

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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8 November 2006

A Meeting of **PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FOURTH FLOOR, COUNCIL BUILDING, 2 HIGH STREET, PERTH** on **WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2006** at **2.00pm**.

If you have any queries please contact Maureen Kay on (01738) 475119 or Gillian Taylor on (01738) 475135.

A R McARTHUR
Executive Director (Corporate Services)

Members:

Provost Scott
All Councillors

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
15 NOVEMBER 2006

AGENDA

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO DECLARE ANY FINANCIAL OR NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST WHICH THEY MAY HAVE IN ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COUNCILLORS' CODE OF CONDUCT.

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minute of Meeting of 20 September 2006 for Signature
3. Minutes of Committees from 20 September 2006 – 1 November 2006 (copy to follow)
4. Notice of Motion in Terms of Standing Order 20

Nestlé Boycott

Motion by Councillors A Grant and Barrett

Perth and Kinross Council notes:

- (1) *That Nestlé currently violates the World Health Organisation/UNICEF International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and subsequent, relevant Resolutions of the World Health Assembly by promoting bottle feeding and undermining breastfeeding;*
- (2) *That Nestlé controls about 40% of the world baby milk market and independent monitoring finds that it is responsible for more violations of the International Code and Resolutions than any other company;*
- (3) *That Nestlé violations include promotion through health care systems which encourages mothers and health workers to favour bottle feeding;*
- (4) *That baby milk is so expensive that poor people often over-dilute it, leading to malnutrition in the baby, and that the expense contributes to family poverty;*
- (5) *That difficulty in sterilising bottles, teats and water can lead to life-threatening infections;*
- (6) *That breastmilk is free, safe and protects against infection;*
- (7) *That the World Health Assembly Resolution 54.2 states that where replacement feeding is not suitable: "exclusive breastfeeding is recommended during the first months of life; and that those who choose other options should be encouraged to use them free from commercial influences.";*

- (8) *That Nestlé has exploited concerns about HIV in an attempt to excuse its marketing malpractice;*
- (9) *In March 2001 Nestlé rejected Baby Milk Action's four-point plan aimed at saving infant lives and ultimately ending the boycott.*

Perth and Kinross Council believes:

- (1) *That a consumer boycott is a peaceful and effective way of encouraging a company to behave responsibly;*
- (2) *That we have a responsibility as an organisation to take a moral stance against companies who fail to meet international standards of behaviour;*
- (3) *That Nestlé should abide by the WHO/UNICEF International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and subsequent, relevant Resolutions in their entirety as a minimum requirement in all countries.*

Perth and Kinross Council resolves:

- (1) *To call on Nestlé to ensure that its policy and practice at every level in all countries conform to the WHO/UNICEF International Code of Marketing of Breastmilk Substitutes and subsequent, relevant Resolutions and to act swiftly to end all violations reported to it;*
 - (2) *Not to stock/sell Nescafé/Nestlé products;*
 - (3) *To endorse and publicise the Nestlé boycott;*
 - (4) *To contact Baby Milk Action for the latest information before drafting a resolution to end support for the boycott;*
 - (5) *To affiliate to Baby Milk Action to receive updates on the boycott.*
5. Annual Performance Report – Report by Chief Executive (copy herewith 06/772)
 6. Abstract of Accounts and External Auditor's Final Report 2005/06 – Report by Executive Director (Corporate Services) (copy herewith 06/783)
 7. Perth and Kinross Fairtrade Zone – Report by Head of Economic Development (copy herewith 06/784)
 8. Review of Parliamentary Constituency Polling Districts and Polling Places – Report by Council Secretary (copy herewith 06/785)
 9. Supporting Effective Scrutiny in Perth and Kinross Council – Joint Report by Council Secretary and Head of Business Change and Improvement (copy to follow)

10. Scottish Climate Change Declaration – Report by Chief Executive (copy to follow)

11. Timetable of Meetings

(i) Timing of Meetings Scheduled for 20 December 2006

It is suggested that meetings scheduled for 20 December 2006 be held as follows:

Tuesday 19 December 2006	9.30am	Development Control Committee
Wednesday 20 December 2006	10.00am	Common Good Fund Committees
	10.30am	Council