

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
3 June 2009

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Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 3 June 2009 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, L Caddell, I Campbell, A Cowan, R Ellis, C Gillies, J Law, K Lyall, M Lyle, H McDonald, D Scott, L Simpson and A Younger.

In Attendance: B Clough, G Dailly, P Marshall, P McLennan, K McNamara, A Olejnik, J Pritchard, B Reekie and D Stubbs (all The Environment Service); P Frazer and A Wilson (Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: J Irons and J Valentine (both the Environment Service)

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding.

John Summers, Chief Executive, Keep Scotland Beautiful, presented an award to Perth and Kinross Council for being the top performing Council in Scotland in the National Spring Clean 2009. The award was accepted on behalf of the Council by the Convener.

280. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor B Ellis declared a non-financial interest in Item 7, Service Level Agreement with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust.

281. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Environment Committee of 25 March 2009 (Arts. 157-161) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

282. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008-09

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/262) reviewing Service Performance against the Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.

Resolved:

- (i) After consideration, the contents of the Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2008/2009, pertaining to the Environment Committee's area of responsibility, as detailed in Report 09/262, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that The Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2008/2009 had been considered and accepted by the Community Safety Committee on 27 May 2009 and would be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee later today.
- (iii) It be noted that The Environment Service Annual Performance Report 2008/2009 would also be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2009 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

283. RECYCLING FACILITIES FOR MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY PROPERTIES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/273) recommending the adoption of a new approach to the provision of recycling services to multiple occupancy properties, by introducing dry-mix recycle collection facilities, on a case by case assessment basis.

Resolved:

The proposed introduction of communal recycling facilities to multiple occupancy properties, as detailed in the Report 09/273 be approved.

284. DRAFT CORE PATHS PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/274); (1) providing details of the responses received to the formal public consultation on the Draft Core Paths Plan; (2) presenting a modified plan for approval; and (3) outlining the further procedure involved in preparations for the public enquiry required prior to adoption of a Core Paths Plan for Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The high level of response to the public consultation, the response summary in the appendix to Report 09/274 and the role of the local Outdoor Access Forum be noted.
- (ii) The modifications made to the Draft Core Paths Plan in response to objections received, and reasons why further modifications to the plan were not recommended in response to the objections received, be noted.
- (iii) The modified Draft Core Paths Plan and list of outstanding objections for submission to the Minister and subsequent local public enquiry be approved.
- (iv) That the Executive Director (Environment) could, in consultation with the Convener, make minor amendments required to the Draft Core Paths Plan prior to submission to Scottish Ministers, be agreed.

285. PERTH AND KINROSS OUTDOOR ACCESS FORUM

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/275); (1) summarising the activities and progress to date of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum; (2) recommending the acceptance of the Revised Draft Terms of Reference; (3) recommending the appointment of a member of Perth and Kinross Access Panel to the Agencies and Other Bodies seat on the Forum recently vacated by VisitScotland; and (4) recommending the appointment of one newly elected member and reappointment of the members to be retained.

Councillor Ellis commended the work undertaken by Officers of the Outdoor Access Forum and Committee Services in support of the Forum.

Resolved:

- (i) The activities and progress of the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum from September 2008 to date, be noted.
- (ii) The revised Draft Terms of Reference for the Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum be approved.

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- (iii) The appointment of a member, Ms Clare Thomas, representing the Perth Access Panel to the seat vacated by VisitScotland within the Agency and Other Bodies Group be approved.
- (iv) The appointment of one new member, Dr Anne Stevenson, and reappointment of existing three members, Sandy Simpson, Alastair Riddell and Mary Conacher, to the Forum for a period of three years be confirmed.
- (v) The following members to be confirmed in their appointment for at least a further year as: Nick Cole, Andrew Thomson, Peter Pearson, Ron Payne, Graham Lumsden, Hugh Anderson, Andrew Gifford and Edward Stewart.
- (vi) The filling of any casual vacancy arising in this period within the recreation group by the reserve candidate named in Appendix 2 be delegated to the Executive Director (Environment).

286. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT WITH PERTH AND KINROSS COUNTRYSIDE TRUST

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/276) recommending approval of the Service Level Agreement as the basis for the provision of defined services to be provided by Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust in relation to provision and promotion of high quality opportunities for access and recreation throughout Perth and Kinross, and the Council in relation to the provision of professional, administrative and human resource support.

Councillor Ellis commended the fine work of Officers of the Trust and all the Council Services.

COUNCILLOR K LYALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Resolved:

A Service Level Agreement with Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust on the basis of the services defined in the Agreement to the value of £109,000 per annum for the period 2009 to 2011 be agreed.

287. DRAFT TAY AND FORTH RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS CONSULTATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (09/277); (1) outlining the content of the draft Area Management Plans; (2) highlighting issues of concern to the Council; and (3) commenting on, and providing a suggested basis for, the Council's response to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency's consultation on the draft River Basin Management Plan for Scotland and the draft Tay and Forth Area Management Plans.

COUNCILLOR K LYALL RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Resolved:

The responses outlined in this report be submitted to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency in reply to its consultation on the draft River Basin Management Plan for Scotland and the draft Tay and Forth Area Management Plans be agreed.

288. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted and noted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (09/278) detailing tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated powers during the period 1 December 2008 to 31 March 2009.

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