Hall project budget was £20M with £2.8M allocated for the project works.

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F Robertson, Head of Public Service Reform, Culture and Community Development, provided members with a slide based presentation on the contents of the report and answered a number of questions.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress with the City Hall project since the last update to Council in August 2017 be noted.
- (ii) The governance role of the Programme Board in overseeing the project delivery, as set out in Report 18/70, be noted.

**118. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (18/71) making recommendations on revisions to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration following the review of political decision-making structures agreed by the Council on 20 December 2017.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and P Barrett):

- (i) The revised Standing Orders, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 18/71, be approved with effect from 7 March 2018.
- (ii) The revised Scheme of Administration, attached as Appendix 2 to Report 18/71, be approved with effect from 7 March 2018, with the exception of the provisions relating to the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) service which will be effective from 1 April 2018.

**Amendment (Councillors A Bailey and X McDade):**

- (i) **The revised Standing Orders, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 18/71, be approved with effect from 7 March 2018, subject to Standing Order 34 being revised to state that formal notices of motion submitted in accordance with Standing Orders 39 and 40 would be considered prior to the substantive business before the Council.**
- (ii) **The revised Scheme of Administration, attached as Appendix 2 to Report 18/71, be approved with effect from 7 March 2018, with the exception of the provisions relating to the Executive Director (Housing & Environment) service which will be effective from 1 April 2018.**  
In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

18 members voted for the Motion as follows:

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

19 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors H Anderson, A Bailey, B Band, M Barnacle, R Brock, S Donaldson, D Doogan, E Drysdale, T Gray, G Laing, S McCole, X McDade,

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T McEwan, A Parrott, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, C Shiers, R Watters and M Williamson.

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Amendment.

**119. REVIEW OF THE SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT FOR COMMUNITY COUNCILS IN PERTH AND KINROSS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (18/72) (1) seeking authority to undertake a review of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils in Perth and Kinross; and (2) setting out proposals on the context, process and timescale for the review.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Head of Democratic Services be authorised to undertake a review of the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils in Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) The consultation processes, as outlined in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 of Report 18/72, and the timescales for reporting back to Council, be noted.

**120. ELECTORAL REFORM IN SCOTLAND – PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (18/73) proposing a response to the questions in the Scottish Government's consultation paper on electoral reform published in December 2017.

**Resolved:**

The consultation paper be noted, but that it be for each political party and individual to respond to the Scottish Government thereon.

**121. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/PARTNER ORGANISATIONS/ OUTSIDE BODIES/WORKING GROUPS**

**Resolved:**

**(i) Appointments**

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

- (i) Councillor M Lyle be appointed Convener of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
- (ii) Councillor C Stewart be appointed as Vice-Convener of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
- (iii) Councillor A Forbes be appointed to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
- (iv) Councillor C Stewart be appointed to the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
- (v) Councillor C Stewart be appointed to the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

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Audit Committee

- (vi) Councillor K Baird replace Councillor H Coates on the Audit Committee.

Environment and Infrastructure Committee

- (vii) Councillor A Forbes replace Councillor C Stewart as Convener of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee.
- (viii) Councillors K Baird and R McCall replace Councillors C Stewart and M Lyle on the Environment and Infrastructure Committee. Councillor M Barnacle to remain as the single Vice-Convener of the Committee.

Housing and Communities Committee

- (ix) Councillor B Brawn replace Councillor H Coates as Vice-Convener of the Housing and Communities Committee.
- (x) Councillor C Shiers replace Councillor K Baird on the Housing and Communities Committee.

Lifelong Learning Committee

- (xi) Councillor C Purves replace Councillor R McCall as Vice-Convener of the Lifelong Learning Committee.
- (xii) Councillor C Reid replace Councillor R McCall on the Lifelong Learning Committee.
- (xiii) Councillor J Rebbeck replace Councillor F Sarwar on the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff.

