

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
17 September 2008

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Minute of Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 17 September 2008 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors K Baird, J Law, I Campbell, A Gaunt, W Lumsden, D Scott and B Vaughan.

In Attendance: G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); H Richardson (Education and Children's Services); G Taylor, B Renton and J Dickson (all Chief Executive's).

Councillor Baird, Convener, Presiding.

505. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

506. MINUTES

The Minute of Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee of 11 June 2008 (Arts. 362-369) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

507. REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES – INSPECTION REPORTS BY REGISTRAR GENERAL FOR SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (08/470) commenting on the annual inspection reports from the Registrar General for Scotland on the provision of registration services in the Perth and Kinross local government area in 2007.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 08/470 in relation to the annual inspection reports by the Registrar General for Scotland for 2007 on the provision of registration services in the Perth and Kinross local government area, be noted.

508. FORWARD PROGRAMME FOR SCRUTINY (ART. 369)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (08/471) (1) providing an update on progress on developing a forward programme for scrutiny as agreed by the Committee on 6 February 2008 and 11 June 2008, (2) outlining the work undertaken by the members of the Scrutiny Committee in identifying issues for review as outlined within the remit of the Committee, and (3) noting the findings by Audit Scotland during the Audit of Best Value and Community Planning linked to scrutiny as included in the report published in August 2008.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 08/471 be noted.
- (ii) The proposals for review of implementation of grounds maintenance policy and areas of social and economic regeneration as set out in section 3 of the Report 08/471, be approved.
- (iii) The proposal to review affordable housing and the associated decisions of the Development Control Committee be agreed in principle, subject to clarification and discussion on how this Committee's review process could add value to the development planning process.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Corporate Services) be instructed to ensure that all Committees of the Council are made aware of the reviews which will be undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee.
- (v) A special meeting of the Scrutiny Committee be held on Thursday 30 October 2008.
- (vi) It be noted that the development sessions for members of the Committee had been re-arranged and would now be held on 30 and 31 October 2008.

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