

ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 26 August 2009 at 3.20pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, A Gaunt; K Baird (substituting for Councillor M Lyle), R Ellis, J Flynn, G Hayton (substituting for Councillor L Caddell), A Jack, J Law, W Lumsden, , H McDonald, A Stewart, W Wilson and A Wylie.

In Attendance: Councillor B Band; J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); R Bean, T Brydone, A Graham, P Marshall, A Olejnik, B Renton and A Seggie (all The Environment Service); T Cornet (Corporate Services); A Wilson and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors L Caddell and M Lyle.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

433. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor J Law declared a non-financial interest in Art. 439.

434. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 3 June 2009 (Arts. 289-301) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

435. FUTURE JOBS FUND BID FOR PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/399) outlining the background to the Government's new Future Jobs Fund and summarising the proposed bid from the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership to the Fund.

Resolved:

The bid to the Future Jobs Fund, as summarised within Report 09/399 and outlined in detail within the Bid Document attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

436. ETAPE CALEDONIA CYCLE EVENT (Art. 480/08)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/400), (1) providing an update following the 2009 Etape Caledonia; and (2) recommending continued support for the community involvement around the event.

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Resolved:

- (i) The welcome growth and success of the Etape Caledonia over the previous three years and the extremely positive headline results from the 2009 economic impact assessment, be noted.
- (ii) Subject to budget provision, funding of up to £15,000, in 2010/2011 and 2011/2012, towards a range of promotional activities aimed at maximising opportunities to attract visitors to Highland Perthshire and Perth and Kinross as a whole on the back of the event be approved, to be led and delivered by local community based organisations, with support from Perth and Kinross Council.

***437. FINALISED HOUSING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE POLICY (Art. 38)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/401) providing a summary of the comments received on the draft Housing in the Countryside policy, and proposing a final policy for approval.

Resolved:

- (i) The finalised Housing in the Countryside Policy, as detailed in Report 09/401, be approved.
- (ii) It be recommended to the Development Control Committee that the policy be used in the determination of planning applications with immediate effect.
- (iii) It be agreed that the policy be incorporated into the emerging Local Development Plan.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) submit a further report to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee regarding progress on the preparation of design guidance covering this issue.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 6 COUNCILLOR J LAW DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

438. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS – AUCHTERARDER AREA A9 JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS (Art. 623/08)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/402) recommending, (1) the revision of development thresholds in the Auchterarder Expansion Development Framework; and (2) the adoption of a Developer Contributions Policy for the Auchterarder Area A9 Junction Improvements, following consultation.

Resolved:

- (i) The responses received as part of the consultation process be noted.
- (ii) Subject to the recommended changes detailed in Report 09/402, and the consequential amendments to the text of the policy document, the Developer Contribution Policy be approved,
- (iii) The proposed changes to the Auchterarder Expansion Development Framework to allow increased thresholds for development be approved.

439. ST CATHERINE'S RETAIL PARK AMENDMENT TO SECTION 75 AGREEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/403) recommending a partial relaxation of the Section 75 Agreement for St Catherine's Retail Park restricting the range of goods which could be sold from there to allow for the retail park's refurbishment. The Head of Planning indicated a change to recommendation (i), proposing the deletion of the words 'subject to the terms set out in Appendix 2 to this report', and the deletion of the suggested Heads of Terms of New Agreement set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

Resolved:

- (i) A revised Section 75 Agreement for St Catherine's Retail Park be entered into to permit a subdivision of units and a wider range of goods to be sold from the Retail Park, subject to agreement on the improvement measures to be undertaken to the Park.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) and the Head of Legal Services be instructed to negotiate the terms of the revised agreement and associated improvements with the owners of the Retail Park and report back to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

***440. AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN (Art. 431)**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/404) outlining the Council's development through a cross-service steering group of an Air Quality Action Plan in order to meet statutory standards on air quality. The Committee noted that the draft Air Quality Action Plan had been considered and approved by the Environment Committee at its meeting earlier that day.

Resolved:

The significant number of actions within the Air Quality Action Plan within the remit of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, or which had an impact on Enterprise and Infrastructure issues, be noted.

441. STRATEGIC TRANSPORT NETWORK ISSUES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/405) outlining the findings of a major review of transport issues in and around Perth city and highlighting the requirement for significant improvements in transport infrastructure, including a major new Cross Tay Link, in order to accommodate the future development of the city.

Resolved:

- (i) The completion of a comprehensive study into issues relating to the present and future capacity of the transport network in and around Perth be noted.
- (ii) The undertaking of a full Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the alternative transport solutions identified in the study and a full and wide ranging consultation exercise into the likely public and key stakeholder acceptability of a potential new Tay crossing and associated package of improved transport measures in and around the city, be approved.

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- (iii) The Executive Director report back to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on the following:
 - (a) the results of the SEA and associated public consultation exercise;
 - (b) details of a package of sustainable measures in the central area of the city to complement the optimum alignment of a new Cross Tay Link; and
 - (c) a report into potential options for funding and phasing of necessary improvements.

442. NORTH WEST PERTH EXPANSION AREA STUDY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/406) outlining the findings of an assessment of the infrastructure requirements and costs for the future development of North West Perth, including a significant review of transport issues in and around the area.

Resolved:

- (i) The completion of a comprehensive Appraisal into transport issues in and around the north western edge of the city be noted.
- (ii) The completion of the comprehensive study assessing the infrastructure requirements and costs for the future development of North West Perth be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) take forward further development work into the detailed infrastructure design for North West Perth.
- (iv) The Head of Finance and the Corporate Resources Group investigate delivery funding options and report back to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee.

443. ERROL CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/407) recommending approval of the Errol Conservation Area Appraisal.

Resolved:

The final draft Errol Conservation Area Appraisal and the proposed retention of the existing boundary and associated management measures, as detailed in Report 09/407 and the appendices thereto, be approved.

444. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER SERVICE 2009/2010

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/408) recommending the level of service to be provided by the Council for the gritting and snow clearing of roads and footways in Perth and Kinross during the winter of 2009/2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The level of service for winter 2009/2010, as detailed in Report 09/408, be provided using the plant and labour of Tayside Contracts and other Council Services.

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- (ii) The adjustment to the policy and level of service introduced over the festive period in 2007 be continued for the festive period 25 December 2009 to 4 January 2010.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to make arrangements outwith the policy and level of service in exceptional conditions such as snow emergencies.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to instruct Vaisala Ltd to upgrade the IEWS stations at South Persie and Gelvan at a cost of £11,561.

445. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS FROM THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/409) recommending additions to and deletions from the List of Public Roads.

Resolved:

The additions to and deletions from the List of Public Roads, of the roads detailed in the schedule to Report 09/409, be approved.

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