

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE
29 NOVEMBER 2017

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Minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors I Campbell, P Barrett, H Anderson (substituting for A Parrott), A Bailey, B Band, S Donaldson, D Doogan, D Illingworth (substituting for R McCall), G Laing, S McCole, X McDade (substituting for C Purves), C Shiers, L Simpson and C Stewart; and Provost D Melloy (ex-officio).

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive, J Fyffe, Senior Deputy Chief Executive, J Valentine, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer, K Donaldson, C Irons, S MacKenzie, C Mackie, K McNamara, K Molley, L Simpson, A Taylor, G Taylor and S Walker (all Corporate and Democratic Services); J Cockburn and S Johnston (Education and Children's Services); B Renton, A Clegg, F Crofts, T Flanagan, S Merone, G Pinfield, B Reekie and S Terras (all Environment Service) and L Brady (Housing and Community Safety).

Also in Attendance: F Muir, Scottish Government Digital Scotland

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Lyle, R McCall, A Parrott and C Purves.

Councillor I Campbell, Convener, Presiding.

663. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

664. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct Councillor A Bailey declared a financial interest in Art. 667; Councillor H Anderson declared a non-financial interest in Art. 669 and Councillor S Donaldson declared a non-financial interest in Art. 670.

665. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 13 September 2017 (Arts. 482-494) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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(ii) Property Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources of 1 March 2017 was submitted and noted.

(Appendix I)

(iii) Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee of 13 March 2017 was submitted and noted.

(Appendix II)

(iv) Employees Joint Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Employees Joint Consultative Committee of 16 February 2017 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

666. REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 2

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (17/388), providing an update (1) on progress with the 2017/18 General Fund Revenue Budget based on the August 2017 ledger, updated for subsequent known material movements; and (2) on the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 17/388 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2017/18 Management Revenue Budget, as detailed in Sections 2 and 3 of and Appendix 1 to Report 17/388, be approved.
- (iii) The 2017/18 Service virements, as summarised in Appendices 2 and 4 to Report 17/388, be approved.

COUNCILLOR A BAILEY LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

667. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2017/23 & HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2017/22 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 2

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (17/389), (1) providing a summary position to date for the Composite Capital Programme for 2017/18 to 2022/23 and the Housing Investment Programme 2017/18 to 2021/22 and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the Programmes.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 17/389 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the six year Composite Capital Budget 2017/18 to 2022/23, as set out in Sections 2 and 3 of and summarised at Appendices I and II to Report 17/389, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the Housing Investment Programme Budget 2017/18 to 2021/22, as set out in Section 4 of and summarised at Appendix III to Report 17/389, be approved.

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COUNCILLOR A BAILEY RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

668. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – PROGRESS UPDATE AND REVISED PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (17/390), (1) providing an update on the Commercial Property Investment Programme (CPIP) and (2) seeking agreement to the revised Programme and proposed review of the approach to ensure effective delivery of corporate property development and investment activities. It was noted that the reference in the report to Perthshire Caravans should have been to Perthshire Motor Homes.

Resolved:

- (i) The delivery of the revised Commercial Property Investment Programme be agreed, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 17/390.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer to develop proposals identifying mechanisms and approaches which could be used to:
 - increase overall employment land supply
 - work with the private sector to increase immediately available employment land
 - release Council land and property assets to develop future property-led economic development opportunitiesand to include such proposals in the Council's Property Investment Strategy which would be considered every year by the Council as part of the overall Council's Investment Strategy.

669. PERTH HARBOUR BUSINESS PLAN – PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (17/391), (1) providing an update on the delivery of the Perth Harbour Business Plan in light of significant changes to ship movements and (2) preparing actions to ensure the future viability of the Harbour.

