

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minute of Special Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 26 March 2008 at 10.00am.

Present: Provost Hulbert, Councillors K Baird, R Band, M Barnacle, P Barrett, I Campbell, A Cowan, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, A Grant, E Grant, G Hayton, K Howie, 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, D Scott, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson, A Wylie and A Younger.

Also Attending: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Irons, Depute Chief Executive; G Taylor, T Yule, P Graham, F MacKay, J Dickson, S Hendry and J Jarvie (all Chief Executive's Service); G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); S Mackenzie and G Fogg (both Corporate Services); J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and A McDonald (Senior Audit Manager – Best Value Audit Team).

Apologies: Councillors L Caddell, J Coburn and C Gillies.

Provost Hulbert, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business the Provost welcomed Councillor Kate Howie, to the first meeting of Council since her election to Ward 4 – Highland. He also welcomed Councillor D Scott's return to the Council following his recent illness.

177. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor Shiers declared a financial interest in Art 179, Boundary Commission for Scotland – First Periodical Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries.

178. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (08/185) seeking approval of the first Single Outcome Agreement prepared for Perth and Kinross as part of the new arrangements between the Scottish Government and Local Government as agreed in the Concordat with COSLA.

Resolved:

- (i) The final draft of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA), attached as Appendix 1 to Report 08/185 be approved, subject to the undernoted amendments:-
 - Page 13 – Transport Infrastructure and Investment - provide support and commitment to strategic transport infrastructure improvements in Perth and Kinross as set out in the Tayside and Central Scotland Regional Transport Strategy.
 - Page 36 – Road Network Maintenance - provide additional funding to reduce the maintenance backlog on roads related infrastructure.
 - Page 45 – Municipal Waste and Recycling Levels - review the landfill allowance scheme to better acknowledge good recycling performance.
- (ii) The SOA, as amended, be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership on 28 March 2008 for approval.
- (iii) The approved SOA be submitted to the Scottish Government by 31 March 2008.
- (iv) The Chief Executive be instructed to submit a report to the Council by the summer recess on any changes to the document following discussions with the Scottish Government.

HAVING DECLARED A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 6, COUNCILLOR SHIERS WITHDREW FROM THE CHAMBERS.

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179. BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND – FIRST PERIODICAL REVIEW OF SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT BOUNDARIES

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (08/186) advising that on 14 February 2008 the Boundary Commission for Scotland published its provisional proposals for revised constituencies for the Scottish Parliament, and detailing the proposals as they affect the Perth and Kinross Council area and the existing Scottish Parliament constituencies of Perth and North Tayside.

Motion (Councillors I Miller and G Hayton)

The Boundary Commission for Scotland be advised that this Council believes that the City of Perth is a single entity and should be retained within one constituency. This will support the campaign to restore Perth's full city status, avoid the division of neighbouring communities and have one MSP speaking for the city of Perth.

To achieve this we propose that Ward 12 (Perth City Centre) be included within the proposed South Perthshire and Kinross-shire constituency and that Ward 6 (Strathearn) be included in the proposed North Perthshire constituency.

Amendment (Councillors A Stewart and A Cowan)

The Boundary Commission for Scotland's provisional proposals for revised Scottish Parliament constituencies for the Perth and Kinross Council area be acknowledged, but that it be for each political party to respond to the Commission on the proposals.

Amendment – 11 votes

Motion – 24 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

180. ANNUAL TREASURY STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2008/09 – 2012/13

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (08/187) detailing the Council's proposed Treasury Strategy and activities and the Prudential Indicators for the five financial years 2008/09 to 2012/13.

Resolved:

- (i) The five year Treasury Strategy for 2008/09 to 2012/13, as detailed in Report 08/187, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be approved.
- (ii) The prudential indicators, outlined at Section 11 to Report 08/187 and detailed in Appendix II to Report 08/187 for 2008/09 to 2012/13, be approved.

181. APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY

Resolved:

Councillor J Coburn replace Councillor D Scott on the Tayside Contracts Joint Committee.

182. TIMETABLE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS – 16 APRIL 2008

Resolved:

- (i) The meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 16 April 2008 be held at 10.00am.
- (ii) The meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 16 April 2008 be held at 2.00pm.