

ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 20 November 2013 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, J Giacomazzi, R Band (substituting for Councillor D Doogan), M Barnacle, I Campbell, A Cowan, A Gaunt, T Gray, G Laing, A Livingstone, A Maclachlan (substituting for Councillor A Younger) and W Robertson.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors D Doogan, J Flynn and A Younger.

In Attendance: Councillor B Vaughan; J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); B Renton, Deputy Director (Environment), S D'All, A Graham, C Haggart, B Murray and W Young (all the Environment Service); C Flynn and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion for Arts. 662 to 667 and Vice-Convener Giacomazzi for Arts. 668 to 673.

662. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies and substitutes were noted as above.

663. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

664. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 28 August 2013 (Arts. 502-517) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

665. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/539) reviewing the performance of The Environment Service against its 2013/14 Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of The Environment Service Six Monthly BMIP Exception Report, 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013, as detailed in Appendix 1 to

Report 13/539, and pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.

- (ii) It be noted that Report 13/539 had been considered by the Environment Committee at a meeting earlier in the day, and would be submitted to the Community Safety Committee on 4 December 2013, and to the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2013 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee on the economic benefits arising from the Tay Landscape Partnership Scheme.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) be requested to give a presentation to the next meeting of the Committee on 22 January 2013 on the Invest In Perth website.

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

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/546) providing an update on progress made and the opportunity to reconsider the priorities in relation to the preparation of the various pieces of Supplementary Guidance required to support the Local Development Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made in relation to the preparation of the various pieces of Supplementary Guidance required to support the Local Development Plan, be noted;
- (ii) The priorities for preparing the Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance, be approved.

667. SCOTTISH PLANNING POLICY - FURTHER CONSULTATION ON PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/547) (1) informing Members of the Scottish Government's consideration of the introduction of a presumption in favour of sustainable development into the Scottish Planning Policy; and (2) outlining the proposed response to this further consultation on the Scottish Planning Policy.

Resolved:

- (i) The Scottish Government's introduction of a presumption in favour of sustainable development into the Scottish Planning Policy, be noted.
- (ii) The responses on the further amendments to the Scottish Planning Policy, as outlined in Report 13/547, be submitted to Scottish Government.

668. EXTENSION OF TIMESCALES FOR THE USE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION COMMUTED SUMS AT MUIRTON, PERTH FOR A DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING (ART. 564/12)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/548) requesting the approval of an extended date by which previously agreed commuted sums funding can be claimed which would help in the delivery of affordable housing at Muirton, Perth.

Resolved:

The period by which funding can be claimed by Caledonia Housing Association for the delivery of 25 affordable homes in Phase 5A of their development in Muirton, Perth be extended to the end of March 2014.

669. IMPROVING DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY ACROSS PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/550) providing an update on the progress of activities to improve digital connectivity in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

Progress on the activities to improve digital connectivity in Perth and Kinross, as detailed in Report 13/550, be noted.

670. SWANSACRE, KINROSS – PROPOSED 20MPH SPEED LIMIT AND ONE-WAY SYSTEM

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/551) detailing a proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit and one-way system in Swansacre, Kinross and recommending a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders. The report also outlined proposed traffic calming measures which will complement the 20mph speed limit and one-way system.

Resolved:

- (i) The promotion of a variation to the existing Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for a 20mph speed limit and one-way system in Swansacre, Kinross, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed traffic calming measures which will complement the 20mph speed limit and one-way system, as detailed in Report 13/551, be noted.

671. WORKS TO PRIVATE/UNADOPTED ROADS AND FOOTWAYS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/552) recommending a list of roads to be considered in bringing them to a standard where they can subsequently be adopted by Perth & Kinross Council and for assisting residents in meeting the cost of this work.

Resolved:

- (i) The commencement of works on the roads outlined within Table 2 of Report 13/552, subject to the frontage proprietors' written agreement to the sharing of costs within the approved financial budget, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) and the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a joint report to a future meeting

of the Committee on the adoption of private road and footways within the Council's housing estates.

672. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/553) recommending additions to the List of Public Roads.

Resolved:

The additions to the List of Public Roads, of the roads detailed in the Schedule appended to Report 13/553, be approved.

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

673. VISITSCOTLAND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2014/15

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (13/549) (1) outlining the proposed arrangements for the operation of VisitScotland's Information Centres in Perth and Kinross further to a reduction in funding support from the Council; and (2) seeking approval for the basis of the 2014/15 Partnership Agreement between the Council and VisitScotland for the future delivery of local visitor information services.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposed changes and arrangements in relation to the VisitScotland Information Centre offices in Perth and Kinross from 2014 onwards, as detailed in Report 13/549, be noted.
- (ii) The basis for the 2014/15 Partnership Agreement with VisitScotland and the provision of funding of £32,000 in support of the Information Centres be approved, subject to the 2014/15 budget review process.
- (iii) The ongoing engagement and negotiation with VisitScotland to secure a new location for the Perth Information Centre, be approved.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a further report on the financial and operational considerations and implications of such a move to a future meeting of the Committee.