

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
19 APRIL 2017

## **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minute of meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 19 April 2017 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors B Vaughan, K Baird, D Cuthbert, J Flynn, J Kellas (substituting for D Doogan), A Munro and A Younger.

In Attendance: J Elles (Culture Perth and Kinross and Horsecross Arts Ltd) (up to Art. 234); H Smout (Culture Perth and Kinross) (up to Art. 234); G Gibbons (Horsecross Arts Ltd) (up to Art. 234); J Moyes and M Robinson (both Live Active Leisure) (both up to Art. 234); N Brian (up to Art. 237), C Jolly, K McNamara and B Renton (all The Environment Service); J Chiles and F Robertson (Education and Children's Services); C Flynn, H Rheinallt and L Simpson (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apology: Councillor D Doogan.

Councillor B Vaughan, Convener, Presiding.

### **229. STANDING ORDER 13**

Prior to the commencement of business, the Committee agreed that the meeting be recorded for use as part of the elected member development programme after the elections in May 2017, in terms of Standing Order 13.

### **230. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

### **231. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **232. MINUTE**

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny Committee of 8 February 2017 (Arts. 85-96) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature

### **233. UPDATES BY ARMS' LENGTH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

With reference to the discussion at the last meeting of the Committee (Art. 87 refers), the three Arms' Length External Organisations were asked to provide further updates to the Committee at this meeting.

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Jason Elles, Vice Chair, Culture Perth and Kinross and Vice Chair, Horsecross Arts Ltd; H Smout, Chief Executive, Culture Perth and Kinross; Gwilym Gibbons, Chief Executive, Horsecross Arts Ltd; M Ruff, Conference and Events Manager, Horsecross Arts Ltd; M Robinson, Chair, Live Active Leisure Ltd; and J Moyes, Chief Executive, Live Active Leisure Ltd, attended the Committee and answered members' questions. Members sought assurance on matters such as: shared services between the three organisations; the development of income streams; purchasing collaboration; joint promotions; inclusivity; and benchmarking.

The Convener thanked all of the representatives for their attendance, and advised that representatives of the Arms' Length External Organisations would be regularly invited to attend meetings of the Scrutiny Committee at intervals of approximately six months.

**234. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS – INSPECTION REPORTS BY NATIONAL RECORDS OF SCOTLAND**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (17/158), commenting on the annual inspection reports from the National Records of Scotland on the provision of registration services in the Perth and Kinross Council area in 2015.

**Resolved:**

The content of Report 17/158, with regard to the annual inspection reports by the National Records of Scotland on the provision of registration services in the Perth and Kinross Council area, be noted.

**235. SUMMARY REPORT ON CARE INSPECTORATE AND EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTIONS**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Education and Children's Services) (17/159), (1) providing an overview of the performance of Education and Children's Services inspected and reported by the Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland over the past year, since the previous report of this type, and (2) setting out the Service's approach to implementing improvement actions arising out of inspection.

**Resolved:**

The contents of Report 17/159 be noted.

**236. SIXTH SCRUTINY REVIEW: PLANNING ENFORCEMENT – UPDATE REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (17/160), providing an update on the implementation of the recommendations from the Scrutiny Review of Planning Enforcement.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The work undertaken to implement the recommendations from the Sixth Scrutiny Review, detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 17/160, be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that a further update on the implementation of recommendations two, three and six be provided to the Committee in six months' time, only if these actions have slipped from the scheduled timescales detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 17/160.

**237. SEVENTH SCRUTINY REVIEW – “ROLE OF SCRUTINY IN A CHANGING WORLD”**

There was submitted a report by the Convener of the Scrutiny Committee (17/162), presenting a new guide to scrutiny at Perth and Kinross Council, produced following the review of the “Role of Scrutiny in a Changing World”.

**Resolved:**

The contents of the new guide to scrutiny at Perth and Kinross Council, comprising of the online toolkit and e-learning module, attached as Appendix 2 to Report 17/162, be approved.

**238. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PLANNER**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (17/162) presenting a forward planner for scrutiny at Perth and Kinross Council during 2017/18.

**Resolved:**

The outline Scrutiny Committee forward planner, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 17/162, be noted.

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