

COUNCIL MEETING

Minute of Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 15 February 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost Scott, Councillors Baird, Barnacle, Barr, Barrett, Bushby, Caddell, Coburn, Cowan, Doig, Ellis, Flynn, A Grant, E Grant, Hayton, Howie, Hulbert, Hunter, Jack, Lennie, Livingstone, Lloyd, Lumsden, Lyall, Mair, McDonald, McEwen, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson, D Scott, Simpson, Stewart, Telfer, Wilson and Young.

In Attendance: B Malone (Chief Executive); A R McArthur (Executive Director – Corporate Services); G Taylor, I Innes, and L Brown (all Corporate Services); P Wallace and P Kyle (both Chief Executive's Service); L McConnell (Interim Executive Director – Education & Children's Services); R Bean (Planning and Transportation) and D Stewart (Environment Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Crabbie, Culliven and Dow.

Provost Scott, Presiding.

107. DEFENCE AVIATION REPAIR AGENCY (DARA), ALMONDBANK

Prior to the commencement of business Provost Scott made a short statement on the position with regard to the DARA facility at Almondbank following the recent announcement by the Minister of State for Defence, Adam Ingram MP, that the facility would be subject to market testing to establish whether its sale to a private company might deliver improved effectiveness and value for money and a better long-time future for the workforce. At a meeting held on 6 February 2006, attended by Council leaders, local parliamentarians and trade union representatives from DARA, there had been unanimous agreement on a joint programme of action which sought to safeguard the future of the facility and its workforce at Almondbank. It was recognised that the process may present an opportunity for the development and expansion of DARA and the Provost gave an assurance that the Council would do everything it could to support the workforce at this time.

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

109. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of the Council Meeting of 21 December 2005 (Arts 966-973) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

110. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

The Minutes of Committees from 20 December 2005 to 1 February 2006

The decisions recorded in Arts. 946-965 and 1-93, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and approved.

111. PENSION FUND INVESTMENT IN TOBACCO COMPANIES

There was submitted a letter from Dundee City Council dated 18 January 2006 (06/105) seeking Perth and Kinross Council's support for its representations to the Scottish Executive to clarify or amend existing legislation to enable administering authorities of Local Government Pension Schemes to fully consider ethical investment issues in the management of pension funds.

The Council noted that 2% of the Tayside Superannuation Fund, amounting to some £24 million, was currently invested in tobacco companies.

Resolved:

To support Dundee City Council in its representations, to the Scottish Executive to clarify or amend existing legislation to enable administering authorities of Local Government Pension Schemes to fully consider ethical investment issues in the management of pension funds.

112. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Resolved:

Councillor Ann Cowan take up the vacant place on the Licensing Committee.

113. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

(a) Tayside Contracts Joint Committee

Resolved:

Councillor Sandy Bushby replace Councillor Ann Cowan on Tayside Contracts Joint Committee.

(b) Tayside Valuation Joint Board

Resolved:

Councillor Sandy Bushby replace Councillor Ann Cowan on the Tayside Valuation Joint Board.

114. AMENDMENTS TO SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION

(a) Establishment of Property Sub-Committee of Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

Resolved:

The Scheme of Administration be amended to include the establishment of a Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee comprising 5 members of the Committee and it be delegated to the Sub-Committee to determine all matters referred to in Paragraph 11.2.7 of the Scheme.

(b) Proper Officer and Statutory Appointees

Resolved:

Sections 24.16 and 24.1.8 of the Scheme of Administration be amended to include Senior Solicitors.

(c) Antisocial Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004

Resolved:

(i) Section 8.2.1 of the Scheme of Administration be amended to include the Antisocial Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004.

(ii) Section 18.1 of the Scheme of Administration be amended to include the following:-

Landlord Registration under Antisocial Behaviour Etc (Scotland) Act 2004

To exercise the functions of the Council under Part 8 of the above Act except:-

1. The refusal of an application for registration.
2. Removal from the register of any person.