

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 Room W05, Second Floor, Council Building, The Atrium, Glover Street, Perth on Monday 4 July 2016 at 1.00pm

Present: Councillors I Miller, A Grant, D Cuthbert (substituting for Councillor A Munro), and B Vaughan (substituting for Councillor M Roberts).

In Attendance: J Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive; B Renton, Director (Environment); P Dickson and S MacKenzie (The Environment Service); C Flynn and C Irons (Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors P Barrett, A Munro and M Roberts.

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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. TAY CITIES DEAL STAFFING AND CONSEQUENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive, Environment (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) (16/321) that addressed the workforce requirements to ensure adequate staffing resource for the Council's contribution to the Tay Cities Deal and consequential backfill arrangements within the Environment Service.

Resolved:

- (i) David Littlejohn, Head of Planning and Development, be released to fulfil the responsibilities of Head of City Deal for a period of approximately twenty three months from September 2016, with salary costs being shared equally amongst the four partner Councils;
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be authorised to progress the arrangements for interim roles of Head of Planning and Head of Economic Development, with internal applicants sought first of all and authority given to proceed to external recruitment if required;

- (iii) The Director (Environment) be authorised to make consequential regradings within budget in order to ensure appropriate technical and professional capacity.

P2. EARLY RETIREMENT REQUEST

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (16/322) seeking approval for a request for early retirement from within the chief officer cohort.

Resolved:

Peter McAvoy, Head of Education (Secondary and Inclusion) be released for early retirement on 14 October 2016 based on the terms and conditions set out in Report 16/322.

P3. HIGHLAND PERTSHIRE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a joint report by the Senior Depute Chief Executive, ECS (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform), Head of Finance and Head of Legal and Governance (16/323) on funding arrangements for Highland Perthshire Community Partnership.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 16/323 be noted;
- (ii) It be noted that Highland Perthshire Community Partnership would have no further access to Community Broadband Scotland funding.
- (iii) It be agreed that the Council would provide no additional funding to Highland Perthshire Community Partnership for community broadband, but the Senior Depute Chief Executive, ECS (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) be instructed to explore alternative options for the delivery and roll out of broadband services in Highland Perthshire.
- (iv) It be agreed that an offer of £5000 funding to Highland Perthshire Community Partnership be made from the Community Development Budget to support core community activities, consistent with the first strategic aim of the Partnership's 2016 business plan. This funding to be subject to the following conditions:-
 - that Highland Perthshire Community Partnership agree to an independent due diligence exercise being undertaken by an external consultant immediately;
 - that Highland Perthshire Community Partnership work with the Council, Community Broadband Scotland and any other parties to ensure that community broadband is delivered in rural Perthshire through an alternative provider; and
 - that this funding cannot be used towards any payment of loans, debts or salaries.
- (v) It be agreed that no further additional funding requests in respect of core community activities be considered until the due diligence exercise has been

completed and any recommendations arising from this have been implemented by Highland Perthshire Community Partnership.

- (vii) It be agreed to pay £3,567 directly to British Telecom in respect of the broadband back haul supply, subject to Highland Perthshire Community Partnership's adherence to the requirement in resolution (v) above.