Motion – Councillors I Campbell and P Barrett

- (i) **The Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer be instructed to explore additional commercial opportunities outwith cargo coastal shipping.**
- (ii) **The Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer be instructed to report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee or the Council later in the financial year.**
- (iii) **The transitional Perth Harbour operational arrangements until March 2018, including the appointment of an Interim Harbourmaster, be noted.**
- (iv) **That the Marine Scotland license application had been submitted in October 2017 be noted.**
- (v) **The dredging contract tender publication be postponed until the Marine Scotland License is issued in January 2018.**

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(vi) Engagement with stakeholders to mitigate risk in terms of costs and timescales be continued.

Amendment – Councillors D Doogan and G Laing

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- (ii) The Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer be instructed to report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee or the Council later in the financial year.
- (iii) The transitional Perth Harbour operational arrangements until March 2018 including, the appointment of an Interim Harbourmaster, be noted.
- (iv) That the Marine Scotland license application had been submitted in October 2017 be noted.
- (v) The Council commit to the dredging process but the dredging contract tender publication be postponed until the Marine Scotland license is issued in January 2018.
- (vi) Engagement with stakeholders to mitigate risk in terms of costs and timescales be continued.

In terms of Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

Six members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors Anderson, Band, Donaldson, Doogan, Laing and McCole.

Eight members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors Bailey, Barrett, Campbell, Illingworth, McDade, Shiers, Simpson and Stewart,

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

670. COMMUNITY GREENSPACE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/392), detailing the strategy for managing the maintenance and replacement programme for the Council's greenspace assets and to inform future capital investment.

Resolved:

- (i) The Community Greenspace Asset Management Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 17/392, be approved.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be requested to bring back a status report on the Plan to the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in November 2018.
- (iii) The Plan be reviewed every five years and reported back to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

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671. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME 2015-2020 AND COUNCIL ONLINE SERVICES & MOBILE WORKING DIGITAL UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (17/393) (1) providing an update on the Council's approved Transformation Programme and (2) advising of progress with the Online Services & MyAccount and Mobile Working Transformation reviews.

Resolved:

- (i) The achievement of the Transformation Programme in respect of completed projects be noted.
- (ii) The progress to date of the live Transformation Programme, including the Digital Strategy, as detailed in Appendices 1 – 5 to Report 17/393, be noted.

672. DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS PERTH AND KINROSS PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (17/394), (1) providing an update on progress with national programmes to provide superfast fibre broadband infrastructure in Perth and Kinross; (2) outlining local community initiatives aimed at providing broadband in rural areas and (3) suggesting that the Council continue to support these community initiatives as the Scottish Government's Reaching 100% Programme progresses through its procurement process.

The Convener welcomed Fiona Muir, Scottish Government Digital Scotland to the meeting. F Muir answered members' questions on the initiatives to provide a superfast fibre broadband infrastructure in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made to improve broadband connectivity across Perth and Kinross by Digital Scotland and the Reaching 100% Programme be noted.
- (ii) The support being provided by Community Broadband Scotland, the Council and the Rural Perth and Kinross LEADER Programme to provide connectivity to remote rural communities be noted.

673. AUDIT SCOTLAND – EQUAL PAY IN SCOTTISH COUNCILS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (17/395), (1) providing an update on the findings of the Audit Scotland report on equal pay in Scottish Local Government; (2) confirming there are no outstanding equal pay liabilities for Perth and Kinross Council and (3) providing reassurance that the Council has fair and transparent pay arrangements with regular equal pay audits.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of the Audit Scotland report on equal pay in local government be noted.

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- (ii) The progress made by the Council in having fair and transparent pay arrangements and regular equal pay audits to deliver pay equality in line with our public sector equality duty be noted.

674. STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Resolved:

Councillor M Lyle replace Councillor C Shiers on the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, be noted.

675. STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

Resolved:

Councillor M Lyle replace Councillor C Shiers on the Executive Director Appointment Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, be noted.

676. CHARITABLE AND PUBLIC TRUSTS ADMINISTERED BY PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Resolved:

Councillor M Lyle's replacement of Councillor C Shiers as a Trustee to the Charitable and Public Trusts administered by Perth and Kinross Council be noted.

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