

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of hybrid meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 28 September 2022 at 11.00am.

Present: Provost X McDade, Depute Provost A Parrott, Bailies C Ahern, C McLaren and M Williamson; Councillors K Allan, H Anderson, L Barrett, P Barrett, B Brawn, S Carr, A Chan, D Cuthbert, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, J Duff, M Frampton, N Freshwater, K Harvey, D Illingworth, I James, N Khogali, G Laing, B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie, S McCole, T McEwan, J Rebbeck, C Reid, W Robertson, C Shiers, F Smith, C Stewart, G Stewart, R Watters and J Welch.

In Attendance: T Glen (Chief Executive), K Donaldson (Chief Operating Officer), C Maller (Executive Lead – Strategic Planning and Transformation), J Pepper (Chief Officer – Health and Social Care), B Renton (Executive Director – Communities), L Simpson, S Mackenzie, S Walker, G Fogg, S Hendry, J Guild, A Brown, M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services), C Guild, F Robertson, L Haxton, D Littlejohn (all Communities).

Apologies: Bailies A Bailey, R Brock and Councillor A Forbes.

Provost X McDade, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Provost welcomed those present to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTES

(i) Minute of Meeting of the Pre-Determination Committee 17 August 2022 for approval

The minute was submitted and approved.

(ii) Minute of Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council 17 August 2022 for approval

The minute was submitted and approved.

(iii) Minute of Special Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council 12 September 2022 for approval

The minute was submitted and approved.

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT

The Outstanding Business Statement was noted.

THE DEPUTE PROVOST LED ON FOLLOWING ITEMS

5. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

There was submitted a report by Chief Executive (22/232) providing an overview of how the Council performed in 2021/22 against the strategic objectives for Perth and Kinross, as set out within the Council's Corporate Plan 2018 – 2022.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Annual Performance Report for 2021/22 was considered by the Scrutiny and Performance Committee on 21 September 2022.
- (ii) the Annual Performance Report for 2021/22 be approved.

6. LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022-2032

There was submitted a report by Head of Cultural and Community Services (22/248) presenting the draft Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2022-2032 setting out the actions that the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) will take to improve outcomes and reduce socio-economic inequality in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2022-2032, attached at Appendix 1, subject to any final amendments by CPP Board, be approved.

THERE WAS A 5 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:05PM.

THE PROVOST LED ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

7. CORPORATE PLAN 2022/23 - 2027/28

There was submitted a report by Executive Lead (Strategic Planning and Transformation) (22/251). The report (1) presented the new draft Corporate Plan 2022 – 27 for Perth & Kinross Council and (2) set out Council's vision, outcomes and priorities for the area as well as the intended actions and performance measures, that will be taken to achieve these.

Resolved:

- (i) the draft Corporate Plan 2022–27 (Appendix 1), be approved.
- (ii) the Corporate Plan 2022-27 & Budget 2023-24 Communications & Engagement Plan (Appendix 2), be approved.

8. TACKLING POVERTY AND THE COST OF LIVING

There was submitted a report by Executive Lead (Strategic Planning and Transformation) (22/252). The report (1) provided Council with an update on work underway by the Council and its partners to mitigate the impacts of poverty and the cost-of-living crisis on those within our communities who are most impacted, and (2) sought Council approval:

- a) to establish a Perth and Kinross Anti-Poverty Taskforce, to bring together the Council, local businesses, third sector organisations and communities to work collaboratively to help mitigate the impacts of poverty and the current cost-of- living crisis;
- b) for the attached cost of living strategy; and
- c) to allocate funding for a range of actions to assist in tackling the ongoing challenges for those most in need over the upcoming winter period.

Resolved:

- (i) the proposal to establish an Anti-Poverty Taskforce, be approved.
- (ii) the Cost-of-Living Strategy, be approved.
- (iii) the additional allocation of £470,000 from earmarked reserves to support those most in need over the winter period, be approved.
- (iv) the content and context within the attached appendices, be noted.

THERE FOLLOWED A ONE HOUR RECESS AND THE MEETING
RECONVENED AT 2:15PM.

9. REVISED SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION

There was submitted a report by Head of Legal and Governance Services (22/253). The report provided an updated version of the Scheme of Administration, for approval by Council.

Motion (Councillors E Drysdale and S McCole)

To approve the updated version of the Scheme of Administration.

