

SPECIAL ENTERPRISE AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Minute of Special Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 28 June 2006 at 11.00am.

Present: Councillors Coburn (substituting for Councillor Lumsden), Cowan, Doig, Hulbert, Jack, Livingstone, McDonald, McEwen, Robertson, D Scott (substituting for Councillor Ellis), Simpson and Telfer.

In Attendance: Councillors Hunter, Lloyd and Wilson; J Irons, Executive Director (Environment), R Bean, J Valentine, M Fraser, A Dean and P Marshall (all The Environment Service); P Kyle and A M Sinclair (both Chief Executive's); L Brown and A Wilson (both Corporate Services) and Inspector K Brown, Tayside Police.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Ellis and Mair.

Councillor Livingstone, Convener, Presiding.

448. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

449. PERTH AREA LOCAL PLAN: COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PLAN AND ISSUES AND STRATEGY FOR FINALISED PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/480) (1) outlining the key issues raised during the consultation process on the draft Perth Area Local Plan; (2) providing an update on the progress of several major infrastructure proposals; (3) recommending a potential way forward on each of the issues; and (4) seeking authority to progress towards a finalised plan. The report also outlined the particular problems associated with implementing the requirement of a strategic environmental assessment and appropriate assessment processes in relation to the Local Plan.

Having regard to Members' comments that there be further consultation on a number of issues, which included: (1) the recommendation to remove Almond Valley from the Green Belt; (2) the suggested route of the new link road from Inveralmond Industrial Estate to the A9; (3) the recommendation to investigate with landowners the potential to bring forward, in the short term, further economic development land in the Oudenarde area, and bring forward the site to the southern side of the road; (4) the recommendation for Perth Airport; and (5) the development of a new access route from the Edinburgh Road to the Harbour/Friarton area, the Committee **resolved:**

- (i) To note the progress to date in reviewing the Perth Area Local Plan.
- (ii) To agree to develop the proposals suggested for inclusion in the finalised Plan, as detailed in Report 06/480 and Appendix 3 attached thereto.
- (iii) To reject a number of proposals put forward during the consultation process, as outlined in Appendix 3 to Report 06/480.
- (iv) To instruct the Executive Director (Environment) to undertake further consultation with Council Members, Community Councils and the wider community who might be affected by the proposals and report back to a future meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee with the proposed finalised Plan and an environmental report.

450. SCOTLAND'S NATIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY – A CONSULTATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/481) advising of the National Transport Strategy consultation paper and setting out the Council's recommended response.

Resolved:

- (i) The key strategic issues for transport in Scotland, as set out in the consultation paper on Scotland's National Transport Strategy, be noted.
- (ii) The comments on consultation questions, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/481, be submitted to the Scottish Executive as the Council's response to the consultation paper.

451. RAIL CONCESSIONS - RANNOCH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (06/482) recommending that the Council purchase Highland Rail Cards for eligible elderly and disabled residents in the Rannoch area in order that they might benefit from reduced cost rail travel on the West Highland Line, including journeys to Glasgow.

Resolved:

The purchase of Highland Rail Cards, for eligible elderly and disabled people in the Rannoch PH17 postcode area, be approved.