Planning and Development Management Committee

- (xiv) Councillor R McCall replace Councillor M Lyle as Convener of the Planning and Development Management Committee.
- (xv) Councillor H Coates replace Councillor M Lyle on the Planning and Development Management Committee.

Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group

- (xvi) Councillor C Stewart be appointed to the Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group.

Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership Board

- (xvii) Councillor M Lyle be appointed to the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership Board.

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Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome  
Delivery Group

- (xviii) Councillor J Rebbeck replace Councillor F Sarwar on the Community Planning Economy and Lifelong Learning Outcome Delivery Group.

Children, Young People and Families Partnership

- (xix) Councillor J Rebbeck replace Councillor F Sarwar on the Children, Young People and Families Partnership.

Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board

- (xx) Councillor C Stewart replace Councillor C Reid on the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board and as Vice-Convener with effect from 1 May 2018.

NHS Tayside

- (xxi) Councillor C Stewart replace Councillor C Reid as nominee on NHS Tayside with effect from 1 May 2018.

Perth and Kinross Licensing Board

- (xxii) Councillor R McCall be appointed to the Perth and Kinross Licensing Board.

Developing the Cultural Offer Programme Board

- (xxiii) Councillor M Lyle be appointed to the Developing the Cultural Offer Programme Board.

Perth Theatre Redevelopment Project Board

- (xxiv) Councillor M Lyle be appointed to the Perth Theatre Redevelopment Project Board.

Tay Cities Region Joint Committee

- (xxv) Councillor M Lyle be appointed to the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee.

Perth City Development Board

- (xxvi) Councillor M Lyle be appointed to the Perth City Development Board.

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COSLA Convention

(xxvii) Councillor C Stewart be appointed to the COSLA Convention.

Scotland Excel Joint Committee

(xxviii) Councillor C Stewart be appointed to the Scotland Excel Joint Committee.

TAYplan Joint Committee

(xxix) Councillor R McCall replace Councillor M Lyle on the TAYplan Joint Committee.

(ii) **Councillor Colin Stewart – Payment of Senior Councillor's Allowance**

The Council was asked to agree that consequent to the above appointments, Councillor C Stewart continue to receive a Senior Councillor's Allowance, but at a reduced level of £19,834.

Councillor Doogan sought clarification on the justification for the continuation of the payment of a Senior Councillor's Allowance to Councillor Stewart and proposed an amendment, seconded by Councillor Laing, that the payment should not be continued.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR 5 MINUTES, RECOMMENCING AT 3.15PM.

Provost Melloy advised that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

**122. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2018**

**Resolved:**

- (i) The meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee, scheduled to be held on Wednesday 28 March 2018 take place on Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 10.00am.
- (ii) The meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee, scheduled to be held on Wednesday 21 March 2018 take place on Wednesday 28 March 2018 at 10.00am.
- (iii) It be noted that there was now no requirement to move the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee scheduled to be held on 23 May 2018.



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**123. APPOINTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Resolved :**

Following the announcement that the Chief Executive would be retiring in early July 2018, Councillors M Lyle, P Barrett, C Shiers, D Doogan and G Laing be appointed to the Appointments Sub-Committee.

**124. VALEDICTORIES**

**(i) Joy Somerville, Committee Officer, Democratic Services**

Provost Melloy referred to the retiral of Joy Somerville, Committee Officer within Democratic Services at the end of March 2018.

Joy first started in the role with Perth and Kinross Council in 2001 and worked with a number of different elected members and senior officers throughout this period and had supported many different committees, partnerships and decision making bodies.

Provost and members passed on their best wishes to Joy for her retirement.

**(ii) John Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive**

Provost Melloy referred to the retirement of John Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive at the end of March 2018.

John had held a number of different teaching positions with Perth and Kinross Council between 1982 and 2007. He had been an Executive Director for over 9 years in services covering Education and Children's Services and Housing and Community Safety, and had more recently been both Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) and then Senior Depute Chief Executive.

Provost Melloy and members thanked John for his commitment and professionalism in his various roles with the Council and passed on their wishes for a long and happy retirement.

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