

ENVIRONMENT, ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 6 September 2017 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors C Stewart, M Barnacle, C Purves, A Bailey, S Donaldson, D Doogan, A Forbes, A Jarvis, G Laing, M Lyle, A Parrott, W Robertson, R Watters and M Williamson.

In Attendance: B Renton, S Best, A Clegg, S D'All, P Dickson, P Marshall, B Reekie, and W Young (all The Environment Service); C Flynn, S Richards and D Williams (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apology for Absence: Councillor C Reid

Councillor C Stewart, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts. 470, 471, 473, 475 and 477, Vice-Convener Barnacle led discussion on Arts. 469, 474 and 476, and Vice-Convener Purves led discussion on Arts. 472 and 477.

465. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and an apology was noted as above.

466. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Barnacle declared a non-financial interest in Arts. 474 and 476.

467. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Meeting of the Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 14 June 2017 (Arts. 338-353) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

468. DEPUTATION

In terms of Standing Order 59, the Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Ms D Griesbach, in relation to Art 469.

Ms Griesbach addressed the Committee and answered questions from members before returning to the public gallery.

The Convener thanked Ms Griesbach for her attendance.

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IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 19 THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO CONSIDER ITEM P1 AT THIS POINT.

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

469. CRIEFF TO COMRIE CORE PATH CMRI/126 PATH ORDERS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/278) seeking approval to proceed with the process of serving Path Orders to allow the improvement, to multi-use standard, of those of the Crieff to Comrie core paths (CMRI/126).

Resolved:

Option 1, as detailed in Report 17/278, to improve the Core Path CMRI/126 between Crieff and Comrie using Path Orders and Agreements as appropriate, be approved.

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS WERE RE-ADMITTED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

470. PERTH CITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(i) Minute of Meeting of the Perth City Development Board of 7 February 2017

The minute of meeting of the Perth City Development Board of 7 February 2017 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Verbal Update by Executive Lead Officer

The Director (Environment) provided an update on the last meeting of the Board which had been held on 5 September 2017.

471. ROAD SAFETY INSPECTION AND DEFECT CATEGORISATION POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/271) proposing a new policy to replace a guidance document that had been in use since the late 1990s. In association with the Road Maintenance Strategy, the policy would provide a consistent methodology for the management of the road network. It focused on delivering an efficient and effective reactive response to defect repairs to maintain the safety of the road network.

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Motion (Councillors C Stewart and M Lyle) –

- (i) **The Road Safety Inspection and Defect Categorisation Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to report 17/271, be approved;**
- (ii) **The Director (Environment) be requested to ensure the development of a system of GPS recording within the RMS system to detail the exact location of defects and incidences of repeat repairs and support enhanced monitoring.**

Amendment (Councillors D Doogan and R Watters) –

- (i) the Road Safety Inspection and Defect Categorisation Policy as set out in Appendix 1 to report 17/271 be approved subject to the change to the defect categories as follows - Defect Category 2 repairs target time from 5 to 3 days, Defect Category 3 repairs target time from 30 to 10 days, and Defect Category 4 repairs a repair target time of 60 days.
- (ii) the Director (Environment) be requested to ensure the development of a system of GPS recording within the RMS system to detail the exact location of defects and incidences of repeat repairs and support enhanced monitoring

In terms of Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

Eight members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors C Stewart, M Barnacle, A Bailey, A Forbes, A Jarvis, M Lyle, C Purves and W Robertson.

Six members voted for the amendment as follows:

Councillors S Donaldson, D Doogan, G Laing, A Parrott, R Watters and M Williamson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

472. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER SERVICE 2017/2018

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/272) recommending the level of service to be approved by the Council for the gritting and snow clearing of roads and footways in Perth and Kinross during the winter of 2017/2018, using plant and labour resources of Tayside Contracts and other Council Services.

