

STANDARDS AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Standards and Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 5 December 2007 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors K Baird, J Law, I Campbell, A Gaunt, J Kellas (substituting for Councillor W Lumsden), D Scott and B Vaughan and Mr I Jackson.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; G Taylor (up to and including Art. 754), B Renton, M Cochlan and J Dickson (all Chief Executive's Service); G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services), I Innes and A Seggie (both Corporate Services); D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, R Bean and K McNamara (all the Environment Service); A Taylor, P Otreba (both Education and Children's Services) (up to and including Art. 752).

Apology for Absence: Mr D Stewart.

Councillor Baird, Convener, Presiding.

748. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

749. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Standards and Scrutiny Committee of 31 October 2007 (Arts. 639-646) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

750. ANNUAL PUBLIC PERFORMANCE REPORT 2006/07 (Art. 697)

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (07/803) outlining the structure, purpose and key performance findings of Perth and Kinross Council's Annual Public Performance Report 2006/07.

The Chief Executive was present to answer members' questions in relation to a number of issues.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Annual Public Performance Report 2006/2007 had been considered and approved by the Council on 14 November 2007.
- (ii) Perth and Kinross Council's Performance against the Corporate Plan during 2006/07, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 07/803, be noted.

751. ANNUAL STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – RESULTS REPORT 2006/07

There was submitted a report by the Head of Strategic Management and Improvement (07/802) detailing the audited Statutory Performance Indicators for the financial year 2006/07 and illustrating comparisons with performance in 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06 where comparable figures exist.

Representatives of the Environment Service were present to answer members' questions in relation to a number of issues.

Resolved:-

- (i) The audited results of the Council's Annual Performance Indicators for 2006/2007 as detailed in Report 07/802 be noted.
- (iii) Further reports on Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) be submitted to Committee when benchmarking information becomes available from Audit Scotland, particularly in relation to Perth and Kinross Council's rate of improvement.

752. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES – SIX MONTHLY UPDATE ON THE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Art. 719)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (07/804) reviewing the performance of Education and Children's Services from 1 April 2007 to 30 September 2007 against the Business Management and Improvement Plan.

The Chief Executive and representatives of Education and Children's Services were present to answer members' questions in relation to a number of issues.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Education and Children's Services Six Monthly Update on the Business Management and Improvement Plan had been considered and approved by the Lifelong Learning Committee on 21 November 2007.
- (ii) The Education and Children's Services Six Monthly Update on the Business Management and Improvement Plan, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 07/804, be noted.

A TAYLOR AND P OTREBA LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

753. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICE – SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT (Art. 713)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/783) reviewing the Housing, Community Care and Criminal Justice Services Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 1 April 2007 to 30 September 2007.

Resolved:

The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) was present to answer members' questions in relation to a number of issues.

- (i) It be noted that the Six Monthly Performance Review for Housing, Community Care and Criminal Justice Services had been submitted to and approved by the Housing and Health Committee on 21 November 2007.
- (ii) The Six Monthly Performance Review for Housing, Community Care and Criminal Justice Services, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 07/783, be noted.

754. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE – SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2007 (Arts. 727, 732 and 739)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (07/785) reviewing service performance against the Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2007 to 30 September 2007.

Representatives of the Environment Service were present to answer members' questions in relation to a number of issues.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the Six Monthly Performance Report for the Environment Service had been submitted to and approved by the Community Safety; Environment and Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on 28 November 2007.
- (ii) The Environment Service Six Monthly Performance, as detailed in the Appendix to Report 07/785, be noted.

G TAYLOR LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

755. ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE AND IMPROVEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW AND CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Art. 674)

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (07/805) (1) outlining the progress on the Organisational Change and Improvement Plan (OCIP) 2006/07 and (2) setting out the revised improvement plan, reflecting the annual self evaluation process, for the new Council.

The Chief Executive was present to answer members' questions in relation to a number of issues.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that Report 07/805 had been submitted to and approved by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 7 November 2007.
- (ii) The progress made on the Organisational Change and Improvement Plan, as detailed in Appendix A to Report 07/805, and the revised Corporate Improvement Plan, as detailed in Appendix B to Report 07/805, be noted.