

ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on 15 May 2019 at 1.00pm.

Present: Councillors A Forbes, K Baird, C Ahern (substituting for Councillor L Simpson), A Bailey, M Barnacle, S Donaldson, D Doogan, J Duff, A Jarvis, G Laing, R McCall, A Parrott, C Reid, W Robertson and M Williamson.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); K McNamara, Depute Director (Housing and Environment); M Butterworth, A Clegg, F Crofts, S D'All, C Haggart, D Littlejohn, J McCrone and B Reekie (all Housing and Environment Service) C Flynn and K Molley (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor L Simpson

Councillor A Forbes, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 254-257, 259, 261 and 263 and the Vice-Convener led discussion on Arts. 258, 260, 262 and 264-265.

254. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor A Forbes welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a special welcome to Mark Butterworth, the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services.

255. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor A Forbes declared a non-financial interest in Art. 258.

256. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Environment and Infrastructure Committee of 23 January 2019 (Arts 29-39) was submitted and approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

257. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-20

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/133) presenting the first combined Housing and Environment Annual Performance Report for 2018/19, and Business Management Improvement Plan 2019-20.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the first combined Housing and Environment Annual Performance Report (2018/19) and Business Management and Improvement Plan 2019/20, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 19/133, pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be approved.

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- (ii) It be noted that Report 19/133 had been approved by the Housing and Communities Committee on 15 May 2019 pertaining to that Committees areas of responsibility;
- (iii) It be noted that Report 19/133 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 12 June 2019 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

258. ROAD MAINTENANCE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/134) (1) providing the detail of the Member Officer Working Group which examined the arrangements in place for providing a road maintenance service, in partnership with Tayside Contracts; and (2) proposing the Groups recommendation to enter into an agreement until March 2023.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the report and the work of the Member/Officer Working Group, be noted.
- (ii) The Partnership Agreement (2019-2023) effective from 1 June 2019, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 19/134, be approved.
- (iii) The Managing Director of Tayside Contracts or his nominee be requested to attend the Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis to answer questions about the work of Tayside Contracts.
- (iv) The Executive Director be requested to bring back a report to Committee on the Best Value in Procurement of Roads Maintenance by March 2020.

259. ACTIVE TRAVEL STRATEGY - CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2019/20

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/135) (1) detailing the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets (CWSS) projects implemented in 2018/19; and (2) seeking Committee approval for a list of Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for 2019/20 and for potential schemes in 2020/21.

Resolved:

- (i) The schemes implemented from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant Funding in 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 19/135, be noted.
- (ii) The list of works for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for the financial year 2019/20 as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 19/135, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed projects to be progressed in 2019/20 and carried out in 2020/21, be approved.

260. COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE FUND UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (19/136) providing an update on the award of Community Environment Challenge Funding to community groups between April 2018 and March 2019.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 19/136, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to report the outcomes of the Community Environment Challenge Fund for 2019/20 to the Committee in 12 months' time.

261. DELIVERY OF RETAIL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENTS AND TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES IN RURAL TOWNS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/140) (1) outlining options to utilise the additional non-recurring resource of £200k allocated in the Council's revenue budget to provide support for retail façade improvements and town centre management initiatives in rural towns; (2) recommending that funding will be allocated through a grant scheme mechanism aligned with the Community Environment Challenge Fund to be called the Community and Business Placemaking Fund; and (3) allowing applications for assistance to be submitted by representative business organisations and community bodies.

Resolved:

- (i) The expenditure of funding in 2019/20 for retail façade improvements and town centre management initiatives within rural towns through a new scheme to be named the Community and Business Placemaking Fund, be approved.
- (ii) The guidance for the scheme as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 19/140, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to promote this initiative and secure participation with representative business organisations and community bodies in rural towns.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) be requested to bring back a report in a year's time detailing the outcomes achieved.

262. DISABLED PERSONS' PARKING PLACES (VARIATIONS) ORDER

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/137) considering all the requests during the last year for disabled parking bays which require to be added or removed from the Perth and Kinross Council (Disabled Persons' Parking Places) Order 2011.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the Perth and Kinross Council (Disabled Person's Parking Places) Order, as described in Appendix 1 to Report 19/137, be approved.

263. LAND REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 – PROPOSED SECTION 11 EXEMPTION ORDER: 2019 SOLHEIM CUP

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/138) (1) recommending approval of a Section 11 Exemption Order, to facilitate the 2019 Solheim Cup at the PGA Gleneagles Hotel; and (2) providing

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public safety and security prior to, and during, the Solheim Cup for 23 days between 26 August 2019 and 16 September 2019.

Resolved:

- (i) The application to exempt the areas shown on the plan in Appendix 2 to Report 19/139, from the right of responsible access during the times detailed in the application for reasons of safety and security, and to allow a charge to be made for admission to the event, be approved.
- (ii) It be agreed, the application, together with supporting information, should be submitted to the Scottish Ministers for confirmation.

264. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Housing and Environment) (19/139) recommending that the list of Public Roads be updated to take account of the amendments detailed in this report.

Resolved:

The amendments to the List of Public Roads, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 18/139, be approved.

265. VALEDICTORY

The Vice-Convenor referred to the resignation of Bruce Reekie, Waste Services Manager and wished him well in his new role at Stirling Council. Bruce had been an employee of the Council for twenty years and throughout this time had worked with many Councillors and Officers.

Bruce thanked the Vice-Convenor for her kind words and wished everyone at Committee all the best for the future.

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