Resolved:

- (i) The winter maintenance service, as outlined in section 2 of Report 17/272, be approved.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be authorised to make arrangements outwith the policy and level of service in exceptional conditions, such as snow emergencies.

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- (iii) It be agreed that the number of night shift gritting routes be extended from two to four for winter 2017/2018, with new routes operating in the Crieff / Auchterarder and Kinross areas.

473. AMENDMENTS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/273) recommending that the List of Public Roads be updated to take account of the amendments detailed in this report.

Resolved:

The additions to the List of Public Roads, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 17/273, be approved.

474. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/274) (1) summarising the activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum to date, and (2) recommending the appointment of one new member to the forum.

Resolved:

- (i) The appointment of one new member and the re-appointment of three members to the Forum for a period of four years, and confirmation to the members to be retained in their appointments for at least a further year, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 17/274, be approved.
- (ii) The appointment of Councillor Barnacle as the Council's Representative on the Forum be noted and the appointment of Mr Bob Ellis in the Communities Group be confirmed.
- (iii) The Director (Environment) be delegated to fill any casual vacancy arising in this period through recruitment by Forum members as detailed within the Forums Term of Reference.
- (iv) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from August 2016 to August 2017 be noted.

475. CLIMATE CHANGE BILL – ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION AND EMERGING DUTIES

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/275) outlining a series of consultation documents issued by the Scottish Government during the first part of 2017. These set out the Scottish Government's proposed response to the UN Paris Agreement 2015 on climate change, along with increased targets for emission reductions. The proposed legislation creates a series of additional duties on local authorities. The report highlights the potential implications for the Council, its state of readiness to respond to the new challenges and makes recommendations to facilitate the Council's response to the emerging duties.

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Resolved:

- (i) The Director (Environment) be instructed to establish and chair a cross Council Project Board to oversee, develop and co-ordinate a sustainability framework.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be requested to engage with elected members during the development of the sustainability framework.
- (iii) The Director (Environment) be instructed to bring back a report outlining proposals to deal with new legislation and duties to support the Scottish Government's climate change agenda to a future meeting.

476. ZERO WASTE UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/276) providing an update on various activities linked to Zero Waste initiatives in Perth and Kinross and nationally. This includes the Zero Waste Highland Perthshire, Zero Waste City Funding and a national consultation on a deposit return scheme.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of report 17/276 be noted.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be instructed to report the outcomes of Zero Waste Perth and Sainsbury's Waste Less, Save More for 2017/18 to the Committee in 12 months' time.

COUNCILLOR M WILLIAMSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

477. COMRIE FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (17/277) providing an update on the progress of the Council's investigations into a flood protection scheme in Comrie. The report proposed that the Committee approves the preferred scheme and that it is developed further through the outline design phase, publication, detailed design and eventual construction.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the development of a flood protection scheme for Comrie is consistent with the published Tay Flood Risk Management Strategy and Local Flood Risk Management Plan.
- (ii) Progress on the development of the proposed Comrie Flood Protection Scheme be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that the flood scheme proposals were put out to public consultation in September 2016..
- (iv) The recommended proposal as detailed in section 2 and Appendix 2 of Report 17/277 on the Council's preferred scheme be approved.
- (v) It be agreed that the recommended scheme should now progress through the online design phase, publication, detailed design and eventual construction, subject to obtaining statutory approval under the 2009 Act and funding remaining in place.
- (vi) The Director (Environment) be instructed to bring back further reports in due course.

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478. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN – ESTABLISHMENT OF SHORT-LIFE MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP

It be agreed to establish a Short-Life Member Officer Working Group to consider a number of planning policy issues and to feed into the Local Development Plan process with the following members appointed:

Councillor C Stewart as Convener of Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee; Councillor M Barnacle as Vice-Convener of Environment, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee; Councillor W Wilson as Convener of the Local Review Body; Councillor M Lyle as Convener of Development Management Committee; Councillors T Gray and H Anderson.

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