

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 3 September 2008 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors J Kellas, L Caddell, R Ellis, J Flynn, A Jack, J Law, W Lumsden, M Lyle, M Roberts, D Scott (substituting for Councillor A Gaunt), B Vaughan (substituting for Councillor H McDonald), W Wilson and A Wylie.

In Attendance: J Irons, Executive Director (Environment); J Valentine, K Macdonald, A Graham, P Kyle, J McCrone, P Marshall, S Oliver, J Robinson and A Seggie (all The Environment Service); T Cornet and G Fogg (both Corporate Services); G Taylor and L Brown (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A Gaunt and H McDonald.

Councillor J Kellas, Convener, Presiding.

464. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor J Law declared a non-financial interest in Art. 467 and a financial interest in Art. 469.

465. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee of 4 June 2008 (Arts. 341-354) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

466. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 ON THE WAY THE COUNCIL DISCHARGES ITS DUTIES

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/433) (1) advising of the impact of changes implemented through Part 2 of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005; and (2) setting out the effect of the Act on the way in which the Council discharges a number of its duties as a Road Works Authority.

Resolved:

- (i) The effect of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 Part 2, on the way the Council discharges its duties as a Roads Authority and the new statutory duties placed upon it, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that from 1 October 2008, new duties will initially be undertaken using existing staff until such time as an assessment can be undertaken on the resources required.
- *(iii) The delegation of responsibilities under the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005, to the Executive Director (Environment) be approved and it be recommended to Council that the Scheme of Administration be amended accordingly.

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IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 6, COUNCILLOR J LAW DECLARED A NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

467. REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND SUB-STRATEGIES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/428) (1) advising of the current position with regard to the Regional Transport Strategy; and (2) seeking agreement to submit comments on draft sub-strategies to the TACTRAN Board.

Resolved:

- (i) Ministerial approval of the TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy, as detailed in Report 08/428, be noted.
- (ii) The Depute Director (Environment) be instructed to submit comments to the TACTRAN Partnership for each of the four sub-strategies, as detailed in the appendices to Report 08/428.
- (iii) The progress to date on the development of the overall TACTRAN Regional Transport Strategy Delivery Plan, be noted.

468. STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AUTHORITY (Art. 345)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/438) together with reports 01-2008, 02-2008, 03-2008 and 04-2008 as approved by the Interim Joint Committee of the Strategic Development Plan Authority on 19 August 2008, including confirmation of the proposed boundary, the name of the authority and various measures to set up the authority, and seeking ratification of these decisions.

Resolved:

- * (i) The proposed boundary, as set out in the Strategic Development Plan Authority Report 01-2008, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed project plan, organisational structure and initial staffing arrangements, as set out in the Strategic Development Plan Authority Report 02-2008, be approved.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Executive Director (Environment), to agree the finalised Minute of Agreement for the formation of the Joint Committee in line with the draft set out in the Strategic Development Plan Authority Report 03-2008.
- (iv) The abandonment of the Interim Committee, as set out in the Strategic Development Plan Authority Report 03-2008, be approved.
- * (v) It be agreed that the name of the Authority shall be Dundee, Perth, Angus and North East Fife Strategic Development Plan Authority and that the Strategic Development Plan shall be known as the TAYplan, as set out in the Strategic Development Plan Authority Report 04-2008.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 6, HAVING DECLARED A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM, COUNCILLOR J LAW WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING AND LEFT THE CHAMBERS.

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469. REVIEW OF ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS SUPPORT SCHEMES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/431) (1) outlining the Scottish Government's new Economic Strategy; (2) proposing a review of the current Perth and Kinross Economic Strategy and Action Plan; and (3) outlining a new small business and social enterprise business support package.

