

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

Present: Provost Scott, Councillors Baird (Substituting for Councillor Bushby), Barnacle, Barr, Crabbie, Doig, A Grant, Hayton, Hunter, Lennie, Livingstone, MacLellan, Miller, Stewart, Wilson and Young.

Attending: B Malone, Chief Executive, K MacDonald (Chief Executive's); A R McArthur, Executive Director (Corporate Services), D Francis, I Innes, H Mackenzie, A Nairn, J Somerville, J Symon G Taylor and T Yule (All Corporate Services); A Taylor, (Education and Children's Services); D Stewart, (Environment Services); D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and J Irons, Executive Director (Planning and Transportation).

Councillor Doig, Presiding.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declarations of Interest were made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct:-

Councillor Doig declared a financial interest in Art. 95 below.

Councillor Miller declared a non financial interest in Art. 95 below.

86. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held on 15 December 2004 (Arts 897 to 917) were submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

87. APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- (i) The Minutes of Meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 11 November 2004, 16 November 2004 and 9 December 2004 were submitted and noted **(Appendix I)**.
- (ii) The Minutes of Meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 21 December 2004 were submitted and noted **(Appendix II)**.

88. EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Meetings of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 22 November 2004 and 22 December 2004 were submitted and noted **(Appendix III and IV)**.

89. REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05 MONITORING REPORT NO 4 (Art. 788/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/62) (1) providing an update on progress with the 2004/05 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the December 2004 ledger and (2) providing an update on the projected financial positions of the Housing Revenue Account and the Council's Trading Operations. The Convener made specific reference to the underspend reported for Corporate Services and highlighted recommendations to carry forward £550,000 under the budget flexibility scheme and for the remaining underspend of £176,000 to be used to increase the amount transferred to the Repair and Renewal Fund by £56,000 for XP licences and £120,000 to be transferred to Property Maintenance.

Resolved:

- (i) Report 05/62 be noted.

- (ii) The adjustments to the 2004/05 Revenue Budget detailed in Sections 2.2 to 2.6 of Report 05/62 be approved.
- (iii) The underspend of £550,000 for Corporate Services set out in section 2.1.4 of Report 05/62 be carried forward under the budget flexibility scheme and that the remaining underspend of £176,000 be transferred to the Renewal and Repair Fund for Microsoft XP licences and £120,000 be transferred to Property Maintenance be approved.
- (iv) Subject to approval of the Composite Capital Budget monitoring report (See Art. 91) and the adjustments to the management Revenue Budget set out in sections 2.7 and 2.8 to Report 05/62, Report 05/62 be noted.
- (v) Individual Service virements summarised in Appendix 2 to report 05/62 be approved.

90. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT (Art. 792/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/63) (1) providing a summary of the Loans Fund transactions for the quarter to 31 December 2004 and (2) reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Practices (TMP's) and the Prudential Indicators for the same period.

Resolved:

The content of Report 05/63, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.

91. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2004/05 MONITORING REPORT NO 4 (Art. 789/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/64) providing the summary position to date for the Composite Capital Programme for 2004/05 and seeking approval for adjustments to the programme.

Resolved:

- (i) Report 05/64 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the 2004/05 Capital Budget set out in sections 3, 4 and 5 and summarised at Appendices I and II of Report 04/602 be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget adjustments to the 2004/05 Renewal & Repair Fund set out in Section 6 and summarised in Appendix III to Report 05/64 be noted.

92. G8 SUMMIT 2005 – EVENTS PROGRAMME (Art. 504/04)

There was submitted a joint report by the Chief Executive and Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/65) outlining the preparations being made for the 2005 G8 Summit and seeking approval for a programme of events that will help deliver on the three key priorities agreed by Council in December 2004.

Resolved:

- (i) The current position regarding preparations by the Council for the 2005 G8 Summit be noted.
- (ii) The programme of events detailed in Appendix A to Report 05/65 to deliver on the key priorities agreed by Council in December 2004 be approved.
- (iii) The award of the contract to Connect Communications for publication of the Perthshire Publication and CD Rom be noted.

93. SCHEDULE OF RATES CONTRACT FOR MINOR WORKS ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS 2005-2008

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/66) advising the Committee of the results of tenders received for the Schedule of Rates Contract for Minor Works on Public Building 2005-2008 and seeking approval to appoint contractors.

Resolved:

- (i) The Schedule of Rates Contract for Minor Works on Public Buildings 2005-2008 be awarded to the contractors listed in Appendix 2 to Report 05/66.
- (ii) The implementation of a standby contractor arrangement be authorised.

94. EMPLOYEE DONATIONS TO TSUNAMI APPEAL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/70) explaining the creation of a one-off Council employee contribution scheme to assist the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Appeal for victims of the Indian Ocean Tsunami.

Resolved:

- (i) The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) act as agents on behalf of the Council for this appeal.
- (ii) The Council meet the 1% administration cost levied by CAF.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Corporate Services) communicate details of the scheme to all employees as early as practicable.

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 IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

COUNCILLORS DOIG AND MILLER LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Councillor Wilson, presiding.

95. PITLOCHRY INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DEVELOPMENT AT BOBBIN MILL(Art 270/03)

There was submitted a report and addendum to the report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/67) (1) providing an update on the development of proposals for Integrated Health and Social Care Services at the Bobbin Mill Site, Pitlochry as agreed by the Housing and Adult Care Committee on 26 February 2003; (2) identifying the potential cost and service implications of the proposals for Perth and Kinross Council and (3) recommending that as the continued negotiations for Social Work accommodation within the Pitlochry development would not reflect value for money for the Council and would result in a reduction in direct service provision, the negotiations be discontinued.

Resolved:

- (i) The Depute Director (Community Care) withdraw from negotiations to rent accommodation for staff within the proposed Bobbin Mill development.
- (ii) The Depute Director (Community Care) progress negotiations with the Church of Scotland for the purchase of 16 care home places subject to certain contractual arrangements.

96. SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY MATTERS APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS (Art. 799/04)

There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (05/68) on property transactions approved under delegated powers.