

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Thursday 9 December 2010 at 10.00am (rescheduled from Wednesday 1 December 2010).

Present: Councillors I Miller, K Baird, P Barrett, G Hayton, J Flynn, A Grant, T Gray (substituting for E Grant), Provost Hulbert, J Kellas, A MacLellan, M Roberts, W Robertson, A Stewart, B Vaughan and A Wylie.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; M Cochlan, K Donaldson, K Fraser, D Henderson, I Innes, F MacKay, H Mackenzie, J Somerville, J Symon, C Taylor, G Taylor, and T Yule (all Chief Executive's Service); M Walker, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) and J Gilchrist (both Education and Children's Services); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment), B Renton and C Lawson (all the Environment Service); D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care), and B Atkinson (all Housing and Community Care).

Also in Attendance: Superintendent David Tonks, Tayside Police.

Apology for Absence: Councillor W Wilson.

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on Arts 646-653 (Items 1-7), Vice Convener Hayton led on Arts 654-660 (Items 8-13).

646. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

647. SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

The Convener updated the Committee on the recent severe winter weather conditions which had been experienced in Perth and Kinross since the evening of 26 November 2010. He referred to the heavy and prolonged snowfall and extremely low temperatures which had created challenges across the area. The Convener made particular reference to the work of the WRVS and British Red Cross in the setting up of the emergency rest centre for 669 people on the evening of Sunday 28 November and offered thanks for their tremendous effort. The Convener, on behalf of the Committee, then paid thanks to The Environment Service and to all of the employees and external contractors who had gone above and beyond the call of duty to deliver the vital services which communities depend on.

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648. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 15 September 2010 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Appeals Sub-Committee

- (a) The Minute of the Meetings of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 29 June, 12 July and 9 August 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix I)**
- (b) The Minute of the Meetings of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21 July and 26 August 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix II)**
- (c) The Minute of the Meetings of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 2 September 3 September and 8 October 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix III)**
- (d) The Minute of the Meetings of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 24 September 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix IV)**
- (e) The Minute of the Meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 12 October 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix V)**
- (f) The Minute of the Meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 13 October 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix VI)**

(iii) Property Sub-Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 9 June 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix VII)**

(iv) Provost's Sub-Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Provost's Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 15 September 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix VIII)**

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(v) Corporate Health and Safety Consultative Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Corporate Health and Safety Consultative Committee of 7 June 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix IX)**

(vi) Employees Joint Consultative Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Employees Joint Consultative Committee of 27 May 2010 was submitted and noted **(Appendix X)**

649. REVENUE BUDGET 2010/11 – MONITORING REPORT NO 2 (Art. 513)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (10/599) providing an update on, (1) progress with the 2010/11 General Fund Revenue Budget based on the ledger as at 31 August 2010 (updated for any subsequent known material movements); and (2) providing an update on the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 10/599 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2010/11 Management Revenue Budget, detailed in Appendix 1 and Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Report 10/599, be approved.
- (iii) The individual Service virements, summarised in Appendices 2 and 3 to Report 10/599, be approved.

650. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2010/15 - MONITORING REPORT NO 2 (Art 514)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (10/600), (1) providing a summary position to date of the Composite Capital Programme for 2010/11 to 2014/15; and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the Programme.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 10/600 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the five year Capital Budget 2010/11 to 2014/15, as set out in Sections 3 and 4 of Report 10/600 and summarised in Appendices I and II thereto, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget adjustments to the 2010/2011 Renewal and Repair Fund Budget, as set out in Section 5 of Report 10/600 and summarised in Appendix III thereto, be approved.

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651. HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2010/11 – BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2 (Art 517)

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and the Head of Finance (10/601), (1) summarising the position as at 31 August 2010 for the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2010/11; and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the 2010/11 programme.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 10/601, including that the net borrowing requirement for 2010/11 had decreased by £163,000, be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments made to the budget for 2010/11, as set out in Section 4 and summarised at Appendices 1 and 2 of Report 10/601, be approved.

652. CONTRACTS AWARDED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S SERVICE – 1 APRIL 2010 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (10/602) providing information to the Committee on contracts awarded by the Chief Executive's Service from 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2010 under delegated authority.

Resolved:

The award of contracts, as detailed in the Appendix of Report 10/602, be noted.

653. OUR PEOPLE STRATEGY

There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Human Resources and the Head of Business Transformation and Improvement (10/603) setting out a new Human Resources Strategy – Our People Strategy 2010-2015 which would ensure the Council maintained a clear focus on its people priorities during a period of transformation and change.

Resolved:

- (i) The terms of Report 10/603 be noted;
- (ii) The Our People Strategy 2010-2015 as contained in Appendix 1 to Report 10/603; and
- (iii) It be noted that the Strategy would be implemented jointly with revised human resources policies and procedures.

654.* CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S SERVICE SIX MONTHLY BMIP PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT (ART 610)

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (10/604) reviewing the performance of the Chief Executive's Service against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2010.

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Resolved:

After noting that the report would also be considered by the Scrutiny Committee later in the day, the contents of Report 10/604 and Appendix 1 thereto, were considered and accepted.

655.* SIX MONTHLY SOA PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (10/605) reviewing the performance of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership against the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2009-11 for the period 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2010.

Resolved:

After noting that the report would also be considered by the Scrutiny Committee later in the day, the contents of Report 10/605 and Appendix 1 thereto, were considered and accepted.

656. REVIEW OF OUR INITIAL RESPONSE TO AUDIT SCOTLAND'S 2008 STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR DIRECTION (Art 214)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Business Transformation and Improvement (10/606) reviewing Perth and Kinross Council's initial response to Audit Scotland's 2008 Statutory Performance Indicator (SPI) Direction, implemented at the end of the financial year 2009/10.

Resolved:

The performance indicators, proposed by the Executive Officer Team and noted at Section 5 of Report 10/606, be approved for inclusion in the Council's Annual Performance Report 2010/11.

657. REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Performance and Resources (10/607) providing an overview of the key elements of the revised Occupational Health and Safety Policy for Perth and Kinross Council, as required by the Health and Safety at Work Etc Act 1974.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 10/607 be noted; and
- (ii) The Occupational Health and Safety Policy, contained in Appendix 1 to Report 10/607, be approved for immediate implementation.

658. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION POLICY – CHARGING (ART 46/06)

There was submitted and approved a report by the Head of Legal Services (10/608) presenting an amendment to the Council's Freedom of Information Policy to permit discretionary charging.

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659. JOINT APPROACH TO EMERGENCY OUT OF HOURS CALL HANDLING

There was submitted a joint report by Report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), Depute Director (Environment) and Chief Superintendent of Tayside Police (Western Division) (10/626) seeking approval for developing a shared service approach to emergency out of hours call handling between Perth and Kinross Council and Tayside Police.

Superintendent D Tonks, Tayside Police, briefly addressed the meeting by welcoming the opportunity for further partnership working between Tayside Police and Perth and Kinross Council in the development of a shared service approach to emergency out of hours call handling.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposal that emergency out of hours infrastructure calls are managed by Tayside Police on behalf of the Council, as detailed in Section 4 of Report 10/626, be approved.
- (ii) The benefits to the Council, residents and employees which it is anticipated will result from this shared service approach be noted.
- (iii) That consideration is being given to extending this approach to include Dundee City Council and Angus Council also be noted.

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