

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 29 April 2009 at 12.45pm.

Present: Councillors I Miller, G Hayton, A Grant and A Stewart.

In Attendance: J Irons, Depute Chief Executive; D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); H Turley and N Robson (Housing and Community Care); J Symon, Head of Finance; S Thornton, Committee Services.

Apology for Absence: Councillor A MacLellan.

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

THE CONVENER RULED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN TERMS OF SECTION 50(B)(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973 IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR AN EARLY RETURN TO ENABLE TRANSACTIONS TO PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973

P1. AFFORDABLE HOUSING – RELEASE OF SECOND HOMES DISCOUNT MONEY

There was submitted a report (09/205) by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) outlining the background to the Council's objectives to securing the provision of affordable housing in Perthshire and recommending a payment to Perthshire Housing Association to enable the association to purchase a specific site at High Street, Auchterarder, all as set out in the report. It was noted that the project to provide 26 properties had secured Scottish Government funding for the development to commence in the current financial year and that it was crucial that funds for the purchase of the site could be secured as soon as possible to enable the project to proceed as planned.

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10 June 2009

Resolved:

Payment of £260,000 from the Council Tax Income on Second Homes Earmarked Reserve be made to Perthshire Housing Association for the purchase of a site in Auchterarder High Street to enable the development of affordable housing.

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