

SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Minute of special meeting of the Scrutiny and Performance Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth, on Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillor C Stewart, Bailie A Bailey, Bailie C Ahern (substituting for Councillor C Shiers), Councillors K Allan, S Carr, E Drysdale, A Forbes, M Frampton (substituting for Councillor I Massie), W Robertson, F Smith, and J Welch.

In Attendance: T Glen, (Chief Executive); C Mailer, Director (Strategy, People and Resources); B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); A Brown, M Butterworth, F Crofts, S D'All, P Dickson, H Hope, D Littlejohn, L Potter, E Ritchie, S Skene, S Terras and J Watson (all Communities) L Simpson, A Taylor, G Fogg, L Colledge, K Molley, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillors I Massie and C Shiers

Councillor C Stewart, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. DEPUTATIONS

In terms of Standing Order 13, the Committee agreed to hear deputations in relation to item 4 – Review of Extreme Weather Events in Perth and Kinross in October 2023.

4. REVIEW OF EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS IN PERTH AND KINROSS IN OCTOBER 2023

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (23/232) reviewing the arrangements in place over the weekend of 6-8 October 2023 in relation to the flooding close to the North Inch, Perth.

B Renton, Executive Director (Communities) delivered a slide-based presentation on the extreme weather events which occurred in Perth and Kinross on 6-8 October 2023.

Councillor B Brawn, Ms A Burns, Mr B Ross, and Councillor P Barrett addressed the Committee and answered Members' questions.

The Clerk, on behalf of Ms G Kindness, read a written deputation.

THERE WAS A 10 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 12.05PM.

The Committee agreed to postpone discussion on Sections 7-9 of Report 23/232 to the Scrutiny and Performance Committee on 31 January 2024.

Resolved:

In addition to the activity outlined in the Improvement Plan in Appendix 2 of Report 23/232, the Committee agreed to the following actions within the plan:

- An update on the Improvement Plan be submitted to future meetings of the Scrutiny and Performance Committee to see progress in activity.
- To provide funding to communities to support resilience in terms of both training and equipment.
- To form a clearer and more robust contingency plan in case of a fault within the infrastructure.
- To be able to overlay data of vulnerable individuals onto areas of impact during emergencies.
- Invite representatives from SEPA, SSE and Scottish Water to attend a future forum with Elected Members.

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