

ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, J Giacobazzi, H Anderson, I Campbell, D Cuthbert (substituting for M Barnacle), D Doogan, J Flynn, A Gaunt, T Gray, G Laing, A Livingstone, D Melloy (substituting for A Cowan) and W Robertson.

In Attendance: J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive, Environment (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development); B Renton, N Brian, B Cargill, T Flanagan, S MacKenzie, P Marshall, G Pinfield and W Young (all The Environment Service); G Fogg, S Hendry, L Potter and H Rheinallt (all Corporate and Democratic Services); S Morley (Community Broadband Scotland).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors M Barnacle and A Cowan.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 13-22 and the Vice Convener led discussion on Arts. 23-27.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

13. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

15. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 9 November 2016 (Arts. 772-793) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

16. PERTH CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(i) Minute of Meeting of the Perth City Development Board of 6 September 2016

The minute of meeting of the Perth City Development Board of 6 September 2016 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Verbal Update by Executive Lead Officer

The Depute Chief Executive, Environment (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) provided an update on the last meeting of the Board, which had been held on 15 November 2016. Members were advised that elections had taken place, with eight new members elected to the Board, and J Bullough and C Kinnoull elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. The Board had also been provided with an update on Perth 2021, the UK City of Culture bid. The next meeting of the Board would be in February 2017.

17. UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH THE PREPARATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive, Environment (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) (17/08), (1) seeking approval for the proposed programme and priorities for preparing supplementary guidance to support both the Adopted Local Development Plan and the Local Development Plan review process currently underway, and (2) providing an update in respect of progress made on the preparation of the Statutory Supplementary Guidance and the non-statutory guidance work programme of the Local Development Plan team.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made on the programme for the planning policy framework, as outlined in Report 17/09, be noted.
- (ii) The priorities for preparing the Local Development Plan Supplementary Guidance, as set out in Section 2 of Report 17/08, be agreed.
- (iii) The Depute Chief Executive, Environment (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) be instructed to continue to submit an annual update to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on progress with the preparation of Supplementary Guidance to support the Local Development Plan.

18. WEST/NORTH WEST PERTH STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – NON-STATUTORY SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive, Environment (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) (17/09) seeking approval of the West/North West Perth Strategic Development Framework as non-statutory supplementary guidance, to help inform the preparation of the Proposed Local Development Plan 2.

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Resolved:

- (i) The response to the consultation on the West/North West Strategic Development Framework, as outlined in Section 2 of Report 17/09, be noted.
- (ii) The West/North West Strategic Development Framework, as shown in Appendix 1 to Report 17/09, be approved as non-statutory supplementary guidance to the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan.

19. APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION COMMUTED SUMS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/10) detailing the application for the use of £471,500 of affordable housing developer contribution commuted sums from the Strathmore and the Glens Housing Market Area fund to support an affordable housing development of 71 units, at Blackthorn Place, Blairgowrie, starting on site in 2017.

Resolved:

The application for grant funding from the affordable housing developer contributions fund, to provide additional affordable housing within Strathmore and the Glens HMA, as detailed in Section 2 of Report 17/10, be approved.

20. PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 5

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/11), (1) presenting the fifth annual Planning Performance Framework, which was submitted to the Scottish Government, detailing the the service improvements and progress throughout the past year, as well as identifying improvement measures to be delivered in the 2016/17 period; and (2) outlining the positive feedback on the fifth Planning Performance Framework from the Minister for Local Government and Housing.

Resolved:

- (i) The content of the fifth Planning Performance Framework, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 17/11, and associated feedback, attached as Appendix 2 to Report 17/11, be noted.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be requested to bring back a further report to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on the outcome of the sixth Planning Performance Framework.

21. REVIEW OF THE PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CHARTER

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/12) seeking approval for an amended version of the Council's Planning Enforcement Charter, following the regular review required by legislation.

Resolved:

The revised Planning Enforcement Charter, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 17/12, be approved.

22. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SCHEME OF CHARGES 2017/18

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/13) providing details of the charges in place within The Environment Service for financial year 2016/17 and the proposed charges for financial year 2017/18, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of Report 17/13. Final approval of the charges would be determined by the Council on 9 February 2017.

Resolved:

The proposed charges for 2017/18, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of Report 17/13, be noted.

23. RE-DETERMINATION OF FOOTWAYS FOR SHARED USE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/14) seeking approval to commence the legal process to re-determine a number of existing footways, adjacent to the A85/A90 Perth to Dundee Trunk Road in the Council area, to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists.

Resolved:

The promotion of a Re-determination Order under Section 152(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, to allow the footways shown in Appendices 1-4 of Report 17/14 to be converted to shared use for pedestrians and cyclists, be approved.

24. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMITS AT ERROL

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/15) detailing proposals to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the U151 Station Road, Errol, following requests from the local community, and recommending the start of varying the Traffic Regulation Order for 40mph speed limits.

Resolved:

The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order to allow the introduction of a 40mph speed limit, at the location shown in Appendix 1 to Report 17/15, and allow its implementation, be approved.

25. STOPPING UP SECTIONS OF AINSLIE GARDENS, AINSLIE PLACE, AND CARNEGIE PLACE, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/16) detailing that the construction of the final phase of the Old Muirton housing scheme will leave redundant sections of Ainslie Gardens, Ainslie Place and Carnegie Place, Perth which require to be stopped up so that the new housing can be completed and new roads constructed.

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Resolved:

The promotion of a Stopping Up Order to remove Ainslie Gardens, Ainslie Place and Carnegie Place, Perth from the List of Public Roads, as shown in Appendix 1 of Report 17/16, be approved.

26. PROPOSED VARIATION TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/17), (1) summarising the objections received to the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions on Needless Road, Perth; and (2) recommending that the Committee set aside the objections and that the Order is made as advertised.

Resolved:

The objections received to the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions on Needless Road, Perth, as shown in Appendix 1 of Report 17/17, be set aside and the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

27. DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN PERTH AND KINROSS PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/18), (1) providing an update on progress in providing digital infrastructure in Perth and Kinross through the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband programme; (2) outlining work that has now been initiated on the Government's new R100 programme; and (3) recommending a new initiative through the LEADER programme to support digital connections in the most remote rural communities. Members heard a presentation by G Pinfield, Smart Perth Project Officer, Perth and Kinross Council.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made to improve digital connectivity in Perth and Kinross by Digital Scotland through the DSSB programme, and the issues that remain over rural connectivity, be noted.
- (ii) It be recommended to the Council that the £200,000 funding allocated by the Council be carried forward beyond 2016/17 to provide assistance for digital connectivity to the most remote rural communities, and be utilised as part of a new LEADER Rural Broadband project, as outlined in paragraphs 3.5-3.7 of Report 17/18.

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