

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 19 November 2008 at 12.10pm.

Present: Councillors I Miller, G Hayton, A Grant, A MacLellan and A Stewart.

In Attendance: G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); G Taylor, Head of Democratic Services and J Somerville (Chief Executive's).

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

THE CONVENER RULED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY IN TERMS OF SECTION 50(B)(4)(B) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973 BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO APPROVE SOURCES OF FUNDING AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH WAS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT, 1973

P1. CHERRYBANK GARDENS, PERTH (Art. 785/06)

There was submitted a Report (08/599) by the Executive Director (Environment) setting out the current situation with regard to Cherrybank Gardens in Perth and recommending a way forward to secure its future as a public facility.

Resolved:

- (i) The transfer of ownership of the Cherrybank Gardens from Scotland's Garden Trust to the Council, on the basis generally outlined in Report 08/599 and otherwise on terms and conditions to the satisfaction of the Executive Director (Environment) and Executive Director (Corporate Services), be approved.
- (ii) Capital funding be brought forward from the Environment Service's future years' budgets to carry out the works required to separate the gardens from the Centre, carry out essential maintenance and refurbishment of the infrastructure and provide access to accommodate all user groups, all as described in Report 08/599, be approved.

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- (iii) £144,000 of revenue funding for 2008/09 only, to be provided from the Council's Contingency Fund, be approved.
- (iv) An application be made to the Perth Common Good Fund Committee to provide the future revenue funding for the garden.

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