

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Buildings, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 11 June 2008 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors I Miller, G Hayton, K Baird, P Barrett, A Grant and E Grant; Provost J Hulbert; Councillors A Jack, J Kellas, A MacLellan, M Roberts, W Robertson, A Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson and A Wylie.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; M Cochlan, E Crighton, B Renton, C Taylor, G A Taylor, S Thornton (all Chief Executive's); G Stevenson, Executive Director (Corporate Services); I Innes, W Latto, J Symon, R Thomson (all Corporate Services); J Fyffe, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Valentine, The Environment Service.

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

355. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

356. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 16 April 2008 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Strategic Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 14 April 2008 was submitted and noted (**Appendix I**).

(iii) Property Sub-Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 14 May 2008 was submitted and noted (**Appendix II**).

(iv) Provost's Sub-Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Provost's Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 16 April 2008 was submitted and noted (**Appendix III**).

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(v) Corporate Health and Safety Consultative Committee

The Minute of the Meeting of the Corporate Health and Safety Consultative Committee of 3 March 2008 was submitted and noted (*Appendix IV*).

357. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORTS

(i) Chief Executive's Service

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (08/323) reviewing the performance of the Chief Executive's Service for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 08/323 were considered, discussed and accepted.

(ii) Corporate Services

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (08/324) reviewing the performance of Corporate Services for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 08/324 were considered, discussed and accepted.

358. CAPITAL AND REVENUE BUDGETS 2007/08 AND 2008/09

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (08/329) outlining proposed changes to the classification of some expenditure in the 2007/08 final accounts and bringing forward proposals for the use of the Revenue Budget for Regional Transport Partnerships for 2008/09.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposed change to the accounting treatment of Expenditure in the Capital and Revenue Budgets for 2007/08, as detailed in Section 2 of Report 08/329 be approved.
- (ii) The proposed use of grant, included in the 2008/09 Revenue Budget for TACTRAN projects, as detailed in Section 3 of Report 08/329 be approved.

359. GRANTING OF NON-DOMESTIC RATE RELIEF

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Corporate Services) (08/330) advising on the amount of Non-Domestic Rate relief granted to new applicants during the financial year 2007/08.

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Resolved:

The amount granted in 2007/08 in respect of new applicants for Non Domestic Rates Relief as outlined in Appendix A to Report 08/330 be noted.

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.

360. MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE PRISON OPEN ESTATE (Art 248)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (08/224) detailing proposals for the transfer of staff and management arrangements in respect of Social Work Services at Noranside Open Estate Prison from Angus Council to Perth and Kinross Council.

It was noted that the proposals had been approved by the Community Safety Committee at its meeting on 23 April 2008 and also by Angus Council's Social Work and Health Committee.

Resolved:

The proposed transfer of staff to the Council's staffing establishment be noted.

361. 0.49 HECTARE OF GROUND AT TULLOCH HILL, PERTH REVISED TERMS FOR DISPOSAL (Art 579(iv) and Art 544(ii)/07)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property (08/331) seeking approval of a further revised disposal price for ground at Tulloch Hill, Perth which was to be sold to Servite Housing Association Ltd.

Resolved:

Approval be granted for the ground extending to 0.49 hectare at Tulloch Hill, Perth to be sold to Servite Housing Association Ltd for a nominal sum, subject to the verification of the latest contamination survey, and otherwise on the terms and conditions previously approved.

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