

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chambers on 24 August 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors H Anderson, L Barrett, D Cuthbert, D Illingworth, N Khogali, G Laing, T McEwan, C Reid, G Stewart, R Watters, J Welch; M Mathers, J Pepper, N Jamieson and E McGregor.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); D Littlejohn, D Grant, N Moran, R Wills, S Best (up to and including Item 3), A Deans, S Merone, H Wilson (from Item 4 onwards) (all Communities); S Nicoll, G Key (up to and including Item 4), A Taylor, A Brown, M Pasternak and (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Councillors J Duff and A Forbes (up to and including Item 3).

Councillor R Watters, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor R Watters welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. PRESENTATION – CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

D Grant, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Team Leader provided a [slide-based presentation](#) on the Climate Change Action Plan Update.

D Grant answered members' questions thereon.

4. INTRODUCTION OF CHARGING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (22/191) (1) inviting members to consider the issues associated with the Council's current and future Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure; and (2) seeking approval to the introduction of tariffs to recover the energy and support costs of providing this service.

Motion (Councillors Watters and L Barrett)

- (i) The work undertaken to review potential options for charging, be noted.
- (ii) Option 3 and the recommended tariffs as detailed in Section 5.15 of Report 22/191 with an introduction date of 1 January 2023, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Communities) be instructed to keep tariff rates under review during the year, with delegation to amend the tariff to ensure that

future costs continue to be recovered, alongside an annual review to be undertaken as part of the budget process.

1st Amendment (Councillors Laing and McEwan)

In accordance with the Motion but propose to increase the limit of stay to 6 hours for the less powerful 22kw chargers.

2nd Amendment (Councillors Khogali and Illingworth)

Agree in principle the Motion, ask officers to bring back reports on the following options at the next meeting of the Committee.

1. Look at the possibility of selling / transferring the infrastructure to the private sector over the course of the next council term.
2. Push up the overstay cost to be, at minimum, the cost of a parking fine.
3. Consider adding in the ability to charge E-Bikes.
4. Reconsider the pricing structure as to account in costs for quick repairs for broken chargers.

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED.

The Mover and Seconder of the 1st Amendment agreed to re-word their Amendment to read '4 hours' instead of '6 hours'.

The Mover and Seconder of the 2nd Amendment agreed to re-word their Amendment to read 'bring back reports on the following options to a future meeting of the Committee' instead of 'the next meeting of the Committee'.

Note: The Mover and Seconder of the Motion agreed to accept both Amendments in the Revised Motion as follows:

- (i) **The work undertaken to review potential options for charging, be noted.**
 - (ii) **Option 3 and the recommended tariffs as detailed in Section 5.15 of Report 22/191 with an introduction date of 1 January 2023, be approved.**
 - (iii) **The Executive Director (Communities) be requested to keep tariff rates under review during the year, with delegation to amend the tariff to ensure that future costs continue to be recovered, alongside an annual review to be undertaken as part of the budget process.**
 - (iv) **The proposed limit of stay for the less powerful 22kw charges be set at four hours with an overstay fee of £10.**
 - (v) **The Executive Director (Communities) be requested to consider the points detailed below and bring a further report to a future meeting of the Committee.**
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4. **Reconsider the pricing structure as to account in costs for quick repairs for broken chargers.**

5. NATURE RESTORATION FUND 2022-23

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (22/192) (1) providing information on the Nature Restoration Fund allocation received by Perth and Kinross Council in 2021 and 2022; (2) setting out the proposed approach to use of the funds in the current financial year, including proposed nature restoration work to be carried out by Community Greenspace; (3) seeking approval of the proposed split in funding between Community Greenspace and community led projects; and (4) requesting that delegated authority be given to the Executive Director (Communities).

Resolved:

- (i) The ratio of Nature Restoration Funding of 60% to Community Greenspace projects and 40% to community led projects, be approved.
- (ii) The delegation of authority to approve community led projects to the Executive Director (Communities), be approved.

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