

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 2 December 2015 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors I Miller, A Grant, H Anderson (substituting for A Younger), B Band, P Barrett, I Campbell, D Cuthbert, D Doogan, J Kellas, A Munro, D Pover, M Roberts, A Stewart, B Vaughan and W Wilson.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive, J Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform); J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development), J Walker, Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services); K Donaldson, M Easton, L Gowans, C Irons, L Simpson, J Symon, G Taylor and L Whiteford (all Corporate and Democratic Services); S Devlin, Director (Education and Children's Services); J Carney, S Crawford, K McNamara and B Renton (all The Environment Service); K Fraser and J Gilruth (both Housing and Community Care).

Apologies for Absence: Provost L Grant and Councillor A Younger.

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

763. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.

The Convener, on behalf of the Committee, wished Provost Grant a speedy recovery from her recent fall.

764. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors H Anderson, B Band and M Roberts each declared a non-financial interest in Art 773 in relation to the Lease of Perth Theatre/Perth Concert Hall in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

765. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 23 September 2015 (Arts 583 – 595) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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(ii) Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee of 15 June 2015 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix I)**

(iii) Property Sub-Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of 20 May 2015 and the special meetings of 27 May and 8 June 2015, were submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

(iv) Appointments Sub-Committee

The minutes of meetings of the Appointments Sub-Committee of 5 August, 3 September and 29 September 2015 were submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

766. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S SERVICE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2015 (Art 401)

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer (15/548) reviewing the performance of the former Chief Executive's Service against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April to 30 September 2015.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Chief Executive's Service six month Performance Summary 1 April to 30 September 2015, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 15/548, be accepted.
- (ii) That Report 15/548 would be scrutinised by the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015 be noted.
- (iii) A report of the review of the Employee Review and Development scheme be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

767. REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 – MONITORING REPORT (Art 586)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/551), providing an update on (1) progress with the 2015/16 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the September 2015 Ledger and (2) the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/551 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2015/16 Management Revenue Budget, detailed in Appendix 1 to and Section 2 of Report 15/551, be approved.
- (iii) The service virements, summarised in Appendices 2 and 3 to Report 15/551, be approved

768. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2015/22 AND HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME – MONITORING REPORT (Art 587)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/552), (1) providing a summary position to date for the Composite Capital Programme for 2015/16 to 2021/22 and the Housing Investment Programme 2015/16 to 2019/20; and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the Programmes.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of report 15/552 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the seven year Composite Capital Budget 2015/16 to 2021/22, set out in Sections 2 and 3 of Report 15/552 and summarised at Appendices I and II to the Report, be approved.
- (iii) The budget and monitoring adjustments to the Housing Investment Programme Budget 2015/16 to 2019/20, set out in Section 4 of Report 15/552 and summarised at Appendix III to the Report, be approved.
- (iv) The proposed revised Renewal & Repair Fund budget 2015/16, as set out in Section 5 of Report 15/552 and summarised in Appendix IV, be approved.
- (v) The Depute Chief Executive (Corporate & Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee providing detail on the issues associated with implementing the Housing Investment Programme.

769. GRANTING OF NON-DOMESTIC RATES RELIEF (Art 783/14)

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/553), on the amount of discretionary Non-Domestic Rates relief granted in respect of new applications made during financial year 2014/15.

770. EAST CENTRAL HUBCO – CHANGES TO GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS (Art 654/11)

There was submitted a report by the Director (Environment) (15/554), seeking approval for amendments to the contractual documents governing the Council's interest in the East Central Hub Initiative.

Resolved:

- (i) The amended Territory Partnering Agreement for the East Central Hubco be approved.
- (ii) The amended Shareholder Agreement be approved.
- (ii) The Head of Legal Services be authorised to execute these amended documents and any other ancillary documents required to implement the changes to the governance documents of East Central Hubco as required by the European System of National and Regional Accounts.

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**771. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME 2015/20: PHASE 1 PROGRESS
(Art 588)**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) (15/555), (1) providing an update with detailed monitoring information on the progress of Phase 1 (2015/16) Transformation Reviews and (2) outlining a proposed approach to initiating business cases for the second phase of Transformation reviews, scheduled for commencement in 2016/17.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress of the Phase 1 Transformation reviews as detailed in Appendix 2 of Report 15/555 be noted.
- (ii) Phase 2 of the Transformation Outline Business Cases, due for 2016/17 be approved.
- (iii) A further report be submitted to this Committee on 10 February 2016 on progress of the Transformation Programme.

772. REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS

There was submitted a report by the Head of Democratic Services (15/556), providing an update on the review of the revised arrangements for the payment of administrative grants to Community Councils, implemented with effect from April 2014.

Resolved:

- (i) The continuation of the current top up system of administrative grant arrangements for a further two years be approved to allow more Community Council expenditure information and feedback to be analysed.
- (ii) The Head of Democratic Services be instructed to report back to this Committee in March 2017.

773. LEASE OF PERTH THEATRE/PERTH CONCERT HALL

There was submitted a joint report by the Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) and the Depute Chief Executive (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) (15/557), (1) seeking approval of new lease arrangements with Horsecross Arts Limited for Perth Theatre and Perth Concert Hall and (2) recommending revised health and safety and repair and maintenance regimes for both buildings.

Resolved:

- (i) Leases be granted to Horsecross Arts Limited for Perth Theatre and Perth Concert Hall.
- (ii) The draft Heads of Terms for the leases to Horsecross Arts Ltd be as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 15/557.

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