

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 9 November 2016 at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: B Renton, Director (Environment); S Best, N Brian, A Clegg, P Dickson, D Lynn, C McQueen, B Reekie, A Strang, R Stewart and W Young (all The Environment Service); C Flynn, A Taylor and M Willis (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor A Younger

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

762. WELCOME

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

763. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

764. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Environment Committee of Wednesday 7 September 2016 (Arts. 602-608) was submitted, approved and authorised for signature.

765. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

- (i) **Minute of Meeting of the Community Planning Community Safety and Environment Group of 17 June 2016 for noting**

The minute of meeting of 17 June 2016 was submitted and noted.

- (ii) **Summary Report from Community Safety and Environment Group on 19 August 2016**

There was submitted and noted a briefing paper by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/515) informing Committee of the recent reports presented to the Community Safety and Environment Group.

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766. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2016

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/490), reviewing the performance of the Environment Service against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of The Environment Service Six Monthly Performance Summary, 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 16/490, and pertaining to this Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 16/490 would be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee at a meeting later in the day, it would also be submitted to the Community Safety Committee on 23 November 2016, and to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

767. WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2010-2025 – PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/491) providing an update on progress with the Action Plan of the Perth and Kinross Council Waste Management Plan, approved by the Environment Committee on 24 November 2010 Report 10/597 refers and recommending approval of new actions 77-88 (as detailed in Appendix 1B of Report 16/491) which are in line with recent national regulatory and strategy developments.

Resolved:

- (i) The annual update on progress on the Waste Management Action Plan as detailed in Appendix 1A to Report 16/491, be noted.
- (ii) The new actions, numbered 77-88 of the Waste Management Action Plan set out in Appendix 1B of Report 16/491, be approved.

768. FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT – PROPERTY LEVEL PROTECTION PILOT SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/488) providing an update on the final outcome of the pilot scheme carried out within Perth and Kinross to help improve the resilience of individual properties against flooding through the use of flood protection products known as Property Level Protection (PLP).

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that while Local Authorities and other public agencies have responsibilities to manage flooding, the primary responsibility for avoiding or managing flood risk still remains with the land and property owners, including the purchase and fitting of appropriate PLP.

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- (ii) The outcome of the Council's PLP pilot scheme in Aberfeldy, Pitlochry, Comrie, Crieff, Alyth and Bankfoot, be noted.
- (iii) The progress made on fitting PLP products to Council owned properties in the above pilot areas, be noted.
- (iv) It be agreed that the PLP pilot scheme be discontinued for the time being and not be extended to all of Perth and Kinross.
- (v) It be agreed that the Council will continue to promote the use of PLP by private householders in cooperation with the Housing Service and businesses and will advise them on their use.
- (vi) It be agreed that the PLP pilot scheme information remain on the Council's website and will also be made available at future community events, updated to reflect new products when possible.
- (vii) The success of the PLP Pilot Scheme in raising awareness of the necessity to fit appropriate flood protection products in areas of flood risk be noted.

769. FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES - BANKFOOT AND COUPAR ANGUS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/487) (1) detailing the Council's investigations into potential flood protection schemes in two separate areas – Bankfoot and Coupar Angus; (2) recommending that flood protection schemes are not taken forward in both areas as they are not economically viable; and (3) noting that the Council continue to manage flood risk in the Bankfoot and Coupar Angus areas by implementing the actions set out in the published Tay Flood Risk Management Strategy and Local Flood Risk Management Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed to stop work on the Flood Protection Schemes for Bankfoot and Coupar Angus as the schemes cannot be economically justified.
- (ii) The continuation of managing flood risk in the Bankfoot and Coupar Angus areas by implementing the actions set out in the published Tay Flood Risk Management Strategy and Local Flood Risk Management Plan, be noted.
- (iii) It be noted that this position is consistent with the published Tay Flood Risk Management Strategy and Local Flood Risk Management Plan.

770. UPDATE ON ACTIONS TO PROMOTE THE RED SQUIRREL POPULATION ON COUNCIL LAND

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/492) updating the Committee following a further review of possible actions to promote the red squirrel population in specific locations on Council managed land.

Resolved:

- (i) The continued monitoring of squirrel populations on Council land through the use of volunteers be approved.
- (ii) The management of habitats to encourage red squirrels and discourage grey squirrels through the Forest Plan, be approved.

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771. PUBLIC SECTOR CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES REPORT – YEAR 1

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (16/489) highlighting progress made by the Council in accordance with the Scottish Government's public sector climate change reporting process and making recommendations for further action following submission of the first mandatory report in November 2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The key findings from the first Public Sector Climate Change Duties mandatory report as detailed in Report 16/489, be noted.
- (ii) The current position outlined in section 2.3 to 2.6 of Report 16/489 be noted.
- (iii) The Director (Environment) be remitted to take forward the specific actions outlined in section 2.7 of Report 16/489.
- (iv) The Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a further report to this Committee following the mandatory climate change reporting deadline in November 2017.

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