

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
17 DECEMBER 2014

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Minute of meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 11.00am.

Present: Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, R Band, M Barnacle, P Barrett, R Brock, I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, D Cuthbert, D Doogan, B Ellis, J Flynn, A Gaunt, J Giacomazzi, A Grant, T Gray, A Jack (left during consideration of Art. 834), J Kellas, G Laing, A Livingstone, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, D Melloy, I Miller, A Munro, D Pover, M Roberts, W Robertson (left during consideration of Art. 835), C Shiers, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, G Walker, M Williamson, W Wilson, and A Younger.

Also in Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive, J Fyffe, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); J Symon, I Innes, G Taylor, S Hendry, S Rodger, S Flannigan, H Rheinallt, C Flynn and K Donaldson (all Chief Executive's Service); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); J Gilruth, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); J Williams and K McNamara (both The Environment Service).

Also attending: N O'Connor, Audit Scotland

Apologies for Absence: Councillors C Gillies, K Howie and L Simpson

Provost E Grant, Presiding.

825. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Provost Grant welcomed all those present to the meeting, and apologies were submitted and noted as above.

826. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

827. MINUTE

The minute of the meeting of Perth and Kinross Council of 8 October 2014 (Arts. 674-689) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

828. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion by Councillors M Roberts and A Cowan

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Since the Scottish Government through Transport Scotland is responsible for the maintenance and development of both the A9 and A85, this Council should make the strongest possible representations to the Scottish Government that they should meet the cost of the A9/A85 junction to enable the Council to undertake other crucial infrastructure programmes, such as the Cross Tay Link Road, to support the economic growth of Perth and Kinross.

Councillor Barrett, seconded by Councillor Wilson, proposed an amendment that the Council formally invite the Minister for Transport and Islands, to meet with Council representatives to discuss Scottish Government funding towards the A9/A85 junction.

Councillors Roberts and Cowan agreed to incorporate the amendment into their Motion.

Resolved:

- (i) In accordance with the Motion.
- (ii) The Council formally invite the Minister for Transport and Islands to meet with representatives from the Council to discuss Scottish Government funding of the A9/A85 junction.

829. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

Minutes of Committees from 30 September 2014 – 3 December 2014

The decisions recorded in Arts. 624-673 and 690-797 copies of which had been circulated to all members of the Council, were submitted and noted/approved as necessary.

830. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

Resolved:

- (i) The minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership Board of 5 September 2014 was submitted and noted.
- (ii) The briefing note by the Executive Lead Officer (14/546) providing an update on key areas of the Board's work for October – December 2014 was submitted and noted.

831. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT – 2014/15 QUARTER 2

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (14/547) providing a summary of Loans Fund transactions for the quarter ending 30 September 2014 and reporting on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement, Treasury Management Practices and the Investment Strategy for the same period.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 14/547, submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be noted.

832. REVIEW OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS DOCUMENT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (14/548) seeking approval of the revised Treasury Management Systems Document as required by the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury Management.

Resolved:

The revised Treasury Management Systems Document, is submitted in accordance with the Council's approved Treasury Management Practices, be approved.

833. AUDIT SCOTLAND – ANNUAL REPORT ON THE 2013/14 AUDIT

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (14/549) presenting the External Auditors' Annual Report on the 2013/14 Audit.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 14/549 be noted.
- (ii) The External Audit Annual Report on the 2013/14 audit be submitted to a future meeting of the Audit Committee for detailed consideration.

COUNCILLOR JACK LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

834. CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER – ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer (14/550) providing Council with the Chief Social Work Officer's assessment of social work and social care practice across Perth and Kinross in the financial year 2013/14 and identifying what services are working well, where there are areas for improvement and an assessment on how social work services are being delivered along with partners.

Resolved:

- (i) The Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 14/550, be approved.
- (ii) The Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

835. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION DRAFT INTEGRATION SCHEME FOR PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (14/551) (1) recommending the approval of the Consultation Draft of the Integration Scheme for the Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board, (2) seeking approval of a number of proposals in terms of the future governance of the Integration Joint Board and (3) seeking approval for the Chief Executive to make the appropriate joint arrangements with NHS Tayside to recruit a Chief Officer for the Board.

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Resolved:

- (i) The Consultation Draft Integration Scheme for Perth and Kinross, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/551 be agreed, with a finalised Scheme to be submitted to the Council for approval in March 2015 following consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- (ii) A meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee be convened if necessary to approve any material changes to the Draft Integration Scheme prior to the commencement of the consultation period on 12 January 2015.
- (iii) The four elected members currently appointed to the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board, Councillors P Barrett, D Doogan, I Campbell and K Howie, be appointed as members of the Integration Joint Board.
- (iv) It be delegated to the Chief Executive to agree, in consultation with the Chief Executive of NHS Tayside, the arrangements for the appointment of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Integration Joint Board and the terms of office for these appointments. This to be detailed in the final version of the Scheme to be submitted to the Council for approval in March 2015.
- (v) The scope of Council functions as outlined in Part 1 of Annex 2 of the Draft Integration Scheme be delegated to the Integration Joint Board in accordance with the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Regulations 2014.
- (vi) It be delegated to the Chief Executive to make appropriate joint arrangements with NHS Tayside to recruit a Chief Officer for the Integration Joint Board in accordance with agreed policies and procedures.

COUNCILLOR ROBERTSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

836. SECURING THE FUTURE THROUGH OUR PEOPLE

There was submitted a report by Chief Executive (14/552) highlighting the many positive people practices that had shaped Council progress over the last year, and identified future plans which would enable employees, at all levels, to fully contribute to the Council's transformation journey.

Resolved:

- (i) The considerable range of organisational and cultural development activity taking place across the Council, as detailed in Report 14/552, be noted.
- (ii) The continued success of the workforce management measures detailed in Report 14/552 be noted.
- (iii) The continued provision of an annual report which details how the Council continues to support its people, in order to improve, develop and grow as an organisation, be approved.

837. REVIEW OF 2014 RYDER CUP AND JUNIOR RYDER CUP

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive (14/553) providing an initial evaluation and feedback on the Council's participation in the delivery of the 40th Ryder Cup at Gleneagles on 23-28 September 2014, and the Junior Ryder Cup at Blairgowrie Golf Club on 22-23 September 2014.

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Members were shown a brief DVD entitled "Working with communities and major events to create a lasting legacy: Ryder Cup 2014"

Resolved:

It be noted that the objectives for the Ryder Cup were achieved, with thanks to all Council staff, elected members and community representatives who contributed to making the 2014 Ryder Cup and Junior Ryder Cup such successful and memorable occasions.

838. GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN 2012 – 2017; PROGRESS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/554) updating on progress to date on delivering the priorities set out in the Perth and Kinross Gaelic Language Plan 2012-2017 and identifying areas of continued focus for the remaining two years of the Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress of the Gaelic Language Plan to date, as detailed in Report 14/554, be noted.
- (ii) The areas of continued focus for the remaining two years of the Gaelic Language Plan be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to bring forward a further update and updated Gaelic Language Plan for 2017 onwards in 2016.

839. MEMBERSHIP

(i) Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust

Resolved:

Councillor G Walker be appointed to the Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust to replace Councillor A Younger.

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