

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee held in the Council Chambers on 14 February 2024 at 9.30am.

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

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities), F Crofts, M Butterworth, S Merone, V Milford, A Harris, P Taggart (up to and including Item 4), N Taylor (up to and including Item 4) (all Communities); A Williams, Director – Economy, Place and Learning; A Taylor, K Molley, M Pasternak and R Ramsay (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Councillor R Watters, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion on Items 1-4, with Vice-Convener L Barrett on Item 5.

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. MINUTE OF MEETING OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OF 27 NOVEMBER 2023

The minute of meeting of Climate Change and Sustainability Committee of 23 August 2023 was submitted and approved as correct record.

4. FLEET DECARBONISATION STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by Strategic Lead – Environment & Infrastructure (24/54) (1) advising on progress being made regarding the Council transitioning its transport fleet from petrol and diesel vehicles to Low Emission Vehicles (LEVs) in line with Scottish Government guidance; and (2) seeking approval for the proposed way forward.

Resolved:

- (i) The background and targets for the decarbonisation of the Council's fleet, and our current position in relation to these, be noted.
- (ii) The Council's move to the purchase of electric vehicles from 2025 for its cars and small vans under 3.5 tonnes, be approved.
- (iii) It be agreed that officers continue to maintain a watching brief and investigate various low emission alternative solutions for its larger vehicles, as the technology and market continues to develop.

- (iv) The proposed introduction of Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) as an alternative to diesel for the Council's Refuse Collection Vehicles, following a three-month trial period, be noted.

5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE UPDATE

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Communities) (24/55) providing an update on (1) the Council's progress towards delivering Sustainable Development to fulfil its reporting duties, in line with best value requirements; and (2) the contribution Perth and Kinross is making towards the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals, with particular focus on a new Quality of Life indicator dashboard.

Resolved:

- (i) The updated performance position for the Council's compliance with the Best Value Sustainable duty, be noted.
- (ii) The updated contribution Perth and Kinross are making towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals, using information from the new Quality of Life Dashboard, be noted.

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