

COUNCIL MEETING

Minute of Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 20 September 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost Scott, Councillors Baird, Barr, Barrett, Bushby, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Crabbie, Culliven, Doig, Dow, Ellis, Flynn, Gillies, A Grant, E Grant, Hayton, Hulbert, Hunter, Jack, Lennie, Livingstone, Lloyd, Lyall, Mair, McEwen, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson, D Scott, Simpson, Stewart and Telfer.

In Attendance: S Powell, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); L McConnell, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); R Bean (The Environment Service); T Yule (Chief Executive's); G Fogg, G Taylor and C Irons (all Corporate Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Young.

Provost Scott, Presiding.

THE CONVENER RULED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN TERMS OF SECTION 50(B)(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

596. INSPECTION OF THE EDUCATION FUNCTIONS OF PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL FOLLOW-THROUGH VISIT BY HM INSPECTORATE OF EDUCATION

There was submitted and noted a letter from HM Inspectorate of Education advising of the outcome of the follow-through inspection of the Education functions during March to May 2006.

Councillors Miller, Stewart, MacLellan and Hayton referred to the positive nature of the report and paid tribute to all Education and Children's Services staff but in particular Len McConnell while in the role of Interim Executive Director (Education and Children's Services).

597. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

598. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Council Meeting of 28 June 2006 (Arts. 466-472) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

599. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Minutes of Committees from 28 June 2006 to 6 September 2006

The decisions recorded in Arts. 448-587, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and approved.

600. ROYAL MAIL LETTER/POST BOXES

There was submitted and noted a letter from East Dunbartonshire Council (06/643) in relation to the retention and conservation of Royal Mail letter/post boxes.

601. MODERNISING AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (06/644) providing details on the approach to Modernising and Efficient Government by the Council.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress to date in terms of Modernising and Efficient Government and associated resource implications for the Council be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Corporate Services) be remitted to report back to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on the outcome of the Shared Services Business Care development process.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Corporate Services) be remitted to bring forward an Efficiency Strategy for the Council to Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.

602. COUNCIL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2007 (Art. 695/05)

There was submitted a timetable of meetings for 2007 (06/645).

Resolved:

The timetable was agreed, subject to the Community Safety Committee on the afternoon of 17 January 2007 commencing at 2.00pm and the Environment Committee and Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee following on thereafter and the Housing and Health Committee on 24 January 2007 and 28 February 2007 being held at 11.00am instead of 10.00am

603. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

(a) Development Control Committee

Resolved:

Councillor Stewart replace Councillor Bushby on the Development Control Committee.

(a) Environment Committee

Resolved:

Councillor Bushby replace Councillor Young on the Environment Committee.

604. APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

(a) Perthshire Alliance for the Real Cairngorms (PARC)

Resolved:

Councillor MacLellan be appointed as a member of the Perthshire Alliance for the Real Cairngorms.