

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 7 September 2005 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Baird, Barrett (substituting for Councillor Wilson) Crabbie, Doig, A Grant, Hayton, Howie (substituting for Councillor Barr) Hunter, Lennie, Livingstone MacLellan, Miller, Robertson (substituting for Councillor Barnacle) Stewart and Young.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive, P Wallace and T Yule (both Chief Executive's), A R McArthur Executive Director (Corporate Services), K Chidley, J Low, H Mackenzie, A Nairn, J Symon, G M Taylor, S Thornton, S Walker, A Wilson, (all Corporate Services), D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care), J Walker (Planning and Transportation), D Stewart (Environment Services), G Boland and A Taylor (both Education and Children's Services) and J Waddell (Tayside Contracts).

Apology for Absence: Provost Scott

Councillor Doig, Presiding.

658. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

659. MINUTE

The Minute of Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held on 15 June 2005 (Arts 481-500) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

660. EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 9 June 2005 and 26 July 2005 were submitted and noted. (*Appendix I & II*)

661. PROVOST'S SUB-COMMITTEE

The Minute of the Provost's Sub-Committee of 15 June 2005 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix III*)

662. REVENUE BUDGET 05/06 – MONITORING REPORT NO.1

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/575) providing an update on progress with the 2005/06 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the June 2005 ledger, and the projected financial positions of the Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Trading Operations.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 05/575 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2005/06 management revenue budget, as set out in sections 2.2 to 2.17 of Report 05/575, be approved.
- (iii) Individual service virements, summarised in Appendix 1 and 2 of the Report 05/575, be approved.
- (iv) The Budget for the Building Services DLO, as set out in Section 5 and Appendix 3.1 of Report 05/575, be approved.

663. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2005/08 – MONITORING REPORT NO.1

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/576) providing a summary position to date for the Composite Capital Programme for 2005/06, as well as the position for 2006/07 and 2007/08 and seeking approval for adjustments to the programme.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 05/576 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed programme of expenditure for the additional capital grants, as set out in Section 3 and 5, and summarised at Appendices I and II, of Report 05/576, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the three year Capital Budget 2005/08, as set out in Sections 3, 4 and 5, and summarised at Appendices I and II, of Report 05/576, be approved.
- (iv) The proposed budget adjustments to 2005/06 Renewal and Repair Fund Budget, set out in Section 6 and summarised at Appendix III of Report 05/576, be approved.

664. ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT 2004/2005

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/577) providing a summary of the Council's treasury activities for the 2004/05 financial year and contrasting actual performance with approved Treasury Strategy for 2004/05.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 05/577, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.

665. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT (ART. 90/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/578) providing a summary of Loans Fund transactions for the quarter to 30 June 2005 and reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement, Treasury Management Practices and the Prudential Indicators for the same period.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 05/578, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.
- (ii) The revised policy for Treasury Management Daily Limitations to Authority, as detailed in Section 6 of Report 05/578, be approved.
- (iii) The revised policy for Local Temporary Loans, as detailed in Section 6 of Report 05/578, be approved, with effect from 1 October 2005.

666. SAVINGS ARISING FROM EARLY RETIREMENT DECISIONS TAKEN IN 2004/2005

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/585), on the costs of early retiral decisions taken in financial year 2004/05 and the savings achieved.

667. FUTURE OPERATION OF PERTH BUS STATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) (05/579) providing details on the proposed operational and property management arrangements for Perth Bus Station, designed to ensure that the bus station would be better placed to meet the needs of the travelling public in the immediate to medium term until the longer term bus/rail interchange solution development.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 05/579 be noted.
- (ii) The management arrangements for the Bus Station, as detailed in Report 05/579, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) to bring forward, during the forthcoming budget process, proposals for revision to the existing departure charges.

668. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY POLICY

There was submitted and approved a report by the Depute Director (Corporate Services) (05/580) reviewing the Council's Communications Security Policy, which, while affecting some of the

detail of the policy, left the underlying policy unaltered. The changes would be disseminated to staff by briefings and via the Council intranet.

669. STRATEGIC REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (05/581) advising members of the outcome of the Strategic Review of Environment Services and outlining how the recommendations made could be taken forward.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 05/581, summarising the Strategic Review of Environment Services, be noted.
- (ii) That Option D of Report 05/581 (the establishment of an Environment and Planning Service comprising the majority of the current Environment Services and Planning and Transportation function) be developed further as the preferred service delivery model.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Planning and Transportation) develop appropriate organisational and management arrangements and report to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 14 December 2005.

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

670. ENGINEERING INSPECTION AND BUSINESS & SCHOOL TRAVEL INSURANCE TENDERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/582), detailing two distinct contracts within the Council's insurance portfolio which were due for renewal on 1 October 2005 and detailing the processes executed in accordance with the Public Services Directive (92/50/EEC) and the Public Services Contracts Regulations 1993.

Resolved:

- (i) The tender submissions from Allianz Cornhill Engineering in respect of the Engineering Inspection contract, for the period 1 October 2005 to 30 September 2008, be accepted; and
- (ii) The tender submission from ACE European Group in respect of Personal Accident - Business Travel and School Journeys cover for the period 1 October 2005 to 30 September 2008, be accepted.

671. INVESTMENT IN LEARNING PROJECT: RELOCATION OF TAYSIDE CONTRACTS DEPOT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/583) detailing the reasons for the relocation of Tayside Contracts and the Roads Services Construction and Maintenance Group to a new site at Inveralmond Perth to facilitate the construction of the proposed Perth South Primary School as part of the Investment in Learning Project, and outlining the work programme and funding.

Resolved:

The construction of the new depot at Inveralmond as provided for in the Council's Capital Plan be approved, subject to

- (i) Consultation with Tayside Contracts and the agreement for the sale of the depots at Crieff, Dunkeld and Feus Road, Perth which may be vacated by Tayside Contracts.
- (ii) The relocation of the Roads Services Construction and Maintenance Group along with Tayside Contracts to the new Inveralmond Depot.

672. GROUND AT BUTE DRIVE, PERTH - PROPOSED LEASE (ART. 269/03)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) 05/584 seeking approval to the granting of a new lease of ground at Bute Drive, Perth to Jeanfield Swifts Football Club.

Resolved:

The granting of a lease of ground at Bute Drive, Perth to the Jeanfield Swifts Football Club on the basis outlined in Report 05/584, and otherwise on terms and conditions to be agreed by the Head of Property Management and Head of Legal Services, be approved.