

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of hybrid meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 22 June 2022 at 11.00am.

Present: Provost X McDade, Bailies C Ahern, A Bailey, R Brock, 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, A Forbes, M Frampton, N Freshwater, K Harvey, D Illingworth, I James, N Khogali, G Laing, B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie, S McCole, T McEwan, A Parrott, 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, L Simpson (Head of Legal & Governance Services) B Renton Executive Director (Communities); K Donaldson, Chief Operating Officer, C Mailer, Depute Director (Communities); S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Pepper, Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership/Chief Social Work Officer; F Robertson (Communities); P Johnstone, S Hendry, S Mackenzie, S Walker, A Brown, M Pasternak, J Guild (all Corporate and Democratic Services); P Cromwell, Live Active Leisure.

Provost X McDade, Presiding

The Provost led on Items 1-8 and Items 10-14, the Depute Provost led on Item 9.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Provost welcomed those present to the meeting.

In terms of Standing Order 11 the Council agreed to vary the order of business and hear Item 12(1) on the agenda at this point.

2. APPOINTMENTS TO CIVIC POSITIONS

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed to appoint Councillor C McLaren as Bailie.
- (ii) It be agreed, following the resignation of Bailie A Chan, that Councillor C Ahern be appointed as Bailie.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, B Brawn, T McEwan, B Leishman, S Carr and J Rebbeck all declared a non-financial interest in Item 8 on the agenda. S Donaldson, A Parrott and C Ahern all declared a non-financial interest in Item 7 on the agenda.

4. MINUTES

(i) Minute of Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 27 April 2022

Subject to the following change, the minute was approved:

J Pepper's title be amended to Interim Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership/Chief Social Worker.

(ii) Minute of Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 25 May 2022

Subject to the following changes, the minute was approved:

J Pepper's title be amended to Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership/Chief Social Worker.

The seconder of the motion at Item 8 on Cost of Living to be amended to Bailie Bailey.

5. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENTS (OBS)

Resolved:

The Outstanding Business Statement be noted.

6. REVISION OF PERTH AND KINROSS INTEGRATION SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Chief Operating Officer (22/138) seeking approval of a revised Integration Scheme for health and social care in Perth and Kinross to allow submission for final approval by Scottish Ministers, as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

Motion (Councillors G Laing and E Drysdale)

- (i) The Consultation Summary, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 22/138, and the follow-up actions that have been addressed, be noted.
- (ii) The revised Perth and Kinross Integration Scheme, attached as Appendix 2 to Report 22/138, be approved for submission to Scottish Ministers (subject to approval by Tayside NHS Board).

Amendment (Councillors C Stewart and D Cuthbert)

In accordance with the motion, with the addition of the following:

- (iii) The Leader of the Council write to the Scottish Government to request that the necessary secondary legislation be amended to allow the public partners to have voting rights on Joint Boards.

Note - The mover and seconder of the Motion agreed to incorporate the Amendment in the Revised Motion.

Resolved:

- (i) The Consultation Summary, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 22/138, and the follow-up actions that have been addressed, be noted.
- (ii) The revised Perth and Kinross Integration Scheme, attached as Appendix 2 to Report 22/138, be approved for submission to Scottish Ministers (subject to approval by Tayside NHS Board).
- (iii) The Leader of the Council write to the Scottish Government to request that the necessary secondary legislation be amended to allow the public partners to have voting rights on Joint Boards.

7. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR CULTURE AND SPORT - NEXT STEPS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Culture and Communities Service (22/140) (1) seeking approval of the process during 2022 to develop new Culture and Sport Strategies for Perth and Kinross aligned to the Perth and Kinross Offer, the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, and the Council's Corporate Plan; and (2) summarising work to date, drivers for change and next steps.

Resolved:

- (i) The work to date and national/local drivers for change be noted.
- (ii) The timescale, process and next steps to bring forward new Strategies for Council approval in December 2022 be approved.

HAVING DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, COUNCILLORS B BRAUN, B LEISHMAN AND S CARR LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

8. RODNEY CENTRE: WITHDRAWAL OF GYM AND FITNESS SERVICES BY LIVE ACTIVE LEISURE

There was submitted a report by the Head of Culture and Communities Services (22/139) seeking determination of the future of gym and fitness services currently provided by Live Active Leisure (LAL) at Rodney Centre from 31 August 2022.

Motion (Councillors G Laing and S McCole)

- (i) Permission for LAL to withdraw gym and fitness services from Rodney Centre from 31 August 2022 be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that alternative public service uses for Rodney Centre are being explored by officers and that a market valuation of the property is being undertaken.
- (iii) Officers be requested to bring options for future use of the building for consideration by the Property Sub-Committee later in 2022.

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and L Barrett)

In accordance with the motion, with the addition of the following:

- (iv) The potential for Rodney Centre to be used as an annex to Kinnoull Primary School be considered.

Note - The mover and seconder of the Motion agreed to incorporate the Amendment in to the Revised Motion.

Resolved:

- (i) Permission for LAL to withdraw gym and fitness services from Rodney Centre from 31 August 2022 be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that alternative public service uses for Rodney Centre are being explored by officers and that a market valuation of the property is being undertaken.
- (iii) Officers be requested to bring options for future use of the building for consideration by Property Sub-Committee later in 2022.
- (iv) The potential for Rodney Centre to be used as an annex to Kinnoull Primary School be considered.

COUNCILLORS B BRAUN, B LEISHMAN AND S CARR RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

MR P CROMWELL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

THERE WAS A 30 MINUTE RECESS FOR LUNCH AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 1.10PM.

