

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Buildings, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 13 December 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Baird, Barr, Barrett (substituting for Councillor Hunter), Crabbie, Culliven (substituting for Councillor Barnacle), Doig, A Grant, Hayton, Hulbert (substituting for Councillor Livingstone), Lennie, MacLellan, Miller, Stewart, Wilson and Young.

In Attendance: A R McArthur (Executive Director (Corporate Services); C Flynn, K Lawrie, A Nairn, P Steel, J Symon, G Taylor, R Thomson, S Thornton (all Corporate Services); D Roberts (Executive Director (Housing & Community Care)); R Bean, J Walker (The Environment Service); G Boland (Education & Children's Services); M McGregor, A Seggie (both Chief Executive's)

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Barnacle, Hunter and Livingstone

Councillor Doig, Convener, Presiding

784. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

785. MINUTES

- (i) The Minute of the Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held on 1 November 2006 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.
- (ii) The Minutes of the Meetings of the Executive Sub-Committee of 8 November 2006 and 20 November 2006 were submitted and noted. **(Appendices I and II)**
- (iii) The Minutes of the Meeting of the Special Property Sub-Committee of 8 November 2006 and of the Property Sub-Committee of 23 November 2006 were submitted and noted. **(Appendices III and IV)**
- (iv) The Minute of the Meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee of 27 November 2006 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix V)**
- (v) The Minute of the Meeting of the Employees Joint Consultative Committee of 28 September 2006 was submitted and noted.
- (vi) The Minute of the Meeting of the Corporate Health & Safety Consultative Committee of 4 September 2006 was submitted and noted.

786. REVENUE BUDGET 2006/07 – MONITORING REPORT NO 3 (Art. 685)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (06/858) (1) providing an update on the General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the September 2006 ledger and (2) providing an update on the projected financial positions of the Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Building Services DLO.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 06/858 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2006/07 management revenue budget, detailed in Sections 2.2 to 2.5 of Report 06/858, be approved.
- (iii) Individual Service virements, summarised in Appendices 1 to Report 06/858, be approved.

787. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2006/09 – MONITORING REPORT NO 3 (Art. 687)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (06/859) providing a summary of the Composite Capital Programme for the years 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09 and seeking approval for adjustments to the Programme.

Resolved

- (i) The contents of Report 06/859 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the three year Capital Budget 2006/09, as set out in Sections 3 and 4 of Report 06/859 and summarised in Appendices I and II to the Report, be approved.

- (iii) The carry forward of Renewal and Repair Fund resources, set out in Section 5 of Report 06/859, be approved.

788. REVIEW OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS DOCUMENT (Art. 940/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/860) notifying the Committee of the revised Treasury Management Systems Document, as required by the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management.

Resolved:

- (i) That the revisions to Treasury Management Systems Document, as set out in Report 06/860, be approved.

789. IMPROVING COUNCIL TAX COLLECTION RATES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (06/861) outlining the findings from the Scottish Executive's study 'Improving Council Tax Collection Levels in Scotland' and detailing proposals to improve the Council Tax collection levels within Perth and Kinross Council.

Resolved:

To progress with the proposals and recommendations detailed in Section 3 of Report 06/861.

790. FUTURE EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL FUNDS – PROGRAMMES IN LOWLANDS AND UPLANDS SCOTLAND 2007-2013

There was submitted a report by the Head of Economic Development (06/862) outlining a Scottish Executive consultation document on the future of European Structural Funds in Scotland.

Resolved:

- (i) The changes to the EU funding available within Scotland, outlined within the consultation document, be noted.
- (ii) The comments attached at Appendix 1 to Report 06/862, be passed to the Scottish Executive as the Council's observations on the consultative document.

791. REVISED GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE (Art. 286/03)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Human Resources (06/863) seeking approval for a revised Grievance Procedure.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals outlined in Report 06/863 be adopted and the revised Grievance Procedure, submitted as Appendix I to Report 06/863, be approved.

792. CORPORATE EQUALITIES SCHEME (DISABILITY) 2006-2009

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/864) seeking approval for the Council's Corporate Equalities Scheme (Disability) 2006 – 2009 to be published in December 2006.

Resolved:

- (i) The Council's Corporate Equalities Scheme (Disability) 2006 – 2009 be approved.
- (ii) The resource implications, set out in Section 5 of Report 06/864, be approved.
- (iii) Progress reports be submitted annually to the Disability Rights Commission (to become the Commission for Equality and Human Rights from 2008/09).