

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL  
COUNCIL MEETING  
11 May 2010

## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Tuesday 11 May 2010 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost J Hulbert; Councillors K Baird, B Band, P Barrett, L Caddell, I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, C Gillies, A Grant, E Grant, T Gray, G Hayton, K Howie, J Kellas, W Lumsden, 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, W Wilson, A Wylie and A Younger.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; J Irons, Depute Chief Executive; J Symon, G Taylor, I Innes, M Kay, F Mackay, C Taylor, K Donaldson, M Cochlan (until Art. 259), J Jennings and J Mackay (all Chief Executive's Service); M Walker and J Gilchrist (Education and Children's Services); D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Valentine (the Environment Service).

Apologies: Councillors M Barnacle, A Jack, K Lyall and W Robertson.

Provost Hulbert, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business:

(i) Ward 7 – Strathallan – By-Election – 6 May 2010

Provost Hulbert welcomed Councillor Tom Gray to his first meeting of Council since his election on 6 May 2010 to Ward 7 – Strathallan.

(ii) Council of Europe – Europe Prize Award of European Diploma (Art. 672/09)

Provost Hulbert advised of Perth's success in being awarded the Council of Europe's prestigious European Diploma, the first level of the Europe Prize.

(iii) Civic Events – 8/9 May 2010 (Art. 504/09)

Provost Hulbert referred to the ceremony conferring the Freedom of the City of Perth to 7 SCOTS and the associated events held on 8 May 2010, and the Kirking of the Council held on 9 May 2010 and thanked all involved who had contributed to the success of the events.

(iv) Special Meeting of Council - June 2010

Provost Hulbert referred to the possibility of a need for a special meeting of the Council in June 2010 to consider major planning applications.

### 255. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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**256. MINUTES**

**(a) Special Meeting of 11 February 2010**

The minute of the special meeting of the Council of 11 February 2010 (Arts. 86-89) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

**(a) Meeting of 24 February 2010**

The minute of the meeting of the Council of 24 February 2010 (Arts. 116-127) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

**(c) Special Meeting of 24 March 2010**

The minute of the special meeting of the Council of 24 March 2010 (Arts. 179-180) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

**257. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

**Minutes of Committees from 11 February 2010 to 21 April 2010**

The decisions recorded in Arts. 77-85, 90-115, 128-178 and 181-221, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and noted/approved as necessary.

**258. JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR 2010-2013 AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS 2009-2010**

The Chief Executive provided an introduction to and overview of the production of the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plans for 2010-2013 and Annual Performance Reports for 2009-2010.

**(i) Chief Executive's Service**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (10/229) presenting for approval the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report for the Chief Executive's Service.

In response to members' questions, B Malone, Chief Executive, referred to (1) the opportunity afforded to members to be involved in the development of Services' Business Management and Improvement Plans; and (2) the benefits of the new Integrated Human Resources and Payroll system in providing detailed information which would enable management and elected members to better manage and assess performance and, in particular, the way in which this could assist in assessing performance of the corporate framework for

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recruitment and selection in terms of the Council's Workforce Management Strategy.

**Resolved:**

The Chief Executive's Service Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report for 2010 attached at Appendix 1 to Report 10/229 be approved.

**(ii) Education and Children's Services**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/230) presenting for approval the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report for Education and Children's Services for 2010.

**Resolved:**

The Education and Children's Services Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report attached as an appendix to Report 10/230 be approved.

**(iii) The Environment Service**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (10/231) presenting for approval the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report for the Environment Service.

**Resolved:**

The Environment Service's Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report , attached at Appendix 1 to Report 10/231, be approved.

**(iv) Housing and Community Care**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/232) presenting for approval the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report for Housing and Community Care for 2010.

In response to members' questions, D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (1) advised further on the action being taken to ensure the provision of sufficient high quality housing within resources available and (2) noted the need for transparency in the rent restructuring exercise.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Housing and Community Care Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan and Annual Performance Report for 2010 as detailed in Report 10/232 be approved.

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- (ii) It be noted that the Annual Performance Report would be published on the Council's web-site and a summary report made available to all stakeholders.

M COCHLAN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**259. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (10/233) providing (1) a summary of the Loans Fund transactions for the quarter ending 31 March 2010 and (2) a report on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement (TMPS), Treasury Management Practices (TMPs) and the Prudential Indicators for the same period.

In response to members' questions, J Symon, Head of Finance, explained that the burden of court costs incurred in recovering money deposited with Glitner Bank was being shared with other Councils.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The content of Report 10/233, which was submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed amendment to the Council's Approved Treasury Management Policy, as detailed in Section 5.2 of Report 10/233, be approved.

**260. ANNUAL TREASURY INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (10/234) detailing the Council's proposed Treasury Investment Strategy for 2010/11 as a result of the Local Government Investments (Scotland) Regulations 2010.

**Resolved:**

The Treasury Investment Strategy and Permitted Investments for 2010/11, as detailed in Report 10/234, be approved.

J JENNINGS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**261. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP ENHANCED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (10/235) presenting a proposal to enhance the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership, and themed partnerships, and to support management of future business and effective delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement for Perth and Kinross.

**Resolved:**

The proposed enhanced governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership as detailed in Report 10/235, be approved.

## **262. SUPPORTING OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITIES**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) (10/236) proposing a framework for locality planning and engagement in Perth and Kinross which builds on developments to date to ensure that the Council continues to strengthen its relationship with the communities of Perth and Kinross

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The proposals contained in Section 5 of Report 10/236, including the development of a more systematic approach to community engagement by the Council and its partners, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that whenever and wherever possible, the Council and its partners would seek to (1) take advantage of existing community events, meetings etc to enhance and development community engagement, and (2) welcome assistance from local communities in information gathering and gauging opinion.

## **263. CUSTOMER FOCUS (CUSTOMER FIRST REVIEW – TOWARDS A CUSTOMER FOCUSED COUNCIL)**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (10/237) recommending approval of a revised Customer Focus Strategy and associated plan to (1) support the Council's transformation approach; (2) consolidate the progress made to date through the Customer First Programme and (3) to continue to develop the Council's commitment towards becoming a more customer focused organisation.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The progress that has taken place under Customer First access all Council Services to develop a more customer focused organisation be noted.
- (ii) The revised Customer Focus Strategy and actions as detailed in Appendix A to Report 10/237 be approved.

## **264. APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES**

### **(i) Lifelong Learning Committee**

#### **Resolved:**

It was agreed that Councillor A Cowan be appointed to the Lifelong Learning Committee to replace Councillor K Baird.

### **(ii) Environment Committee**

#### **Resolved:**

It was agreed that Councillor K Baird be appointed to the Environment Committee to replace Councillor A Cowan.

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**(iii) Community Safety Committee**

**Resolved:**

It was agreed that Councillor A MacLellan be appointed to the Community Safety Committee to replace Councillor C Gillies.

**265. MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUPS / PARTNERSHIPS**

**(i) Sustainable Development Member/Officer Working Group**

**Resolved:**

It was agreed that Councillor M Lyle be appointed to the Sustainable Development Member/Officer Working Group to replace Councillor B Vaughan.

**(ii) Community Planning Environment Partnership**

It was agreed that Councillor I Campbell be appointed to the Community Planning Environment Partnership to replace Councillor H MacDonald.

**266. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Perth Prison Visiting Committee**

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn.

**267. DEATH OF MR BOB MACKAY, FORMER DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

Provost Hulbert referred to the recent death of Mr Bob Mackay, former Director of Education with the Council between 1995-2000, and on behalf of the Council offered his condolences to Mr Mackay's family.

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