

## **STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Minute of Meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 12 February 2014 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors I Miller, A Grant, B Band, P Barrett, I Campbell, D Cuthbert, D Doogan, Provost L Grant, J Kellas, A MacLellan, D Pover, M Roberts, A Stewart, B Vaughan, W Wilson and A Younger.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; D Burke, Depute Chief Executive; J Fyffe, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment Service); J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); T Illsley, F Robertson and D Stokoe (all Education and Children's Services; N Brian, (up to Art. 71) D Littlejohn, S Mackenzie and E Rogers-Nicoll (all Environment Service); D McPhee (up to Art. 71) and N Robson (both Housing and Community Care); K Donaldson, I Innes, C Irons, J Symon and G Taylor (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also In Attendance: Inspector J Robertson, Police Scotland

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

### **65. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and no apologies were noted.

### **66. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **67. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

#### **(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 27 November 2013 (Arts. 674-684) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

#### **(ii) Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources of 13 November 2013 was submitted and noted.  
*(Appendix I)*

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**(iii) Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 4 September 2013 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

**(iv) Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of meetings of the Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 19 September 2013, 21 November 2013, 10 December 2013 and 6 January 2014 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

**(v) Provost's Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Provost's Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources of 28 October 2013 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix IV)**

**(vi) Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee of 2 September 2013 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix V)**

**68. REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3 (Art. 677/13)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (14/47) providing an update (1) on progress with the 2013/14 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the November 2013 ledger, updated for any subsequent known material movements; and (2) on the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 14/47 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2013/14 Management Revenue Budget, detailed in Appendix 1 to and Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Report 14/47, be approved.
- (iii) The Service virements, summarised in Appendices 2 and 3 to Report 14/47, be approved.

**69. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2013/20 AND HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2013/18 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3 (Art.678/13)**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (14/48) (1) providing a summary position to date for the Composite Capital Programme for 2013/14 to 2019/20 and the Housing Investment Programme 2013/14 to 2017/18; and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the Programmes.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 14/48 be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the seven year Composite Capital Budget 2013/14 to 2019/20, set out in Sections 2 and 3 of and summarised in Appendices I and II to Report 14/48, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the five year Housing Investment Programme Budget 2013/14 to 2017//18, set out in Section 5 of and summarised in Appendix III to Report 14/48, be approved.

**70. GYPSY/TRAVELLER STRATEGY FOR PERTH AND KINROSS 2013-2018**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/50) (1) seeking approval for a Perth and Kinross Gypsy/Traveller Strategy; (2) summarising the rationale behind the development of the Strategy, the wide consultation undertaken, and the resultant issues; and (3) noting that the Strategy had been developed with the Gypsy/Traveller community and community planning partners and would also be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership for approval.

**Resolved**

- (i) The content of the Perth and Kinross Gypsy/Traveller Strategy be approved.
- (ii) That the Strategy would be submitted to the next Community Planning Partnership for approval be noted.
- (iii) The monitoring and reporting arrangements through the Community Planning Partnership be noted.

**71. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) BILL CONSULTATION**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/51) (1) outlining the recent Scottish Government consultation on the forthcoming Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill; and (2) presenting the draft response from the Council for consideration and approval.

**Resolved**

The draft response to the Scottish Government Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill, attached at Appendix 1 to Report 14/51, be approved.

**72. PERTH HARBOUR**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Environment) (14/52) (1) seeking approval to market the Council's operational and land interests at Perth Harbour in order to gauge private sector interest in acquiring these and helping inform the Council in reaching a decision as to how best maximise the Harbour's contribution to the economic development of Perth and Kinross; and (2) providing an overview of Harbour operations and identifying current challenges and future opportunities.

**Resolved**

- (i) The Council's interests in Perth Harbour be marketed, with a view to inviting expressions of interests to acquire all of the Council's operation and property interests. Bidders to be made aware that the transfer of the Council's statutory

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obligations would be subject to ministerial approval. Expressions of interest would require to incorporate an outline business case to demonstrate how investment would be made to maximise the use of the Harbour as an economic asset and meet statutory operational requirements.

- (ii) The matter also be referred to the Perth Common Good Fund Committee.
- (iii) Following a period of marketing of not less than 3 months, a report be prepared for consideration by the Council.

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