

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 14 November 2007 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost J Hulbert, Councillors W Wilson, K Baird, R Band, M Barnacle, L Caddell, I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, C Gillies, A Grant, E Grant, G Hayton, A Jack, J Kellas, J Law, W Lumsden, K Lyall, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, H McDonald, D Melloy, I Miller, S Miller, P Mulheron, M Roberts, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, A Wylie and A Younger.

Also Attending: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Irons, Depute Chief Executive; G Taylor, T Yule, C Johnston and J Dickson (all Chief Executive's Service); D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Fyffe, Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); M Walker (Education and Children's Services); G Stevenson Executive Director (Corporate Services) and I Innes (Corporate Services); and J Deponio (The Environment Service).

Provost Hulbert, Presiding

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost referred to this Council's support for Scotland to host the Commonwealth Games in 2014 and to the recent announcement that Glasgow's bid to host the Games had been successful. On behalf of the Council he congratulated Glasgow City Council and the Commonwealth Bid Team on their achievement.

693. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor J Law declared a non-financial interest in Art. 699.

694. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Council Meeting of 26 September 2007 (Arts. 599-606) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

695. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Minutes of Committees from 19 September 2007 to 7 November 2007

The decisions recorded in Arts. 558-598 and 607-676, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and approved, subject to noting the following:-

Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (Art. 675) – Customer First Programme – Pullar House Reception Blueprint

In response to Councillor Robertson's question on whether or not there was a proposal to close the Housing Office in Kinross and transfer all the current Council services to an out of town location, the Chief Executive gave an assurance that the no decisions had been taken to close the Council offices in the County Buildings, Kinross.

696. COUNCIL'S ANNUAL PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORT 2006/07

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (07/769) outlining the structure, purpose and key performance findings of Perth and Kinross Council's Annual Public Performance Report 2006/07.

Resolved:

- (i) Perth and Kinross Council's performance against the Corporate Plan during 2006/07 be noted.
- (ii) Any issues arising for individual Services be taken forward and a report be submitted to the appropriate Committee for consideration.

697. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2007-2010

There was submitted a report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/770) seeking approval of the Community Engagement Strategy for Perth and Kinross and supporting its implementation.

Resolved:

- (i) The Community Engagement Strategy for Perth and Kinross Council as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 07/770, be approved.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Council's Customer and Communities Group to investigate models of locality planning across the area.

698. INVESTMENT IN LEARNING – POST FINANCIAL CLOSE – GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/771) (1) on the arrangements for post financial close governance arrangements in relation to implementing the business change case for the Investment in Learning programme, and how this case will be converted from policy into practice, (2) prescribing the advisory and decision-making groups at both a political and officer level, (3) setting out the roles and responsibilities of the project teams and (4) the methods of planning for and implementing cultural change.

Resolved:

- (i) The governance framework, as set out in Appendix 2 to Report 07/771, be approved.
- (ii) A dedicated Sub-Committee of the Lifelong Learning Committee comprising 5 members of the Lifelong Learning Committee, the Convener of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, and a church representative be established to oversee the entire school estate, including the business change process in relation to the Investment in Learning Project.
- (iii) The Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to review Investment in Learning in school co-ordination with a view to restructuring the team to focus on business change.
- (iv) The setting up of a Business Change Project Board and an Investment in Learning Project Board and the roles and responsibilities of the individuals and campus management teams involved be noted.
- (v) The Acting Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to submit a progress report on the implementation of business change to the Lifelong Learning Committee in May 2008.

COUNCILLOR LAW, HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, WITHDREW FROM THE CHAMBERS.

699. 2010 – 800th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF PERTH (Art. 244/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/772) outlining proposals for the commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Burgh of Perth which occurs in 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The previous decision to celebrate Perth 800th anniversary as a Royal Burgh and to use the opportunity to reinforce the campaign for formal recognition as a Scottish City be confirmed.
- (ii) Option 3, as detailed in Report 07/772, be approved as the preferred option for taking forward the celebrations.
- (iii) A steering group, under the Provost's leadership, be established to identify and develop suitable opportunities to mark the occasion.

700. SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Resolved:

A Special Meeting of Council be held on 5 December 2007 at 10.00am.