9. FINANCIAL STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (22/141) providing a high level commentary on the scale of the financial challenge facing the Council over the short to medium term, including commentary on the Resource Spending Review that was published by the Scottish Government on 31 May 2022.

Motion (Councillors G Laing and S Donaldson)

- (i) The contents of Report 22/141 be noted.
- (ii) The Financial Strategy, Appendix 1 to Report 22/141, be agreed

Amendment 1 (Councillors E Drysdale and T McEwan)

- (i) The contents of Report 22/141 be noted.
- (ii) The Financial Strategy, Appendix 1 to Report 22/141, be agreed, with the amendment of the wording at 4.13 under Reserves to:
 - **Reserves** – prudently manage Reserves to smooth the level of budget cuts required in the first few years of the new Council.

Amendment 2 (Councillors A Bailey and C Stewart)

Council Resolves to:

- (1) Note the contents of the report;

- (2) Agrees to insert an additional principle into the list at paragraph 3.4 as follows:
In line with the Council's agreed strategic priorities and objectives, we will, as far as possible:
 - xiii. Agree indicative budgets for a minimum of two further financial years when setting revenue budgets.
- (3) Agree the remainder of the financial strategy outlined in Appendix 1.

Note - The mover and seconder of the Motion agreed to incorporate Amendments 1 and 2 into the Revised Motion.

Amendment to Revised Motion (Councillors P Barrett and L Barrett)

- (i) Note the contents of the report.
- (ii) Agree the Financial Strategy, Appendix 1 to Report 22/141.
- (iii) Agrees to insert an additional principle into the list at paragraph 3.4 as follows:
In line with the Council's agreed strategic priorities and objectives, we will, as far as possible:
 - xiii. Agree indicative budgets for a minimum of two further financial years when setting revenue budgets.

In terms of Standing Order 21.5, a roll call vote was taken:

22 members voted for the Revised Motion as follows:

Bailies A Bailie and R Brock; 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, T McEwan, A Parrott, J Rebbeck, C Stewart, G Stewart, R Watters, J Welch and Bailie M Williamson.

18 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

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

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 22/141 be noted.
- (ii) The Financial Strategy, Appendix 1 to Report 22/141, be agreed, with the amendment of the wording at 4.13 under Reserves to:
 - **Reserves** – prudently manage Reserves to smooth the level of budget cuts required in the first few years of the new Council.
- (iii) It be agreed to insert an additional principle into the list at paragraph 3.4 as follows:
In line with the Council's agreed strategic priorities and objectives, we will, as far as possible:
 - xiii. Agree indicative budgets for a minimum of two further financial years when setting revenue budgets.

10. TRANSFORMATION AND CHANGE STRATEGY 2022/23 - 2027/28

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (22/142); (1) providing elected members with high level commentary on the scale of the financial challenge

facing the Council over the short to medium term; and (2) including commentary on the Resource Spending Review that was published by the Scottish Government on 31 May 2022.

Resolved:

- (i) The Council's strong track record of effective delivery of Transformation and Change Programmes – Ambition Programme 2015-2020, be noted.
- (ii) The links with the Council's 5 Year Financial Strategy be noted.
- (iii) The content and approach outlined within the Transformation and Change Strategy 2022/23 – 2027/28 be approved.
- (iv) The Chief Executive to bring forward further reports to the Finance and Resources Committee on the implementation and delivery of the strategy.

11. UPDATE TO SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION

Resolved:

- (i) Consideration of the full revised version of the Scheme of Administration be deferred to the next meeting of Perth and Kinross Council on 17 August 2022.
- (ii) It be agreed that the number of members on an Executive Sub-Committee be increased from 5 to 7. Members to be appointed in line with the guide to political balance adopted by the Council on 25 May 2022.
- (iii) It be agreed that the Provost Sub-Committee membership be increased to 7 members, comprising of the Provost, Depute Provost and the 5 Bailies.
- (iv) It be agreed that the Environment and Infrastructure Committee be renamed to Environment, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee.

12. TIMETABLE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2022

Resolved:

The timetable of meetings for the remainder of 2022 be agreed, subject to the addition of a second meeting of the Learning and Families Committee.

13. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES/OUTSIDE BODIES

Resolved:

- Councillor S Carr be appointed as a member on the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff.
- Bailie A Bailey be appointed as a member on the Friends of Bydgoszcz - Management Committee.
- Councillor E Drysdale be appointed to the Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees (SJC).
- Councillor D Cuthbert be appointed as a proxy member for the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board.
- Councillor M Frampton replace Councillor J Rebbeck on the Children, Young People and Families Partnership.
- Councillor J Welch replace Councillor K Harvey on the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.
- Councillor I Massie be appointed as the Council's Older People's Champion.
- Councillor P Barrett be appointed as the Council's Equalities Champion.
- Councillor C Ahern be appointed as the Council's Veterans Champion.

14. ELECTED MEMBERS BRIEFING NOTES

Resolved:

It be noted that the following [Elected Members Briefing Notes](#) have been issued to elected Members since the previous Council meeting on 25 May 2022:

27 May 2022	Rent Level Setting for 2023/24
8 June 2022	Play Parks
8 June 2022	Tenant Satisfaction Survey 2022
10 June 2022	Update on Learning Estate Programme
10 June 2022	HR update to Joint Leaders
10 June 2022	Tay Cities Region Deal and Economic Wellbeing Plan update.