

PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Committee Room, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 9 January 2013 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors A Grant, I Miller, D Cuthbert, M Roberts and W Wilson.

In Attendance: Councillor W Robertson; B Renton, Depute Director (Environment), G Ferguson, K Leer, J McCrone and R Thomson (all The Environment Service); I Innes, J Somerville, G Taylor and L Whiteford (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor A Grant, Convener, Presiding

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Prior to discussion of the following item, Councillor Wilson sought and received clarification on the reasons why Item P2 – Report 13/3 was not being considered in public.

2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 14 November 2012 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

3. DISPOSAL OF LAND AND BUILDINGS POLICY

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Environment) and the Head of Legal Services (13/1): (1) recommending the adoption of a Council policy for the disposal of Council land and buildings to provide a sound governance framework and guidance to individuals, businesses and communities interested in acquiring property; and (2) recommending that the current disposals process be revised.

Resolved:

- (i) The Disposal of Land and Buildings Policy for the disposal of all Council land and buildings, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 13/1, be adopted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Environment) be remitted to revise the current disposals process to take into account the Disposal of Land and Buildings Policy and organisational changes.

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

P1. VACANT AND SURPLUS PROPERTY UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/2) providing an update of the list of Perth and Kinross Council's vacant and surplus properties.

In response to a question regarding a separate listing for land, which was not included in Report 13/2, it was subsequently agreed that if information was required about any specific piece of land, elected members should contact the appropriate officer directly.

Resolved:

- (i) Report 13/2 be noted.
- (ii) Further update reports, which would include a column highlighting the length of time the property had been vacant, be submitted to the Sub-Committee at six-monthly intervals.

P2. KINROSS COUNTY BUILDINGS, 21/25 HIGH STREET, KINROSS – UPDATE AND PROPOSED DISPOSAL (Art 575/12)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/3) updating the Sub-Committee on the disposal of the County Buildings, 21/25 High Street, Kinross and advising that: (1) the Sub-Committee had previously approved the deferral of the disposal of the Kinross County Buildings to afford appropriate community bodies time to develop proposals for a possible transfer of the building to a suitably constituted community based organisation; (2) the Kinross Community Council had been co-ordinating interest and investigating options for developing the building but had now confirmed that they had formally withdrawn their interest in acquiring the Kinross County Buildings; and (3) proposing that the Kinross County Buildings be advertised for sale on the open market.

In terms of Standing Order 53, Councillor Robertson, as a local member, addressed the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee unanimously agreed that Report 13/3 be amended to read:- (3) proposing that the Kinross County Buildings be advertised on the open market for sale or for lease on a full repairing and insuring basis.

Resolved:

The Head of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to advertise the Kinross County Buildings on the open market for sale or full repairing and insuring lease and to report back to the Sub-Committee on offers received.

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