

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held virtually on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at 9.30am.

Present: Provost D Melloy, Councillors C Ahern (excluding Item 7), A Bailey, K Baird, M Barnacle, L Barrett, P Barrett, B Brawn, R Brock, A Coates, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, J Duff, A Forbes, T Gray, D Illingworth (excluding Item 7), I James, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle, I Massie, 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, F Smith, C Stewart, R Watters, M Williamson and W Wilson.

In Attendance: B Renton, Interim Chief Executive and Executive Director (Communities); C Mailer, Depute Director (Communities); S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); K Donaldson, Chief Operating Officer; G Paterson, Chief Officer/Director – Integrated Health and Social Care; M Butterworth, C Guild, D McPhee (Communities); L Simpson, S Hendry, K Molley, S Mackenzie, A Brown, M Pasternak and B Parker (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apology: Councillor H Coates.

The Provost led on Items 1-4 and the Depute Provost led on Items 5-10.

Provost D Melloy, Presiding

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Provost welcomed all those present to the meeting and an apology was noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors C Ahern, A Forbes, A Jarvis, S McCole, J Rebbeck, F Smith and M Williamson declared a non-financial interest in Item 6.

Councillor D Illingworth declared a financial interest in item 6.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL OF 21 APRIL 2021

The minute of the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 21 April 2021 be approved as a correct record and authorised for signature, subject to Councillor H Coates being removed from the list of apologies and Councillor F Smith attending the meeting.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 34 THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

4. PROPOSAL TO GRANT FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF PERTH TO ST JOHNSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB

There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Executive (21/104) proposing to grant the Freedom of the City of Perth to St Johnstone Football Club to officially mark their double success in winning the Scottish League Cup and the Scottish Cup in the season 2020/2021.

Resolved:

- (i) Powers under Section 206 of the Local Government (S) Act 1973 be exercised to grant St Johnstone Football Club the Freedom of the City of Perth to celebrate their double success in attaining the Scottish League Cup and the Scottish Cup in the season 2020/2021.
- (ii) The Freedom of the City of Perth ceremony to take place at a date and venue mutually agreed with St Johnstone Football Club when coronavirus restrictions have been relaxed.
- (iii) The Interim Chief Executive be required to report to the Provost Sub-Committee once full details of the Freedom ceremony are known.

5. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT 2020/21 QUARTER 4

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (21/100) (1) providing an update on the Treasury Activity for the quarter ending 31 March 2021; and (2) reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement (TMPS); Treasury Management Practices (TMPs); the Investment Strategy and the Prudential Indicators for the same period.

Resolved:

The content of Report 21/100, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.

6. REVENUE BUDGET 2021/22 - UPDATE NO. 1

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (21/101) (1) providing a brief update on the final outturn for 2020/21; (2) advising on further funding that will be received in 2021/22; and (3) seeking authority to draw down Reserves.

Resolved:

- (i) The update on the Covid-19 Earmarked Reserve, set out in Section 2 of Report 21/101, be noted.
- (ii) The process, set out at paragraph 2.14 of Report 21/101, in that issues identified by Elected Members in relation to potential investment from the Covid-19 earmarked Reserve be subject to consideration by the Offer Member Officer Working Group be approved.
- (iii) The additional funding, identified in Section 3 of Report 21/101, be noted and approved.
- (iv) The application of Reserves, set out in Section 4 of Report 21/101, be approved.

THERE FOLLOWED A 10 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.10AM.

COUNCILLORS C AHERN AND D ILLINGWORTH LEFT THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

7. STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR THE DELIVERY OF UNIVERSAL FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL MEALS (INCLUDING BREAKFASTS) IN PERTH AND KINROSS BY AUGUST 2022

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (21/102) outlining a range of options for Perth and Kinross Council to deliver the recently announced Scottish Government commitment to provide universal free school meals (FSM) to all primary pupils. The roll out of this commitment starts with P4 from August 2021, P5 from January 2022, and the remaining pupils by August 2022.