Resolved:

- (i) The Scottish Government's new Economic Strategy, which sets out challenging targets to create sustainable economic growth as the core purpose of the Scottish Government be welcomed.
- (ii) It be noted that the Council's existing Economic Development Strategy reflects many of the strategic priorities identified within the Scottish Government's strategy.
- (iii) The Council and the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Economic Partnership's existing Economic Strategy be reviewed and the Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a revised draft Strategy and Action Plan to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee for consultation early in 2009.
- (iv) The new Business Support and Social Enterprise Schemes, as detailed in paragraphs 22 and 26, and Appendices 1 and 2 of Report 08/431, be approved.
- (v) The monitoring of the implementation of the grants and loan funding through the Environment Service Business Management and Improvement Plan, be noted.
- (vi) The Executive Director (Environment), or his nominee, be appointed as the Council representative on the Perthshire Investment Fund company.

COUNCILLOR J LAW RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

470. POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WINTER SERVICE 2008/09

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/434) 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 2008/09.

Resolved:

- (i) The level of service for winter 2008/2009, as detailed in Report 08/434, be provided using the plant and labour of Tayside Contracts and other Council Services.
- (ii) The recommended adjustments to the policy and level of service arising from proposals brought forward at the annual winter service review carried out in June 2008, be made.
- (iii) The adjustments to the policy and level of service introduced over the Festive Period in 2007 be continued for the Festive Period, 25 December 2008 to January 2009.

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- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to make arrangements outwith the policy and level of service in exceptional conditions such as snow emergencies.

***471. 20MPH SPEED LIMIT POLICY FRAMEWORK**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (08/435) recommending the introduction of a 20mph Speed Limit Policy Framework for the Council.

Resolved:

A policy framework for the selection, prioritisation and approval of 20mph speed limits and zones, as detailed in Report 08/435, be approved.

472. ADDITIONAL METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR PARKING CHARGES IN OFF-STREET CAR PARKS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/436) (1) outlining the current situation with regard to the payment of parking charges in Council controlled off-street parking areas; and (2) recommending that an additional payment system involving the use of credit/debit card transactions authorised by mobile phone be introduced to give motorists more flexibility in how they pay for parking.

Resolved:

- (i) The introduction of the *RingGo* system for the payment of parking charges in all charging Council controlled car parks, be approved.
- (ii) Subject to a successful settling in period of six months, the *RingGo* system be introduced in the on-street parking areas in Perth.
- (iii) The normal tendering requirements in the setting up of the *RingGo* system be set aside as procurement of the system provides best value for the Council.

473. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK INTO PERTHSHIRE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/445) responding to the consultation by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) on the boundary of the proposed extension of the Cairngorms National Park into Perthshire and on implications for National Park Board representation.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposal by Scottish Ministers to extend Cairngorms National Park into Perthshire, be welcomed and the boundary, as proposed by SNH, be supported.
- (ii) Option B, as detailed in Report 08/445, in respect of the boundary at Blair Atholl, be supported.
- (iii) Option C, as detailed in Report 08/445, in respect of the boundary in the vicinity of Killiecrankie, be supported.

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- (iv) Area or population as the basis for the division of nomination rights by local authorities to the National Park Board be supported, with Perth and Kinross having one seat on the Board.

474. REGENERATION WITHIN THE HISTORIC BUILT ENVIRONMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/437) (1) advising of sources of external funding from Historic Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and other agencies that could be linked with conservation, regeneration and cultural strategies to maximise impact on the local economy; (2) recommending that further funding is provided towards Coupar Angus; and (3) recommending that the next priorities for investment in the historic built environment should be Blair Atholl, Kinross and Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to prepare and submit a Conservation Area Regeneration bid to Historic Scotland in respect of the Blair Atholl Conservation Area.
- (ii) The following funding from the five year capital budget for conservation projects be approved:
 - (a) £80,000 for Blair Atholl as part of a Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme.
 - (b) £70,000 for Coupar Angus Townscape Heritage Initiative.
 - (c) £70,000 for Kinross Conservation Area for improvements to shopfronts and town centre property in advance of further public realm improvements on completion of the relief road.
 - (d) £80,000 for the reinstatement of boundary ironwork in Perth City Centre Conservation Area.

