

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 1 September 2010 at 2.00pm.

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

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, Depute Director (Environment); K Macdonald, A Olejnik, A Graham, S Huggins, D Kent and J McCrone (all The Environment Service); C Flynn, M Kay and L Brown (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors T Gray and W Wilson.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 495, 496, 498, 499 and 500; the Vice-Convener for Articles 497, 501, 502, 503 and 504.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

493. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

494. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 26 May 2010 (Arts. 307-318) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

495. REVIEW OF THE PERTHSHIRE AREA TOURISM PARTNERSHIP AND STRATEGIC THEMES FOR TOURISM, 2010-2014 (ART. 563/09)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/419) detailing a review of the Perthshire Area Tourism Partnership and seeking approval of revised arrangements for the future format and function of the Partnership and the strategic priorities for tourism in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The strategic themes and priorities for tourism for the Perthshire Area Tourism Partnership for the period 2010 – 2014, as detailed in Report 10/419 be approved.
- (ii) The revised structure for the Perthshire Area Tourism Partnership, as detailed in Report 10/419 be approved.
- (iii) The appointment of three elected members to serve on the Perthshire Area Tourism Partnership be referred to the Council meeting on 29 September 2010.

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- (iv) The appointment of an elected member to the Board of Directors of Highland Perthshire Ltd be referred to the Council meeting on 29 September 2010

496. ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAMME UPDATE – EMPLOYABILITY INITIATIVES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/453) detailing the impact of the economic recession on the local labour market and advising of a number of key initiatives implemented by the Council, in collaboration with partners, to support individuals back in to employment.

Resolved:

- (i) The significant impact of the recession on unemployment levels within Perth and Kinross, and the progress made on implementing a number of employability initiatives in collaboration with partners, including the success to date of the Future Jobs Fund programme be noted.
- (ii) Pilot initiatives to support individuals back into employment, through the proposed Retail Academy, the Enhance Employability Training Grant, and the pilot Training for Work Small Business Scheme be approved.
- (iii) The Depute Director (Environment) be instructed to report back progress through the regular updates on the Economic Recovery Programme.

497. COMRIE CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/454) introducing the final draft of the Comrie Conservation Area Appraisal.

Resolved:

The final draft Comrie Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 10/454, and the proposed boundary and associated management measures, be approved and progressed on to formal re-designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

498. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER SERVICE 2010/11

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/455) 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 2010/11.

Resolved:

- (i) The level of service for winter 2010/2011, as outlined in Report 10/455, be provided using the plant and labour of Tayside Contracts and other Council Services.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to make arrangements outwith the policy and level of service in exceptional conditions such as snow emergencies.

499. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER STREETS (CWSS) PROJECTS 2010/11

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/456) seeking approval for a list of works for 2010/11 to be funded from the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets Grant of £247,000 from the Scottish Government.

Resolved:

The proposed list of works for the Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets projects for the financial year 2010/11, as detailed in Report 10/456 be approved.

500. TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY SCHEMES 2010/11

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/457) seeking approval for the implementation of a number of traffic and road safety schemes for 2010/11 funded from the Council's Capital budget for Road Safety Initiatives and the Traffic Revenue budget.

Resolved:

The proposed list of new schemes to be funded from the Capital (Road Safety Initiatives) and Revenue Traffic budgets in the financial year 2010/11, as detailed in Report 10/457, be approved.

501. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN HAMILTON PLACE, TULLYLUMB TERRACE, GOODLYBURN PLACE, CORNHILL ROAD AND WESTERN AVENUE, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/458) (1) outlining access difficulties being experienced by residents in Hamilton Place, Tullylumb Terrace, Goodlyburn Place, Cornhill Road and Western Avenue, Perth as a result of parking in the vicinity of Perth Royal Infirmary; and (2) recommending that alterations be made to the waiting restrictions to alleviate these difficulties.

Resolved:

- (i) The promotion of a variation to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order necessary to introduce or alter waiting restrictions in Perth on: (a) Hamilton Place; (b) Tullylumb Terrace; (c) Goodlyburn Place; (d) Cornhill Road; and (e) Western Avenue be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that in the event of any objections to the Traffic Regulation Order variation being received during the statutory consultation procedure, these will be reported back to the Committee with an appropriate recommendation.

502. COUPAR ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS – RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON THE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/459) (1) summarising the objections received following the advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order proposed for Coupar Angus; and (2) recommending that the Traffic Regulation Order be made with some objections set aside, some resolved by making the restrictions less onerous and that a decision on the One-way system be deferred to allow monitoring to take place.

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Resolved:

The Traffic Regulation Order for Coupar Angus be made, subject to the following:

- (a) The lengths of No Waiting at Any Time waiting restriction for Precinct Street be made less onerous by reducing them from 18 metres on the north side and 22 metres on the south side to 7 metres on both sides.
- (b) The objections to the loss of parking in the town centre be set aside.
- (c) The section relating to one-way streets be deferred to allow monitoring of the effect of traffic entering The Cross area from Athole Street and Commercial Street and the impact of service vehicles on the traffic.

503. ADDITIONS TO THE LIST OF PUBLIC ROADS

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/460) recommending additions to the List of Public Roads.

Resolved:

The additions to the List of Public Roads of the roads detailed in the schedule appended to Report 10/460 be approved.

504. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted and noted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (10/461) detailing: (1) tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 November 2009 to 31 March 2010; and (2) the tenders accepted and contracts awarded for Public, Education and Community Care Transport under similar powers for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2010.

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