Motion (Councillor X McDade and S McCole)

- (i) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to immediately circulate additional and more detailed financial information/gap analysis to elected members that had been referred to in the question and answer session with officers on the report.
- (ii) The meeting to then break for lunch until 1.00pm to allow for the reading of the information by elected members.

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and W Wilson)

Progress with the meeting and the consideration of the report.

In accordance with Standing Order 58 a roll call vote was taken

17 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors A Bailey, R Brock, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, T Gray, G Laing, I Massie, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, A Parrott, B Pover, C Purves, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, R Watters and M Williamson.

18 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors K Baird, M Barnacle, L Barrett, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Coates, J Duff, A Forbes, I James, M Lyle, R McCall, Provost D Melloy, C Reid, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, F Smith and W Wilson.

2 members Abstained as follows:

Councillors A Jarvis and C Stewart.

Resolved:

The Amendment was carried and the meeting continued to consider Report 21/102.

COUNCILLORS S DONALDSON, E DRYSDALE, G LAING, I MASSIE, S MCCOLE, X MCDADE, T MCEWAN, A PARROTT, J REBBECK, F SARWAR AND R WATTERS REQUESTED THAT THEIR DISSENT TO THE DECISION TAKEN BE RECORDED.

THERE FOLLOWED A RECESS FOR LUNCH.

THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1.40PM.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and C Shiers)

That Council:

- (i) Notes the current assessment of the service delivery models for the provision of Universal FSM for all primary school pupils within the required timetables as laid out by the Scottish Government.**
- (ii) Notes the significant impact on the Capital Budget and programme of Model 1 and Model 4.**
- (iii) Discounts the options under Model 1 and Model 4 as these will not meet the timetable for the introduction of Universal FSM.**
- (iv) Notes the requirement to deliver annual savings of £450k by April 2022, as approved by Council.**
- (v) Notes that whilst deliverable and having minimal impact on the existing staffing model for the PKC Tayside Contracts staffing, Model 3 will not deliver the same levels of efficiencies in terms of staffing, meal production costs or environmental benefits as Model 2 and will not achieve the approved saving of £450k in the short/medium-term.**
- (vi) Approves the option, as set out in Model 2, as the most viable strategic direction to ensure the delivery of Universal FSM for primary school meal provision in Perth and Kinross within the necessary timeframe and budgetary constraints.**
- (vii) Requests the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) to commence discussions with Tayside Contracts, Angus and Dundee City Councils in order to progress the transition to a Tay Cuisine based meal service for Perth and Kinross.**

Amendment (Councillors A Bailey and J Rebbeck)

That Council:

- (i) Note the current assessment of the service delivery models for the provision of Universal FSM for all primary school pupils within the required timetables as laid out by the Scottish Government.**
- (ii) Adopt the option, as set out in Model 1, as the most palatable option for residents of Perth & Kinross and their children.**
- (iii) Identify funding sources for doing so as part of the 22/23 budget and to note the availability of future Scottish Government contributions towards capital costs.**

In accordance with Standing Order 58 a roll call vote was taken.

21 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors K Baird, M Barnacle, L Barrett, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Coates, J Duff, A Forbes, I James, A Jarvis, M Lyle, R McCall, Provost D Melloy, C Purves, C Reid, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, F Smith, C Stewart and W Wilson.

16 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors A Bailey, R Brock, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, T Gray, G Laing, I Massie, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, A Parrott, B Pover, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, R Watters and M Williamson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

THERE FOLLOWED A SHORT RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4.15PM.

COUNCILLORS C AHERN AND D ILLINGWORTH REJOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

8. REVISED STANDING ORDERS

There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Executive (21/103) presenting the revised Council Standing Orders for approval.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)

Council is asked to approve the revised Standing Orders as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Amendment (Councillors X McDade and G Laing)

In accordance with the Motion with the following exceptions:

S.O. 11.1: Reorder to move "Political Business Items" immediately ahead of "Ordinary business items" to maintain the position of the current standing orders.