475. PERTH CENTRAL CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND DESIGNATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/429) recommending (1) the final draft Perth Central Conservation Area Appraisal be approved; and (2) the Scottish Ministers be notified of the intention to redesignate the amended Conservation Area.

Resolved:

- (i) The final draft Perth Central Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 08/429, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed Perth Central Conservation Area boundary and associated management measures be approved and progressed on to formal re-designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

476. GRANDTULLY AND STRATHTAY CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND DESIGNATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/446) recommending (1) the final draft Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation

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Area Appraisal be approved; and (2) the Scottish Ministers be notified of the intention to designate the Conservation Area.

Resolved:

- (i) The final draft Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation Area Appraisal, as appended to Report 08/446, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed Grandtully and Strathtay Conservation Area boundary and associated management measures be approved and progressed on to formal designation by notifying Scottish Ministers.

477. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/447) (1) outlining the background to, and a proposed policy for, the use of developer contributions to help deal with the infrastructure pressures of new development; and (2) recommending the development of detailed supplementary planning guidance on developer contributions for specific types of infrastructure.

Resolved:

- (i) The principle of utilising developer contributions to assist in meeting the infrastructure requirements of new development, be approved.
- (ii) The draft Developer Contributions Policy and the principles for the development of Supplementary Planning Guidance as a basis for consultation, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a report to the first meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in 2009 on the results of the consultation.
- (iv) The appointment of a Developer Negotiations Officer, to be funded from the contributions collected, be approved.

478. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE ON DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS PRIMARY EDUCATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/448) setting out draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for consultation on the use of developer contributions to provide additional capacity within the primary school sector.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft Education Contribution Supplementary Planning Guidance, be approved as a basis for consultation, subject to an amendment to bullet point 2 of paragraph 5 of Report 08/448 to say "and any future Council housing".
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit the results of the consultation report back to the first meeting of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in 2009 on issues regarding land acquisition costs.
- (iii) The interim measures for the implementation of the Education Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Guidance, as detailed in Report 08/448, be approved.

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- (iv) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a further report to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in due course with regard to the use of developer contributions to provide additional capacity within secondary schools following receipt of guidance from the Scottish Government.

479. PERTH AND KINROSS EVENTS AND TOURISM REVIEW 2007-2010

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/432) (1) detailing marketing activity in relation to events and tourism in Perth and Kinross; (2) outlining future priorities; and (3) seeking approval, in principle, for the International Youth Tattoo to be held in Perth and Kinross in September 2009.

Resolved:

- (i) The review of events and tourism activities in the context of the 2007-2010 Marketing Strategy and the future priorities for action identified in Report 08/432, be approved.
- (ii) The grant funding of £40,000 from EventScotland for the proposed International Youth Tattoo, as part of the 2009 Year of Homecoming celebrations, be welcomed, and holding of the event in Perth and Kinross be approved, in principle.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be instructed to submit a more detailed report on the development of the event to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee in early 2009.

COUNCILLOR A JACK LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

480. ETAPE CALEDONIA CYCLE EVENT (Art. 39)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (08/430) (1) providing an update on the 2008 Etape Caledonia; and (2) recommending approval for the event to proceed for the next five years.

Resolved:

- (i) The extremely positive headline results from the Economic Impact Assessment of the 2008 Etape Caledonia cycle event and the significant economic impact be noted.
- (ii) The staging of the Etape Caledonia in Highland Perthshire for the next five years, subject to the conditions outlined in Report 08/430, be approved.
- (iii) Funding of £7,000 be awarded to the organiser for the 2009 Etape Caledonia, as the final amount in the three year agreement.
- (iv) Funding of up to £15,000 towards a range of promotional activities, to be led and delivered by local organisations, with support from Perth and Kinross Council, aimed at maximising opportunities to attract visitors to Highland Perthshire and Perth and Kinross as a whole, be approved.

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