

## **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 6 March 2013 at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); B Renton, Depute Director (Environment); D Littlejohn, K Leer and R Thomson (all the Environment Service); 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.

### **2. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee held on 9 January 2013 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **3. MILL STREET, KINROSS – PROPOSED CAR PARK (Art. 60)**

The Sub-Committee was advised that at its meeting on 30 January 2013, the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee had considered Report 13/44 by the Executive Director (Environment) on Mill Street, Kinross – Proposed Car Park, asking the Committee to agree to support in principle the creation of a public car park at the site of the former Social Work office building in Mill Street, Kinross and to refer the proposed demolition of the office building and creation of the public car park to this Sub-Committee for approval.

Following local representations supporting the retention of the building, the Committee had agreed not to support in principle the creation of a public car park on the site of the former Social Work office building in Mill Street, Kinross and to refer the matter to this Sub-Committee to consider an alternative use for the building. It had been anticipated that a report would be submitted to this meeting of the Sub-Committee for consideration.

The Head of Legal Services had, however, advised that there are title issues relating to part of the site which require further investigation. Accordingly, a report on options for the future of the subjects would be brought to this Sub-Committee once the title position has been clarified.

#### **Resolved:**

The position in relation to Mill Street, Kinross be noted.

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

**P1. FORMER CRIEFF LIBRARY, LODGE STREET, CRIEFF – PROPOSED MARKETING**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Environment) (13/109) seeking approval to market the former library in Lodge Street, Crieff for lease, subject to an appropriate split of services to ensure the continued uninterrupted operation of the community learning centre by Perth College.

**Resolved:**

- i) The former Crieff library be marketed for lease, subject to the successful applicant being required to separate services to ensure the continued uninterrupted operation of the learning centre operated by Perth College.
- ii) The Head of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to consider offers and in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, accept the offer considered most beneficial to the Council.
- iii) Should Perth College choose to relocate from the learning centre before the expiry of their lease, the Head of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to agree terms for the lease of the learning centre to the tenant of the library, failing which both the learning centre and former library be marketed for sale.
- iv) If marketing for lease does not secure a suitable tenant for the former library, the Head of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to market the learning centre and former library for sale subject to Perth College's occupation being protected.

**. VALEDICTORY - RUSSELL THOMSON, HEAD OF TECHNICAL SERVICES**

The Convener referred to the forthcoming retirement of Russell Thomson, Head of Technical Services, after 27 years as an officer with the Council. He paid tribute to his dedicated service and, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, thanked him for his contribution to the work of the Council and in particular to the business of the Sub-Committee and wished him well in his retirement.

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