S.O. 16.2.3: Delete

S.O. 18.4: Delete

S.O. 19.3 Replace with "Subject to the provisions below, no councillor may speak for more than five minutes in the discussion, except with the permission of the Convener.

Delegate any minor changes to numbering or wording required as a result of this amendment to the Head of Legal & Governance.

THERE FOLLOWED A SHORT RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 4.50PM.

The Mover and Seconder of the Motion agreed to incorporate the following sections of the Amendment into the Motion:

- S.O. 11.1: Reorder to move “Political Business Items” immediately ahead of “Ordinary business items” to maintain the position of the current standing orders.
- S.O. 19.3 Replace with “Subject to the provisions below, no councillor may speak for more than five minutes in the discussion, except with the permission of the Convener.

In accordance with Standing Order 58 a roll call vote was taken

20 members voted for the Revised Motion as follows:

Councillors C Ahern, K Baird, M Barnacle, L Barrett, B Brawn, A Coates, J Duff, A Forbes, D Illingworth, I James, M Lyle, R McCall, Provost D Melloy, C Purves, C Reid, W Robertson, C Shiers, F Smith, C Stewart and W Wilson.

15 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors A Bailey, R Brock, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, T Gray, G Laing, I Massie, S McCole, X McDade, T McEwan, B Pover, J Rebbeck, F Sarwar, R Watters and M Williamson.

4 members Abstained as follows:

Councillors A Jarvis, P Barrett, A Parrott and L Simpson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Revised Motion as follows:

The revised Standing Orders, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 21/103, be approved subject to the following changes:

S.O. 11.1: Reorder to move “Political Business Items” immediately ahead of “Ordinary business items” to maintain the position of the current standing orders.

S.O. 19.3 Replace with “Subject to the provisions below, no councillor may speak for more than five minutes in the discussion, except with the permission of the Convener.

9. TIMETABLE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR JULY – DECEMBER 2021

Resolved:

The timetable of Committee Meetings for July to December 2021 be agreed, with the Special Council meeting on 30 August 2021 to commence at 2.00pm.

10. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/OUTSIDE BODIES

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)

Council is asked to approve the proposed list of Appointments to Committees/Outside Bodies, which was shared on screen for all present and public watching:

- Councillor Smith to replace Councillor Illingworth on the Housing and Communities Committee.

- Councillor Brawn to replace Councillor Audrey Coates on the Licensing Committee.
- Councillor Wilson to replace Councillor Robertson on the Scrutiny Committee.
- Councillor Shiers to replace Councillor Duff on the Chief Executive Appointments Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
- Councillor Ahern to replace Councillor Audrey Coates on the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee.
- Councillor Brawn to be appointed as Chair of the Affordable Housing MOWG.
- Councillor Wilson to replace Councillor Peter Barrett on the Perth and Kinross Offer MOWG.
- Councillor Smith to replace Councillor Audrey Coates on the Perth Harbour Board.
- Councillor Smith to replace Councillor Audrey Coates on the Tayside Valuation Joint Board.
- Councillor Colin Stewart to replace Councillor John Duff on the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee.
- Councillor Colin Stewart to replace Councillor Caroline Shiers on Developing the Cultural Offer Board.
- In line with the Perth and Kinross Integration Scheme, the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board rotate every 2 years between Perth and Kinross Council and NHS Tayside. The current Chair of the IJB is Councillor Drysdale. From 4 October 2021, the position of Chair of the Board will be held by NHS Tayside. Council is asked to confirm that Councillor Duff be appointed to the role of Vice-Chair of the Integration Joint Board from 4 October 2021.
- Councillor Duff to replace Councillor Drysdale as the Council's representative on the NHS Tayside Board from 4 October 2021.

Amendment (Councillors G Laing and R Watters)

In accordance with the Motion with the following exceptions:

Councillor E Drysdale be appointed Vice-Chair of the Integration Joint Board from 4 October 2021.

Councillor Drysdale remain the Council's representative on the NHS Tayside Board.

Resolved:

Defer item to Special Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council on 30 August 2021 for further consideration.