

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 4 November 2009 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, L Caddell, I Campbell, A Cowan, R Ellis, C Gillies, J Law, K Lyall, M Lyle, H McDonald, D Scott, L Simpson and A Younger.

In Attendance: Councillors A Jack and K Baird; J Irons, J Valentine, G Dailly, A Clegg, B Reekie, K McNamara, B Clough and J Pritchard (all The Environment Service); R Huxford, F Mackay, P Frazer and A Wilson (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

### **551. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **552. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 26 August 2009 (Arts. 429-432) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

### **\*553. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE 2009/2010 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (BMIP) SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT FOR 1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/493) reviewing the performance of The Environment Service against its BMIP for the six month period from 1 April to 30 September 2009.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of The Environment Service 2009/2012 BMIP Six Monthly Performance Exception Report for 1 April to 30 September 2009, pertaining to the Environment Committee, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 09/493, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 09/493 would be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure, and Community Safety Committees for their respective interests, and to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2009.

### **554. SCOTLAND'S ZERO WASTE PLAN – CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/502) (1) setting out the Council's draft response to Scotland's Zero Waste Plan: Consultation issued by the Scottish Government; and (2) proposing a revised

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timetable for the development of the new Perth and Kinross Waste Management Plan.

COUNCILLOR D SCOTT LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The submission of the draft Perth and Kinross Council response to Scotland's Zero Waste Plan: Consultation issued by the Scottish Government, be agreed.
- (ii) The new timetable for the development of a new Perth and Kinross Waste Management Plan as set out in Paragraph 24 of Report 09/502, be agreed.

COUNCILLOR D SCOTT RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**555. PLACEMAKING GUIDE FOR PERTH AND KINROSS**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/495) (1) outlining the draft Placemaking Guide for Perth and Kinross which set out the vision and best practice for managing existing public spaces, buildings and new development; and (2) recommending that this be finalised and adopted by the Council subject to approval of additional policy areas as supplementary planning guidance.

**Resolved:**

The vision and best practice for managing the Council's existing public spaces, buildings and development be adopted by the Council, with subsequent inclusion of additional policy areas as supplementary planning guidance, to ensure the protection and enhancement of the special character of Perth and Kinross.

COUNCILLOR A JACK LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**\*556. DRAFT CORE PATHS PLAN (Art. 284)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/503) providing a revised procedure for presentation of the Draft Core Paths Plan and objections to the Scottish Ministers following a complaint about the previously approved procedure.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The further information provided in respect of the statutory procedure for submitting the Draft Core Paths Plan and objections to the Minister be noted.
- (ii) In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 31, and the material change of circumstances having occurred in that a complaint had shown that in producing a modified draft core paths plan, for submission to the Minister the Council had acted outwith the provisions of legislation, the decision of the Committee on 3 June 2009 to approve the Modified Draft Core Paths Plan and list of outstanding objections for submission to the Minister be revoked.
- (iii) The original (unmodified) Draft Core Paths Plan and all objections received during the formal consultation, accompanied by statements on the objections and the Council's preferred options, be submitted to the Minister.

**557. BIENNIAL REPORT ON FLOOD PREVENTION RESPONSIBILITIES 2009**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/504) seeking approval of the Biennial Report specifying the appropriate actions which the Council had taken and intended to take, with regard to flood mitigation within the Council area.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Biennial Report, as appended to Report 09/504, be approved and published.
- (ii) An article summarising the report be included in the next edition of Perth and Kinross News.

**558. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE (Art. 537)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (09/499A) detailing the findings of the review of grounds maintenance undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee for interest in accordance with the decision of the Scrutiny Committee on 16 September 2009.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The findings of the review of grounds maintenance by the Scrutiny Committee be noted by this Committee for its interest.
- (ii) Officers be instructed to take action, where appropriate, in accordance with Section 5 of Report 09/437.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973**

**559. PROCESSING OF MIXED RECYCLING CENTRE WASTE**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/505) relating to general mixed household waste collected at recycling centres and recommending that this waste should ultimately be included in a procurement exercise for treatment/disposal of all residual waste.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The extension of the part of the current Waste Disposal Contract, covering the processing of Mixed Recycling Centre Waste, until 31 March 2011 be agreed.
- (ii) Following 31 March 2011 the remaining tonnage be dealt with through the overall residual waste treatment procurement which was due to commence early in 2010, with anticipated completion in 2011/12.

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