

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
1 JUNE 2016

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minute of meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 1 June 2016 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, M Williamson, H Anderson (substituting for A Younger), M Barnacle, R Brock, B Ellis, C Gillies, G Laing, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, D Melloy (up to and including Art. 417), M Roberts, W Robertson.

In Attendance: Councillor J Kellas; M Watson, Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust; B Renton, Director (Environment); S Best, G Bissett, A Clegg, P Dickson, D Lynn, , B Reekie, R Stewart, A Strang and W Young (all The Environment Service); C Flynn, L Potter and H Rheinallt (all Corporate and Democratic Services)

Apology for Absence: Councillor A Younger.

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

### **410. WELCOME**

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

### **411. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- (i) In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Barnacle declared a non-financial interest in Art. 418 in the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust – Service Level Agreement.
- (ii) In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Ellis declared a non-financial interest in Art. 418 in the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust – Service Level Agreement.
- (iii) In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Melloy declared a non-financial interest in Art. 418 in the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust – Service Level Agreement.

### **412. MINUTE**

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of Wednesday 23 March 2016 (Arts. 238 - 243) was submitted, approved and authorised for signature.

### **413. ACTIONS TO PROMOTE THE RED SQUIRREL POPULATION ON COUNCIL LAND (ARTICLE 15/204 REFERS)**

Following the decision of the Environment Committee regarding actions to promote the red squirrel population on Council land, officers have continued to progress the actions agreed. The Committee noted that engagement with Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels (SSRS) has taken place regularly in relation to the

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management of both reds and greys, as well as information about the public perception of culling. SSRS have recently confirmed that they should be able to provide all the information required to allow a report to be submitted to the Environment Committee in November 2016.

**414. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP –  
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

**(i) Minute of Meeting of the Community Safety and Environment  
Group of 13 November 2015 for noting**

The minute of meeting of 13 November 2015 was submitted and noted.

**(ii) Summary Report from Community Planning Community Safety  
and Environment Group on 13 March 2016**

There was submitted and noted a summary report by the Director (Environment) (16/253) informing the Committee of the recent reports presented to the Community Safety and Environment Group.

**415. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND  
IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/238) presenting the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2016/17 and Annual Performance Report 2015/16 for the Environment Service.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2016/17 and Annual Performance Report 2015/16 for the Environment Service, pertaining to the Environment Committee's specific area of interest, as appended to Report 16/238, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 16/238 would be considered by the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 1 June 2016 and the Community Safety Committee on 8 June 2016 for their specific areas of interest, and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 15 June 2016 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

**416. COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT CHALLENGE FUND UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/239), providing an update on the award of Community Environment Challenge funding to community groups between April 2015 and March 2016.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 16/239 be noted.
- (ii) The Director (Environment) be instructed to report the outcomes of the Community Environment Challenge Fund to the Committee in twelve months' time.

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**417. INTRODUCTION OF A TRADE WASTE PERMIT SYSTEM AT COUNCIL RECYCLING CENTRES**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/240), (1) outlining the background to the proposals for the introduction of a trade waste permit system at Council Recycling Centres; (2) setting out the policy, process and timescales for the proposals; and (3) seeking approval for the introduction of a trade waste permit system and outlining the 'soft start' to its implementation.

A presentation on the introduction of a trade waste permit system was given by S Best, Waste Services Team Leader.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The introduction of a trade waste permit system from 1 June 2017, as outlined in Section 2 of Report 16/240, be approved.
- (ii) A soft start approach where operatives will assist residents and traders in understanding the system prior to full implementation, with education and awareness being undertaken until the implementation date, as outlined in Section 2 of Report 16/240, be approved.
- (iii) It be agreed that any feedback would be reported back to the Committee as part of the Annual Waste Management Plan.

**418. THE FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2009 – PUBLICATION OF LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/241) (Revised), (1) presenting the final drafts of the Council's Local Flood Risk Management Plans that are required to be published by 22 June 2016; (2) providing an update on the recent publication of SEPA's Flood Risk Management Strategies; and (3) seeking the Committee's approval of the content of the Local Flood Risk Management Plans.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress on the flood risk management planning process set out by the 2009 Act, as detailed in Section 1 of Report 16/241 (Revised), be noted.
- (ii) The content of the Local Flood Risk Management Plans for the Tay, the Forth, the Forth Estuary and the Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin districts, subject to the availability of funding, be approved.
- (iii) The Head of Environmental and Consumer Services be authorised to carry out final minor amendments to the presentation of the above Local Flood Risk Management Plans prior to their final publication on 22 June 2016, if required.
- (iv) The proposed arrangements for publication of the Local Flood Risk Management Plans, as outlined in Section 2 of Report 16/241 (Revised), be noted.

*COUNCILLOR MELLOY LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT*

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**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**

**419. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNTRYSIDE TRUST – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT REVIEW 2015/16 AND PROPOSAL 2016/17**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/242), (1) outlining the achievements of the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust over the last year, and (2) recommending the approval of a new Service Level Agreement with the Trust for 2016/17.

A presentation on the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust was given by M Watson, Trust Manager.

**Resolved:**

- (i) It be noted that the Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust has substantially delivered the Service Level Agreement for 2015/16, and that improvements have continued to be made in the governance and management arrangements.
- (ii) The Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust be encouraged to continue to make the management, governance and strategic improvements required to ensure it continues on a sustainable footing.
- (iii) A new Service Level Agreement with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust for 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 3 of Report 16/242, be agreed.

**420. OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM (Art. 15/729 refers)**

The Committee noted that Councillor Barnacle had been elected to the Outdoor Access Forum as a Community Representative.

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