

## **EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors I Miller, A Grant, A MacLellan, M Roberts and W Wilson (substituting for Councillor P Barrett).

In Attendance: J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); A Clegg and B Renton (both Environment Services); J Symon, C Flynn and C Irons (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor P Barrett.

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

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

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor M Roberts declared a non-financial interest in Item P2.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING  
CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE  
DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS CONFIDENTIAL IN TERMS OF  
SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973**

#### **P1. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNTRYSIDE TRUST – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT REVIEW 2013-14 AND PROPOSAL FOR 2014-15**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (14/285) (1) outlining the achievements of the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust (PKCT) over the last year and recommending the approval of a new Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Trust for 2014/15; and (2) seeking approval for additional financial help from the Council, following a request from the Trustees.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) A decision to fund Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust's contribution for 2014/15 of £40,000 for the Tay Landscape Partnership, directly to the Partnership, be approved.

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- (ii) A further £15,000 be provided for the SLA to take it to the same level as 2013/14, be approved.
- (iii) A decision to waive the fees for the Treasurer and Secretary in 2014/15 be approved.
- (iv) A decision to fund the additional costs of £57,500 from the Council's Contingency Fund be approved.

A CLEGG LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**P2. SECURING THE FUTURE FOR CULTURE AND LEISURE SERVICES**

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) and the Head of Finance (14/286) providing an update on the financial position of Horsecross Arts Ltd and proposing a managed approach to improving the organisation's reported financial position.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Funding of £242,000 to Horsecross Arts Ltd in respect of financial year 2013/14 to eliminate the reported deficit on Unrestricted Reserves be approved.
- (ii) The £100,000 of grant for financial year 2013/14 provided in December 2013 be retained by Horsecross.
- (iii) Funding of £25,000 for financial year 2013/14 for additional governance and workforce management costs incurred during 2013/14 be approved.
- (iv) It be noted that £158,000 of Reserves be no longer earmarked in the General Fund.
- (v) Utilisation of the £242,000 additional grant assistance for 2014/15 and 2015/16 included in the 2014/15 Education and Children's Services Revenue Budget be considered in Revenue Monitoring Report No 1 by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in October 2014.
- (vi) The Head of Finance be authorised to work in Partnership with the Horsecross Board to develop financial modelling into the future.

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