

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chambers on 15 February 2023 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors H Anderson, L Barrett, D Cuthbert, A Forbes, D Illingworth, N Khogali, G Laing, T McEwan, C Reid, G Stewart, R Watters and J Welch.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities), M Butterworth, D Littlejohn, O Law, A Harris, D Grant and S Merone (all Communities); S Hendry, D Williams, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Councillor R Watters, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor R Watters welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTES

(i) MINUTE OF MEETING OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF 16 NOVEMBER 2022

The minute of meeting of Climate Change and Sustainability Committee of 16 November 2022 was submitted and approved as correct record.

(ii) MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF 19 DECEMBER 2022

The minute of special meeting of Climate Change and Sustainability Committee of 19 December 2022 was submitted and approved as correct record.

4. MOTION ON RE-ASSESSMENT OF CONSERVATION AREAS IN PERTH AND KINROSS

Motion by Councillors N Khogali and D Illingworth

To move that the Environment, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee be asked to consider the issue of Conservation Areas and commit the Council to an ongoing re-assessment of these areas in Perth and Kinross, with a recommendation from this Committee that there be a minimum of 4 reviews per year and using an approach that both protects areas of historical and architectural significance, but is also fit for purpose in line with Council commitments regarding Climate Change and Sustainability.

To acknowledge that local authorities are unable to amend regulations regarding what development is permitted within a Conservation Area without planning permission and ask the Convener of this Committee to write to the relevant Scottish Government minister requesting that a review into permitted development rights within Conservation Areas is undertaken with the utmost urgency.

Councillor T McEwan proposed an amendment that, whilst noting the terms of the Motion, an addition be made that local MP's and MSP's be written to in order to lobby on the Council's behalf in relation to the Conservation Areas, with the Convener agreeing to Second this and Councillor Khogali agreeing to incorporate into his motion. Following a short recess, Councillor McEwan withdrew his amendment, as a review is already being undertaken in this regard, although the Convener agreed he would write to MP's and MSP's in addition to this review.

Resolved

In accordance with the motion.

5. PRESENTATION ON AIR QUALITY

O Law, Air Quality Officer, provided a slide-based presentation on Air Quality in Perth and Kinross.

O Law answered members' questions thereon.

6. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (23/45) providing an update on Perth and Kinross Council's progress towards delivering Sustainable Development. It reviews overall performance and progress as required by the Best Value Sustainable Development duty, in light of the 2020 changes to statutory guidance. It also signposts areas for improvement in 2023/24.

Resolved:

- (i) the updated performance position for the Council's compliance with the Best Value Sustainable Development duty, be noted and approved
- (ii) the proposals for main areas of focus 2023/23, be approved.