

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Virtual Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held on Friday 23 October 2020 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors M Lyle, J Duff, A Bailey, G Laing and A Parrott.

In Attendance: K Reid, Chief Executive; B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); L Simpson, S Hendry, S MacKenzie, A Seggie, A Brown and L McGuigan (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Councillor M Lyle, Convener, Presiding.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed everyone present to the meeting. There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

3. UPDATE ON THE TOWN CENTRE FUND

There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Operating Officer (20/204) providing an update on the Town Centre Fund, the latest position on the projects previously identified for funding and advising elected members of an additional offer of grant from the Scottish Government. The report outlined a number of options for re-allocating project underspends and the additional funding.

The Chief Executive advised a further update in relation to section 1.6 and Table 1 of the report, and advised that in relation to the original allocation of £383K for an Events Space at Pitlochry, and following further discussion with elected members, officers were now proposing that the project continue to be pursued at present in line with previous discussions and with an update report to be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in November 2020.

Motion (Councillors M Lyle and J Duff)

- (i) An additional £487k is allocated to the Strathmore Community Hub project in Coupar Angus, as outlined in Report 20/204.
- (ii) An additional £20k is provisionally allocated to the Loch Leven/Kinross project, subject to tender submissions, and as outlined in Report 20/204.
- (iii) The original allocation of £600k remains allocated to the Drummond Arms project to allow the project to bring forward additional spend, as outlined in Report 20/204.

- (iv) The allocation of £383K to remain for an Events Space at Pitlochry, with the project to continue to be pursued at present in line with previous discussions and with an update report to be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in November 2020.
- (v) The potential project options outlined in Table 2 of Report 20/204, and the potential allocation of the remaining balance of funds (£640k) to be pursued with a further report on the remaining balance to be submitted to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in November 2020 for final approval.

Following a proposed amendment from Councillor G Laing to agree with the terms of the Motion but in addition to give immediate authority for the Pitlochry Events Space project to commence, the Convener ruled that following advice from the Head of Legal and Governance Services this was not competent. The Convener and the Chief Executive gave a firm commitment that a formal update regarding the Pitlochry project along with proposals for the remaining spend of monies would be provided at the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in November 2020.

Amendment (Councillors A Bailey and A Parrott)

- (i) In accordance with sections (i) – (iv) of the Motion;
- (ii) In accordance with section (v) of the Motion, but the following projects, outlined in Report 20/204, to be given immediate authority to commence:

Perth Y Centre	£25K
Local Full Fibre Network	£200K

The Convener and Vice-Convener agreed to incorporate the Amendment into the Motion.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Revised Motion.

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

P1. TAY CITIES REGION DEAL

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (20/203) presenting the Tay Cities Region Deal document which had been approved by the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee for signing. The report sought approval for authority to be delegated to the Chief Executive as the Proper Officer, or her nominee, to sign the document on behalf of the Council.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Joint Committee had approved, for signing, the Tay Cities Region Deal as set out in the Tay Cities Region Deal documents in Appendices 1-4 of Report 20/203;

- (ii) The financial implications for Perth and Kinross Council in the development of the projects, as set out in Report 20/203 be noted;
- (iii) The governance arrangements and implementation plan being put in place for the Tay Cities Region as set out in the Tay Cities Region Deal document be noted;
- (iv) Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, or her nominee, to sign the final formal documentation in relation to the Tay Cities Region Deal Agreement on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council;
- (v) The Annual Progress report on the Deal to be submitted to Council each year.