

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
18 DECEMBER 2019

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Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chamber, Ground Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 18 December 2019 at 11.00am.

Present: Provost D Melloy, Councillors C Ahern, H Anderson, A Bailey, K Baird, M Barnacle, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Coates, H Coates, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, J Duff, A Forbes, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle, R McCall, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, A Parrott, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, C Reid, W Robertson, F Sarwar, C Shiers, L Simpson, R Watters, M Williamson and W Wilson.

In Attendance: K Reid, Chief Executive; J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive; S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); G Paterson, Chief Officer/Director – Integrated Health and Social Care; K McNamara, Depute Director (Housing and Environment); J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) and Chief Social Work Officer; P Marshall, F Crofts, E Queen, N Rogerson, S Best, E Kourtesi, C Gray and J Cruickshank (all Housing and Environment); L Simpson, S Hendry, S MacKenzie, K Donaldson, F Robertson, D McPhee, D Ross, K Barron and L Gowans (all Corporate and Democratic Services); R Drummond, H Robertson and M Roy (all Education and Children's Services); B Atkinson, Independent Chair of Perth and Kinross Adult Protection Committee and Child Protection Committees.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors B Band, R Brock, D Doogan and T Gray.

Provost D Melloy, Presiding.

The Provost led the discussion for Arts. 652-657, 660-661 and 664-668 and the Depute Provost for Arts. 658-659 and 662-663.

652. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

653. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillors C Purves and W Robertson both declared a non-financial interest in Art. 668, and Councillor S McCole declared a non-financial interest in Art. 657.

Prior to the commencement of the main business, Councillor M Lyle congratulated Councillor D Doogan on his recent election as MP for Angus at the UK Parliamentary Elections on 12 December 2019.

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654. NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 39

PAYMENT OF NEW REAL LIVING WAGE RATE

Motion (Councillors A Bailey and X McDade)

Council notes that an increase in the Real Living Wage to £9.30 per hour was announced by the Living Wage Foundation in early November. This increase takes into account higher transport costs, private rents and council tax bills that have already hit the pockets of our staff. As an accredited Living Wage Employer, Council would ordinarily pass on the new rate effective 1 May 2020.

Council instead agrees to pay the new £9.30 per hour Real Living Wage rate effective 1st November 2019. The costs of doing so will be £26,000 to be funded from the projected under spend in the Unfunded Pensions Budget which was reported to the Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 27 November 2019. 262 staff members will benefit from this change. This position will be kept under review in future financial years.

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and W Wilson)

In accordance with the Motion but with deletion of the final sentence and its replacement with the following:

For future years the Council agrees to implement the Real Living Wage as soon as possible after its announcement and effective from the date of announcement by the Living Wage Foundation and that this earlier implementation date is built into the Council's annual revenue budget setting process.

In terms of Standing Order 58 a roll call vote was taken.

31 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, H Anderson, A Bailey, K Baird, M Barnacle, B Brawn, A Coates, H Coates, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, J Duff, A Forbes, D Illingworth, I James, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle, R McCall, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, Provost Melloy, A Parrott, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, C Reid, F Sarwar, C Shiers, R Watters and M Williamson.

4 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors P Barrett, W Robertson, L Simpson and W Wilson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

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655. MINUTES

(i) Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 25 September 2019

The minute of the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 25 September 2019 (Arts. 490-503) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Minute of special meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 22 October 2019

The minute of the special meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 22 October 2019 (Arts. 513-515) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

656. MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES FROM 11 SEPTEMBER 2019 TO 27 NOVEMBER 2019

The decisions recorded in Arts. 432-489, 504-512 and 516-610, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and noted.

657. REVIEW OF DRAFT PERTH CITY PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (19/360) outlining the proposed revisions to the Perth City Plan following review by the Perth City Development Board.

John Bullough, Chair of the Perth City Development Board, provided members with a slide based presentation on the proposed revisions to the Perth City Plan and answered a number of questions.

Resolved:

- (i) The amendments to the narrative and structure of the Draft Perth City Plan be endorsed.
- (ii) The Perth City Development Board to be advised that the Council's support and communication on the finalised plan will be developed through the Perth and Kinross Offer.
- (iii) It be noted that the Board is in the process of finalising revised governance arrangements and will seek a Council response to its participation on the Board once these have been finalised.
- (iv) A further briefing session for elected members to be arranged on the review of the draft Perth City Plan.

658. PERTH AND KINROSS OFFER UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (19/361) providing Council with an update on the implementation of the Perth and Kinross Offer programme from June – December 2019.

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Resolved:

- (i) The progress made on the Perth and Kinross Offer in the past six months be noted;
- (ii) The key priorities for 2020, as outlined in paragraph 3.1 of Report 19/361, be approved;
- (iii) The Chief Executive be requested to bring forward a further report, by Spring 2020, outlining the framework along with the communication and engagement plan.

