

EXECUTIVE SUB-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 11 July 2012 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors I Miller, P Barratt, A Grant, A MacLellan and M Roberts.

In Attendance: Councillor B Band; B Malone, Chief Executive; J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); K Donaldson and G Taylor (both Chief Executive's Service); J Jarvie, J Somerville and J Symon (Items 1-3) (all Chief Executive's Service); and T Yule (Items 1-3) (Education and Children's Services).

The Sub-Committee unanimously agreed that Councillor Miller be appointed to the Chair

Councillor I Miller took the Chair.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. SCOTLAND'S SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE – PHASE 3 (Art 240)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (12/299) advising the Sub-Committee of the availability of funding from the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) for Scotland's School for the Future – Phase 3 programme. The report set out a draft funding bid with priorities identified for consideration. The bid reflected the key priorities for the Council which included significant demographic growth and life expired buildings.

Resolved:

- (i) The submission of a bid to the Scottish Government for funding from the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) for Scotland's Schools for the Future Programme, as set out in Appendix B to Report 12/299, be agreed.
- (ii) That the outcome of the bid process will be notified to the Council by September 2012 be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to seek approval of the Council prior to acceptance of the offer in the event of a funding offer being made.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE PROCUREMENT THROUGH HUBCO (Art 654/11)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/299) advising that the Council was embarking on an ambitious Capital Programme to build and upgrade infrastructure in relation to schools, housing and community facilities. The report also noted that in order to achieve this programme, it

was necessary to examine all available delivery models and that following the decision by Committee last year to enter the East Central 'hubco' Territory Partnership, agreement was being sought to use this mechanism to ensure the capital programme timescales could be achieved through a flexible and cost effective resourcing model for contract procurement.

Resolved:

- (i) The use of 'hubco' as one of the development delivery models for future infrastructure projects be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to implement the most appropriate delivery mechanisms, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, for the delivery of the Capital Programme.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Environment) be requested to provide further update reports to Committee, as necessary.

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

P1. THE ENVIRONMENT SERVICE – INTERIM MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (12/301) seeking approval for an interim management appointment to support the Head of Technical Services within the Environment Service.

Resolved:

- (i) That an interim management appointment to support the Head of Technical Services be approved in accordance with Paragraph 2.6 of Report 21/301.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be authorised to vary the contract in the interests of organisational efficiency.

P2. TOWARDS A MODERN COUNCIL (Art 599/09)

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (12/302) detailing proposals for managing a wide range of corporate activity across the Council.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals detailed in section 4 of Report 12/302 be approved with immediate effect.
- (ii) The Chief Executive be instructed (a) to update the job profiles for chief officers as appropriate to reflect the adjustments contained within Report 12/302; and (b) to bring forward a further report on achieving further efficiency savings in the chief officer structure of the Council
- (iii) It be noted that the Scheme of Administration will require to be amended to reflect the new organisational and management arrangements.

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