

# **ENVIRONMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Environment, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee held in the Council Chambers on 16 November 2022 at 2.00pm.

Present: Bailies A Bailey, C McLaren and M Williamson, Councillors K Allan, S Carr, D Cuthbert (substituting for Councillor C Stewart), J Duff, A Forbes, K Harvey, N Khogali, A Parrott, W Robertson, F Smith, J Welch and R Watters.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); B Murray, M Butterworth, S Merone and A Clegg (all Communities); G Pinfield, S Hendry, A Taylor, A Brown and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: R MacFarlane (Scottish Futures Trust).

Apology: Councillor C Stewart

Councillor A Parrott, Convener, Presiding.

## **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Councillor A Parrott welcomed everyone to the meeting and an apology was noted above.

Prior to the commencement of business:

### **A1. FREE BUS TRAVEL ON OFFER IN DECEMBER 2022**

The Convener made reference to the Council's previous commitment to offer free parking to support businesses across Perth and Kinross in the lead up to Christmas, highlighting that some elected members had expressed concern about encouraging car use as a result of this approach, particularly in light of the climate emergency. He expressed his delight in being able to announce that the Council, as a result of working with local bus companies, are to offer free bus travel on all local bus services for journeys undertaken within the Perth and Kinross area on Saturdays 10, 17 and 24 of December. He further explained that as a result of funding being received from Smarter Choices Smarter Place, this comes at no cost to the Council.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillors J Duff and R Watters both declared a non-financial interest in Item P1 on the agenda.

### **3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of the meeting of the Environment, Infrastructure and Economic Development Committee of 21 September 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENTS (OBS)**

**Resolved:**

The Outstanding Business Statement be noted.

### **5. PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP3) DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (22/278) seeking approval for the update of the statutory Development Plan Scheme (DPS) relating to the preparation of the next Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan (LDP3).

**Resolved:**

- (i) The proposed Perth and Kinross Council Development Plan Scheme as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 22/278, be approved for submission by the Executive Director (Communities) to Scottish Ministers.
- (ii) The Head of Planning & Development be remitted to submit an annual progress report to this Committee, detailing any changes to the Development Plan Scheme.

### **6. MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY STATEMENT**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning and Development (22/279) (1) updating the Committee on the development of mobile phone networks in the UK and the implications for Perth and Kinross, (2) presenting a policy statement on telecommunications which, it is proposed, should be adopted to guide the Council's support for mobile network deployment, in what will be an intensive period of activity over the coming few years.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Mobile Telecommunications Policy Statement for Perth and Kinross as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 22/279, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that a Single Point of Contact on telecommunications with the responsibility to liaise with Scottish Government, Scottish Futures Trust, Scotland's 5G Centre and Mobile Network Operators will be identified by the Head of Planning and Development.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.**

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED

COUNCILLOR J DUFF LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

**P1. MULTI-USE PATH BETWEEN STANLEY AND LUNCARTY PATH ORDERS**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (22/280) seeking approval for officers to serve Path Orders, if required, to allow the creation of a path linking Stanley with Luncarty, which will be to multi-use standard.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Path Orders and Agreements, as appropriate, be supported to allow the Project Team to progress the development of the Multi-use Path Project.
- (ii) It be noted that appropriate formal agreements be put in place with the PKCT project team to underwrite the Council’s staff and financial costs, prior to commencing each stage of any Path Orders or Agreements, as without these, further consideration of the Council’s continuation with the project would be required.

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