

**PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

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21 March 2007

A Meeting of **PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, COUNCIL BUILDING, 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH** on **WEDNESDAY 28 MARCH 2007** at **2.00pm**.

If you have any queries please contact Maureen Kay on (01738) 475119 or Gillian Taylor on (01738) 475135.

**BERNADETTE MALONE**  
Chief Executive

**Members:**

Provost  
All Councillors

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**AGENDA**

**MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO DECLARE ANY FINANCIAL OR NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST WHICH THEY MAY HAVE IN ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT.**

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minute of Special Meeting of 8 February 2007 and Minute of Meeting of 21 February 2007 for Signature
3. Notice of Motion in Terms of Standing Order 20

Ambulance Services

*Motion by Councillors Hunter and Miller*

*Around 5 years ago there were two Ambulances each based in Pitlochry, Blairgowrie and Crieff Stations, with one in Kinross. Since that time the Kinross Ambulance was relocated to Perth, and one Ambulance each was withdrawn from Blairgowrie and Crieff. Further it was announced on 8 March 2007 that there would be another Ambulance withdrawn in Pitlochry Station.*

*Ambulance cover throughout the Country is never far away from the news recently, with the number of patients dramatically rising, especially since the Out of Hours agreement started.*

*A recent report states that the number of people treated in our Tayside Accident and Emergency Hospitals has risen by 10% in the last 6 years, with Ninewells Hospital increasing by a staggering 38%.*

*There have also been high profile news items in the National press highlighting the lack of Ambulance cover all over, this along with the recent European Working Time Directive, which requires staff to be offered a rest break, 45 minutes every 12 hours. In many cases that means an Ambulance 'off the road' during that time.*

*It is asked that the Council agree to:*

- (1) *Write to The First Minister, Jack McConnell MSP and the Health Minister, Andy Kerr MSP.*
  - (a) *Raising our concerns about the reductions in Ambulance Provision in Perthshire and Kinross,*
  - (b) *Ask for an enquiry into the Scottish Ambulance Services decisions, specifically regarding the method of ascertaining the appropriate cover in relation to population and geographical area.*

- (c) *Strongly urge that the Scottish Ambulance Service is given sufficient funds to ensure that, not only are there no further reductions in Ambulance Provision, but that there can be a reinstatement of the withdrawn cover in Perthshire.*
- (2) *Write to the Scottish Ambulance Service, Chief Executive, Adrian Lucas, in terms of 1(a) & (b) above, and offer the Council's support to assist in seeking sufficient grants from the Scottish Executive in 1(c).*
4. Minutes of Committees from 14 February 2007 – 21 March 2007 (copy to follow)
  5. Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 – Delegation Of Authority – Report by Executive Director (Environment) (copy herewith 07/265)
  6. 2007 Combined Scottish Parliament and Local Government Elections – Report by Returning Officer (copy to follow)
  7. Corporate Rules and Standards – Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration – Report by Head of Democratic Services (copy to follow)
  8. Political Decision Making Structures – Discussion Paper by Chief Executive (copy to follow)