

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Buildings, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 1 April 2009 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors I Miller, G Hayton, K Baird, P Barrett, A Grant, E Grant, Provost Hulbert, A Jack, J Kellas, A MacLellan, M Roberts, W Robertson, A Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson and A Wylie.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment) and Depute Chief Executive; A Seggie (The Environment Service); G Taylor and S Thornton (both Chief Executive's Service); G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); G Fogg, S Rattray, J Symon and R Thomson (all Corporate Services); D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); C Crawford (Housing and Community Care); and J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services).

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

172. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

173. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 4 February 2009 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held on 29 January 2009 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

(iii) Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held on 23 March 2009 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix II*)

(iv) Provost's Sub-Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Provost's Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 4 February 2009 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix III*)

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(v) Corporate Health and Safety Consultative Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Corporate Health and Safety Consultative Committee of 1 September 2008 was submitted and noted. (**Appendix IV**)

(vi) Employees Joint Consultative Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Employees Joint Consultative Committee of 27 November 2008 was submitted and noted. (**Appendix V**)

174. REVENUE BUDGET 2008/09 – MONITORING REPORT NO 4 (Art 47/09)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (09/176), (1) providing an update on progress with the 2008/09 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the January 2009 ledger; and (2) the projected out-turn of the Housing Revenue Account.

The Convener also sought approval for an additional contribution of £100,000 to be transferred from the Contingency Fund in 2008/09 to the Renewal and Repairs Fund 2009/10 to allow funding to be available in 2009/10 for the refurbishment of Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 09/176 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2008/09 management revenue budget, detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 09/176 and Sections 2.2 to 2.13 of Report 09/176, be approved.
- (iii) The Service virements, summarised in Appendix 2 to Report 09/176, be approved.
- (iv) The summary of HRA variances, set out in Appendix 3 to report 09/176, be noted.
- (v) The transfer of £100,000 from the Contingency Fund 2008/09 to the Renewal and Repair Fund 2009/10, to provide sufficient funding to permit the refurbishment of Aberfeldy Town Hall, be approved.

175. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2008/13 - MONITORING REPORT NO 4 (Art 48/09)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (09/177), (1) providing a summary position to date of the Composite Capital Programme for 2008/09 to 2012/13; and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the Programme.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 09/177 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the five year Capital Budget 2008/13, as set out in Sections 3 and 4 of Report 09/177 and summarised in Appendices I and II thereto, be approved.

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176. HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2008/13 BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and the Head of Finance (09/178), (1) providing a summary position of the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme for 2008/09 to 2012/13, and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the Programme.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 09/178 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments made to the budget for 2008/09, as set out in Section 4 of Report 09/178 and summarised in Appendices 2 and 3 thereto, be approved.
- (iii) The budgets for the years 2009/10 to 2012/13, as agreed by the Housing and Health Committee of 2 February 2009, be noted.

177. ANNUAL TREASURY STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2009/10 – 2013/14

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (09/179) detailing the Council's proposed Treasury Strategy and activities and the Prudential Indicators for the five financial years 2009/10 to 2013/14.

Resolved:

- (i) The five year Treasury Strategy for 2009/10 to 2013/14, as detailed in Report 09/179, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be approved.
- (ii) The Prudential Indicators for 2009/10 to 2013/14 as outlined in Section 11 of Report 09/179, and as detailed in Appendix II thereto, be approved.

178. CORPORATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE VOLUNTARY/COMMUNITY SECTOR - REVENUE BUDGET 2009/10

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/180) detailing the revenue budget for Corporate Financial Assistance to the Voluntary/Community Sector and the allocations of financial assistance to be awarded to major organisations for the year ended 31 March 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposed budget structure and allocations set out in Report 09/180 for each funding heading under the Corporate Financial Assistance to the Voluntary/Community Sector Budget for the year 2009/10 be approved
- (ii) The funding of £142,000 to Perth Citizens Advice Bureau be approved; the first tranche representing six months of operations be paid; and Housing and Community Care Services continue to be the monitoring service for that organisation.

179. REORGANISATION OF COUNCIL TRUSTS (Art 439/02)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal Services (09/181), (1) detailing progress with the transfer of a substantial number of small bequests, trusts

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and charitable trusts administered by the Council to a new trust, the Perth and Kinross Welfare Trust; and (2) seeking approval of the resolution required by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) as part of this process.

Resolved:

- (i) The resolution, as appended to Report 09/181, be approved.
- (ii) The appointment of the Executive Director (Corporate Services), as an ex officio Trustee in respect of the Public Charitable Trusts currently administered by the Council, be confirmed.

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