

# PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of Special Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 5 December 2007 at 10.00am.

Present: Provost J Hulbert, Councillors K Baird, R Band, M Barnacle, P Barrett, L Caddell, I Campbell, A Cowan, J Flynn, A Gaunt, A Grant, E Grant, G Hayton, A Jack, J Kellas, J Law, K Lyall, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, H McDonald, D Melloy, I Miller, S Miller, P Mulheron, M Roberts, D Scott, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan and A Younger.

Also Attending: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Irons, Depute Chief Executive; G Taylor, and J Dickson (all Chief Executive's); G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) and I Innes (Corporate Services).

Apology for Absence: Councillor E Howie.

Provost Hulbert, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost announced the death of the wife of former Councillor John Lloyd and passed on condolences on behalf of the Council.

## **746. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **747. REVIEW OF POLITICAL DECISION-MAKING STRUCTURES**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (07/806) making recommendations on a way forward for a political decision-making structure for the Council.

### **Motion: (Councillors I Miller and G Hayton)**

- (i) The proposals for a political decision-making structure for the Council, as set out in Paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 of Report 07/806, be implemented with effect from 1 January 2008.**
- (ii) The Chief Executive be instructed to bring forward a further report in early course on the consideration of the respective functions of the Environment and Enterprise and Infrastructure Committees as referred to in Paragraph 5.6 of Report 07/806.**
- (iii) Elected members be appointed to committees and community planning groups, as set out in Paragraph 5.13 of Report 07/806.**
- (iv) Member / Officer Working Groups be appointed, as set out in Paragraph 5.16 of Report 07/806.**
- (v) External representatives continue to be appointed on committees and sub-committees in accordance with Paragraphs 5.18 to 5.22 of Report 07/806.**
- (vi) The Chief Executive be instructed to examine the opportunities for extending external representation on committees and sub-committees and to bring forward a report at an early date as referred to in Paragraph 5.23 of Report 07/806.**
- (vii) The Councillors' remuneration arrangements in accordance with Paragraphs 5.24 to 5.26 of Report 07/806 be approved.**
- (viii) The timetable of meetings for 2008 in accordance with Paragraphs 5.30 to 5.32 of Report 07/806 and Appendix 4 to Report 07/806 be approved, subject to the following:-**
  - (a) the Common Good Fund Committees to commence at 1pm, with the exception of the meeting on 17 December 2008;**
  - (b) the meeting of the Housing and Health Committee scheduled for 16 January 2008 be deleted;**
  - (c) a meeting of the Housing and Health Committee be held on 6 February 2008 following the Scrutiny Committee.**
- (ix) The Head of Democratic Services be instructed to submit revised Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration to the Council meeting on 19 December 2007, with an implementation date of 1 January 2008.**

- (x) It be remitted to the Modernising Governance Member Officer Group to keep the political decision-making structure and the associated governance arrangements under review and to report back to the Council as necessary.**

Amendment: (Councillors B Vaughan and A Jack) -

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- (viii) Consideration of the timetable of meetings for 2008, as contained in Appendix 4 to Report 07/806, be deferred until such time as the Chief Executive brings forward a report to Council clearly indicating how the following will be accommodated:
  - (a) Service Committees' agreement to Business, Management and Improvement Plans prior to 1 April in any year; and
  - (b) Service Committees receiving six monthly reports on Business, Management and Improvements Plans within the month of October in any year.
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- (x) It be remitted to the Modernising Governance Member Officer Group to keep the political decision-making structure and the associated governance arrangements under review and to report back to the Council as necessary.
- (xi) The Chief Executive be instructed to bring forward a report on the policy making and reporting relationships between the Council and Community Planning Partnership Groups.

Amendment - 12 votes

Motion - 20 votes

**Resolved:-**

In accordance with the Motion.