

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Monday 23 March 2009 at 1.30pm.

Present: Councillors I Miller, G Hayton, A Grant, A MacLellan and A Stewart.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Irons, Depute Chief Executive; G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); H Turley and N Robson (Housing and Community Care); S Thornton, Committee Services.

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

THE CONVENER RULED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN TERMS OF SECTION 50(B)(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973 BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO COMMIT FUNDS BY 31 MARCH 2009 TO PERTHSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

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

P1. USE OF COUNCIL TAX TO DELIVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING

There was submitted a Report (09/175) by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) outlining the Council's priorities with regard to securing the provision of affordable housing in Perthshire and recommending making funds available to Perthshire Housing Association to help facilitate the provision of affordable housing in Burrelton.

Resolved:

- (i) Payment of £264,000, from the Council Tax Income on Second Homes Earmarked Reserve, be made to Perthshire Housing Association to facilitate the purchase of a site at Burrelton for the development of affordable housing.
- (ii) Payment of £178,000, from the Council Tax Income on Second Homes Earmarked Reserve, be made to Perthshire Housing Association to enable exceptional costs to be met associated with forming the road,

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drains, Sustainable Urban Drainage System (SUDS) and installing services in the first phase of development to allow the development of the entire site in future years, the sum of £178,000 being repaid to the Council in full when funding for the second phase of the development has been obtained from the Scottish Government.

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