659. INTERIM CLIMATE EMERGENCY REPORT AND ACTION PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (19/362) setting out an initial routemap to meeting the ambitions of the Council Motion agreed in June 2019 on climate change, as well as highlighting the targets, challenges, and the action the Council is already taking to address climate change.

Resolved:

- (i) The Interim Climate Emergency Report and Action Plan (Appendix 1 of Report 19/362) be approved as a basis for engagement with stakeholders to produce a shared vision and action programme, and to deliver a resilient and net zero carbon Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) The Depute Chief Executive to bring forward a report to the next Council meeting on proposals for the establishment of a Perth and Kinross Climate Change Commission.
- (iii) The Depute Chief Executive to bring forward a report to the Council following 2020 summer recess with the results of the climate change engagement activity and an updated route map for the delivery of a vision and action plan.

THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12.57PM.

660. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT 2019/20 QUARTER 2

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/363) updating the Council on treasury activity for the quarter ending 30 September 2019 as well as 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. The report also covered the annual review of the Treasury Management Systems Document.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 19/363, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted;
- (ii) The annual review of the Treasury Management Systems Document, as detailed in Section 7 of Report 19/363, be noted.

661. EQUALITIES PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/19

There was submitted a report by The Executive Director (Housing and Environment) (Report 19/364) seeking approval for the Equalities Performance Report 2018/19.

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Resolved:

The contents of Report 19/364 be approved.

662. CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (19/365) providing an overview of social work services in Perth and Kinross during financial year 2018/19.

Resolved:

The Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2018/19, as appended to Report 19/365, be approved.

663. PERTH AND KINROSS CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2018/2019

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (19/347) providing an overview of the key activities and work of the Perth and Kinross Child Protection Committee for 2018/19.

Bill Atkinson, Independent Chair of the Committee, was in attendance to introduce the report and answer members' questions.

Resolved:

- (i) The wide range of work being carried out by Perth and Kinross Council and partners through the Child Protection Committee, to provide high quality services to protect children and young people, in particular the high level commitment to continuous improvement through self-evaluation, be noted.
- (ii) The contents of Report 19/347, including the Child Protection Committee Standards and Quality Report 2018/2019 (Appendix 1), the Improvement Plan 2018-2020 at 31 July 2019 (Appendix 2), and the Child Sexual Exploitation Work Plan at 31 July 2019 (Appendix 3), be endorsed.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 19/347 had been submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2019 for scrutiny and comment.

664. ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (19/348) providing an update on the work of the Perth and Kinross Adult Protection Committee and activity over 2018-2019.

Bill Atkinson, Independent Chair of the Committee, was in attendance to introduce the report and answer members' questions.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 19/348 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 19/348 had been submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2019 for scrutiny and comment.

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665. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (19/366) seeking the Council's views on proposed changes to the parliamentary constituency polling districts and polling places within the area of Perth and Kinross following the recent review.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)

Approve the recommendations as set out in Report 19/366.

Amendment (Councillors A Parrott and E Drysdale)

Accept the recommendations as set out in Report 19/366, with the following exceptions:

In respect of PLJ – Railway Staff Club and PCW – St John's RC Church Hall, a further assessment of polling place options in ward 12 be undertaken. This assessment process will include accessibility (Disability Discrimination Act compliance/parking/public transport) and availability and will involve local ward members. The outcome of this assessment will be reported to a future meeting of the Council for decision.

Note – The Mover and Seconder of the Motion agreed to incorporate the Amendment into the Revised Motion.

Resolved:

- (i) **The proposals for the designation of polling districts and polling places as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 19/366 be endorsed, with the exceptions of SMF (Ruthvenfield Primary School, Huntingtower) and PLA (Moncrieffe Community Centre) which will be retained as polling places. Furthermore, in relation to PLJ - Railway Staff Club and PCW – St John's RC Church Hall, a further assessment of polling place options in ward 12 to be undertaken. This assessment process will include accessibility (Disability Discrimination Act compliance/parking/public transport) and availability and will involve local ward members. The outcome of this assessment to be reported to a future meeting of the Council for decision.**
- (ii) **The proposal to provide an evaluation of alternative polling stations for SMA (Pitcairngreen Village Hall), with a report to a future Council meeting, be approved.**

666. AMENDMENTS TO GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

Resolved:

- (i) **The Changes to the Scheme of Administration and Planning Scheme of Delegation, as set out in Item 15 on the agenda, be agreed.**

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- (ii) Furthermore, in relation to Part 2, Section 12.2 of the Scheme of Administration, the quorum for meetings of the Local Review Body to be amended from 2 to 3.

667. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Resolved:

Councillor A Jarvis be appointed to the vacant position on the Scrutiny Committee.

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.

668. UPDATE ON CULTURAL MATTERS

The Chief Executive provided members with a confidential briefing on cultural matters.

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