

COUNCIL MEETING

Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 27 February 2013 at 2.00pm.

Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, R Band, P Barrett, R Brock , I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, D Cuthbert, D Doogan, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, J Giacomazzi, C Gillies, A Grant, T Gray, K Howie, A Jack, J Kellas, G Laing, A Livingstone, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, D Melloy, I Miller, A Munro, D Pover, M Roberts, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, G Walker, M Williamson, W Wilson, and A Younger

Also Attending: B Malone (Chief Executive); G Taylor, J Symon, G Fogg, C Flynn, M Kay and C Irons (all Chief Executive's Service); D Burke, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Fyffe, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Irons, A Irvine, M Cochlan and F Easton (up to Item 9) (all Education and Children's Services); J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); B Renton (Depute Director, Environment).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor M Barnacle

Also in Attendance: D Stapley (Tayside Fire and Rescue).

Provost E Grant, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business:

(i) Tribute to former Councillor Jack Kelly

Provost Grant paid tribute to former Councillor Jack Kelly who had served as a Councillor with both Perth and Kinross District Council and Perth and Kinross Council and who had died last week.

(ii) Balloon Tragedy in Luxor

Provost Grant referred to the hot-air balloon tragedy earlier this week in Luxor where Perth woman, Yvonne Rennie had died and her husband, Michael Rennie, had been injured and on behalf of the Council passed on condolences to their family.

(iii) Order of Business

In terms of Standing Order 19, the Council unanimously agreed to vary the order of business giving consideration to the Corporate Plan (Item 7) prior to the Community Plan (Item 6).

130. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

131. MINUTES

(a) Special Meeting of 12 December 2012

The minute of the special meeting of the Council of 12 December 2012 (Arts. 651-652/12) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(b) Meeting of 19 December 2012

The minute of meeting of the Council of 19 December 2012 (Arts. 670-691/12) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(b) Special Meeting of 23 January 2013

The minute of the special meeting of the Council of 23 January 2013 (Arts. 30-33) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

132. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Minutes of Committees from 18 November 2012 to 13 February 2013

The decisions recorded in Arts. 647-654/12, 657-673/12, 1-29 and 34-91, copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and noted/approved as necessary.

133. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT – 2012/13 QUARTER 3

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (13/101) providing a summary of Loans Funds transactions for the quarter ending 31 December 2012 and reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement, Treasury Management Practices and the Investment Strategy for the same period.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 13/101, which was submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that the Prudential Indicators had not been updated in Report 13/101 as the revised indicators are submitted for approval within Report 13/102 considered at Article. 134 below.

134. TREASURY AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2013/14 – 2019/20

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (13/102) detailing the Council's proposed Treasury Strategy and activities and the Prudential Indicators for the seven financial years 2013/14 to 2019/20, and the annual Investment and Property Strategy for 2013/14.

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Resolved:

- (i) The seven year Treasury Strategy for 2013/14 to 2019/20, as detailed in Report 13/102, which was submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices be approved.
- (ii) The Permitted Investments and Investment Strategy for 2013/14, outlined at Sections 6 and 7 and detailed at Appendix III and IV to Report 13/102 be approved.
- (iii) The Prudential Indicators for 2013/14 to 2019/20 outlined at Section 10 and detailed at Appendix V to Report 13/102, including changing the Authorised Limit for Gross External Debt to £393M, be approved.

135. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2013-2018

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (13/104) presenting the Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan 2013-18.

Resolved:

The Corporate Plan 2013-18 as contained at Appendix 1 of Report 13/104, be approved.

136. DRAFT PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLAN 2013-2023

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (13/103) presenting the draft Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2013-23 and seeking approval to commence public consultation as part of a Strategic Environmental Assessment process.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft Perth and Kinross Community Plan 2013-23 as detailed in Report 13/103 be approved.
- (ii) The proposed public consultation process as set out in Section 4 of Report 13/103 be approved.
- (iii) It be noted that a further report will be submitted to Council detailing the outcome of the consultation process.
- (iv) It be noted that the Single Outcome Agreement will be reported to Council in June 2013.
- (v) It be noted that a report would be submitted to the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee on the economic and physical regeneration of Perth City Centre.

137. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (13/105) (1) setting out the continued strategy for securing the future, supporting the delivery of savings through revised service delivery models and ongoing prevention, early intervention and improvement activities in the Council; (2) providing details of new Service Reviews for approval; (3) highlighting key benefits and; (4) setting out progress of the agreed Programme of Transformation to December 2012.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposed service review programme as detailed at Appendix 1 to Report 13/105 be approved and the Modernising Governance Member/Officer Working Group consider the scope of each review.
- (ii) The progress of the programme of transformation to date as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 13/105 be noted.
- (iii) The progress of the projects approved under the Investment in Improvement Fund Three and the Change Fund as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 13/105 be noted.
- (iv) The Chief Executive report to Council on progress as appropriate.

138. CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2011/2012

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (13/106) presenting an overview of the key findings from the Child Protection Committee inter-agency self evaluation activities; identifying key strengths; areas for further development and/or improvement; providing a high level summary of the capacity for improvement; and describing the very ambitious continuous improvement programme for 2012 and beyond.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 13/106 and the Child Protection Committee Standards and Quality Report 2011/12 as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 13/106 be endorsed.
- (ii) The Child Protection Committee Standards and Quality Report 2011/12 be referred to the Scrutiny Committee on 17 April 2013 for scrutiny and comment.

139. CONSULTATION ON THE SCOTTISH POLICE AUTHORITY DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/107) outlining a suggested response to the consultation on the draft Scottish Police Authority Strategic Plan.

Resolved:

The response to the Scottish Police Authority's Strategic Plan consultation as outlined in Report 13/107, be approved, subject to the inclusion of additional comments from the Liberal Democrat Group on local partnership working.

140. CONSULTATION ON THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S REVISED FIRE AND RESCUE FRAMEWORK FOR SCOTLAND 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/108) outlining a suggested response to the consultation on the Scottish Government's Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2013.

Resolved:

The response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the Fire and Rescue Framework for Scotland 2013 as outlined in Appendix II to Report 13/108 be approved.

141. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Health and Social Care Integration Transition Board – Pathfinder (Shadow) Board

At its meeting on 20 November 2012, the Health and Social Care Integration Transition Board agreed to establish a Pathfinder (Shadow) Board from April 2013, consisting of 3 members of the Council and 3 non-executive members of the Board of NHS Tayside, together with the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) from the Council; the Deputy Chief Executive of NHS Tayside, the lead General Practitioner from the Community Health Partnership and the Chief Executive of Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service (PKAVS). The initial remit of the Board will be on Older People's Health and Social Care Services.

The Council was asked to appoint three members to the Pathfinder Board.

Motion (Councillors I Miller and A Grant) – Councillors D Doogan, K Howie and one other be appointed to the Health and Social Care Integration Transition Board – Pathfinder (Shadow) Board.

Amendment (Councillors M Roberts and A Stewart) – Councillors D Doogan, K Howie and I Campbell be appointed to the Health and Social Care Integration Transition Board – Pathfinder (Shadow) Board.

The Mover and Seconder of the Motion withdrew their Motion, whereupon the Amendment became the substantive Motion.

Amendment (Councillors W Wilson and W Robertson) – Representation on the Health and Social Care Integration Transition Board – Pathfinder (Shadow) Board be made up from 1 member of both the SNP Group and the Conservative Group and Councillor P Barrett.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

11 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors P Barrett, R Brock, D Cuthbert, J Flynn, A Gaunt, C Gillies, A MacLellan, A Munro, W Robertson, L Simpson and W Wilson.

28 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, B Band, I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, D Doogan, B Ellis, J Giacomazzi, A Grant, T Gray, K Howie, J Kellas, G Laing, A Livingstone, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, D Melloy, I Miller, D Pover, M Roberts, C Shiers, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, G Walker, M Williamson and A Younger.

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1 member abstained as follows:

Councillor A Jack.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

142. VALEDICTORY - RETIRAL OF MAUREEN KAY, SENIOR COMMITTEE OFFICER

Provost Grant referred to the retiral of Maureen Kay, Senior Committee Officer after 28 years of local government service and paid tribute to the dedicated service Maureen had given to local government, particularly her commitment to delivery of excellence and assistance to members and officers, and wished her well for a long and happy retirement.

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