Proposed Amendment (Councillor B Leishman)

In accordance with the Motion but to amend the Terms of Reference in relation to Climate Change and Sustainability Committee detailed under 29.3 on Page 30 of the Report as follows:

“To consider the Council’s performance in relation to the above areas, including any feedback from internal or external scrutiny and audit activity, and where appropriate to provide comment and recommendations as to improvement actions, to Council, the relevant Committee or Service.

Additionally, the Committee may request that a detailed Climate Change Impact Assessment be carried out on any matter where it determines that the original proposal lacked detail in that regard.”

Note: Councillors Drysdale and McCole agreed to incorporate Councillor Leishman’s Proposed Amendment into their Motion.

Amendment (Councillors C Stewart and D Cuthbert)

In accordance with the Revised Motion but to amend the Terms of Reference in relation to Planning and Placemaking Committee detailed under 31.2 (ii) (c) on Page 34 of the Report as follows:

“...the proposal has attracted an objection from a community council for the area where the planning application is made or a neighbouring community council impacted by an application, six or more valid planning objections from households, business addresses or interest groups, or where all elected members from the relevant ward request that the matter be considered by the Committee; or”

THERE FOLLOWED A 5 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 2:45PM

Note: Councillors Drysdale and McCole agreed to incorporate Councillor Stewart and Cuthbert’s Amendment into their Revised Motion.

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and J Duff)

To agree the original Motion by Councillors Drysdale and McCole, with the incorporation of the Proposed Amendment by Councillor B Leishman, and to defer consideration of the Amendment by Councillors C Stewart and D Cuthbert to future meeting.

In terms of Standing Order 21, a roll call was taken:

21 Members voted for the Revised Motion, as follows:

Councillors S Carr, D Cuthbert, S Donaldson, E Drysdale, M Frampton, K Harvey, G Laing, B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie, S McCole, Provost X McDade, Councillor T McEwan, Depute Provost A Parrott, Councillors J Rebbeck, W Robertson, C Stewart, G Stewart, R Watters, J Welch and Bailie M Williamson.

16 Members voted for the Amendment, as follows:

Bailies C Ahern, Councillors K Allan, H Anderson, L Barrett, P Barrett, B Brawn, A Chan, J Duff, N Freshwater, D Illingworth, I James, N Khogali, Bailie C McLaren, Councillors C Reid, C Shiers and F Smith.

Resolved:

- (i) The updated version of the Scheme of Administration, be approved, with the following additions:
 - a) to amend the Terms of Reference in relation to Climate Change and Sustainability Committee detailed under 29.3 on Page 30 of the Report.
 - b) to amend the Terms of Reference in relation to Planning and Placemaking Committee detailed under 31.2 (ii) (c) on Page 34 of the Report in line with the Amendment detailed above but subject to any final clarification on wording from the Head of Legal and Governance Services.

10. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2023–29

There was submitted a report by Head of Finance (22/249). The report (1) updated the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) approved by Council on 15 November 2021 (Report No. 21/212 refers), (2) summarised the implications of the latest projections on future Council General Fund Revenue Budgets over the medium term, (3) provided an update on the Council's Capital Budget, Housing Revenue Account and Reserves position, and (4) set out a proposed approach to the development of the Revenue and Capital Budgets over the short and medium term.

Resolved:

- (i) the Head of Finance be requested to maintain the Medium-Term Financial Plan and further refine the assumptions which underpin it.
- (ii) the setting of the 2023/24 Final Revenue Budget and 2024/25 & 2025/26 Provisional Revenue Budgets on 22 February 2023 – see paragraph 7.6, be approved.
- (iii) the setting of the Capital Budget on 22 February 2023 – see paragraph 8.10, be approved.
- (iv) the submission of the updated Reserves Strategy to Council on 22 February 2023 – see paragraph 9.8, be approved.
- (v) the proposals to determine the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and rent levels for 2022/23 and the five-year Housing Investment Programme at the meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee on 18 January 2023 – see paragraph 10.3, be endorsed.

Note: The above meeting dates being provisional and subject to change.

11. 2023 COMMITTEE TIMETABLE

The Council agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

12. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODY/SPOKESPERSON

Resolved:

- (i) Council agreed that Councillor Peter Barrett be appointed as a further Council representative on the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership Board in his role as Equalities spokesperson for the Council.
- (ii) Council agreed that Councillor John Duff be appointed as the Council's Gaelic Medium Education spokesperson.

13. ELECTED MEMBERS BRIEFING NOTES

The Elected Members Briefing Notes, issued since the previous Council meeting and as set out on the agenda were noted.