

## **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 10 February 2016 at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive, J Fyffe, Senior Depute Chief Executive, Education and Children's Services (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform); J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive, The Environment Service (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development), J Walker, Depute Chief Executive, Housing and Community Care (Corporate and Community Development Services); R Fry, P Graham, D Henderson, C Irons, A McColl, L Simpson, J Symon and G Taylor (all Corporate and Democratic Services); S Devlin and F Robertson (both Education and Children's Services); J Carney, C Jolly, K McNamara and B Renton (all The Environment Service); J Beverley, L Cameron and N Copland (all Housing and Community Care).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor D Pover

Councillor I Miller, Convener, Presiding.

### **80. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

### **81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors B Band, I Campbell and A Parrott declared a non-financial interest in Article 87.

### **82. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

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

The minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 2 December 2015 (Arts 763-773) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

#### **(ii) Appeals Sub-Committee**

The minute of meetings of the Appeals Sub-Committee of 24 September and 1 October 2015 was submitted and noted. (**Appendix I**)

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**(iii) Property Sub-Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of 28 October 2015 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix II)*

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

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee of 14 September 2015 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix III)*

**(v) Employees Joint Consultative Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Employees Joint Consultative Committee of 1 October 2015 was submitted and noted. *(Appendix IV)*

**83. REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (16/45), providing the committee with an update on (1) progress with the 2015/16 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the November 2015 ledger and (2) the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 16/45 be noted;
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2015/16 Management Revenue Budget as detailed in Appendix 1 and Section 2 of report 16/45, be approved;
- (iii) The service virements, summarised in Appendices 2 and 3 of Report 16/45, be approved.
- (iv) The Depute Chief Executive, Environment, (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) submit a report to a future meeting of this Committee on the Council's role in the management of European Structural Funding on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership.
- (v) The Depute Chief Executive, Environment, (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) provide information to members on:
  - The applications for grant funding from households and businesses directly affected by flooding.
  - The costs of cremations in Perth and Kinross.

**84. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2015/22 AND HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2015/21 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (16/46), (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 2020/21; and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the programme.

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**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 16/46 be noted;
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the seven year Composite Capital Budget 2015/16 to 2021/22, as set out in Sections 2 and 3 of Report 16/46, be approved;
- (iii) The proposed budget and monitoring adjustments to the Housing Investment Programme Budget 2015/16 to 2020/21, as set out in Section 4 and summarised at Appendix III of Report 16/46, be approved;
- (iv) The proposed budget adjustments to the Renewal and Repair Fund Budget 2015/16, as set out in Section 5 and summarised in Appendix IV of Report 16/46, be approved.
- (v) The Depute Chief Executive, Environment, (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) provide information to members on the purchase of electric vehicles, their uses and the savings both being achieved financially and in terms of the Council's carbon footprint.

**85. ANNUAL REPORT FOR FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND 2014/15**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (16/47), (1) describing the Council's arrangements for funding external bodies and Following the Public Pound (FPP) and (2) monitoring the Council's performance against the Code of Guidance for Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound for the financial year 2014/15.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 16/47 and the ongoing commitment by the Council to working in partnership with voluntary sector service providers be noted;
- (ii) It be noted that a separate report in regard to the production of the Following the Public Pound toolkit would be submitted to the next meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 20 April 2016.

**86. CYBER SECURITY**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal and Governance Services (16/48), providing the committee with an overview of cyber security in the Council and (2) providing assurance as to current risks and threats.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 16/48 be noted;
- (ii) The Head of Legal and Governance Services be instructed to bring forward an annual report on cyber security and associated costs following the Council's submission to the Public Service Network each year.

**87. TRANSFER OF VENUES FOR CULTURE AND SPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Senior Depute Chief Executive, ECS (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform) (16/49), asking the Committee to approve the transfer of management responsibilities for seventeen cultural buildings to Culture Perth and Kinross, two outdoor education centres to Live

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Active Leisure and temporary arrangements for the occupation of office accommodation at Dunkeld Road, Perth for staff transferring to Live Active Leisure.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The management responsibilities for the nineteen culture and sport venues and the office accommodation at Dunkeld Road, Perth, be transferred to Culture Perth and Kinross on terms set out in Appendices 2, 3 and 4 to Report 16/49, and such other terms as may be agreed by the Head of Legal and Governance Services and the Head of Planning and Development;
- (ii) The transfer of the management responsibilities for these properties at a nominal rent was reasonable in order to enable Culture Perth and Kinross to deliver key services on behalf of the Council and to achieve wider community benefits;
- (iii) The report be referred to the Perth, Auchterarder and Coupar Angus Common Good Fund Committees in relation to the transfer of the management responsibilities for the five properties held as common good as detailed in Report 16/49.

**88. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME 2015-20: PHASE 1 PROGRESS AND PHASE 2 OUTLINE BUSINESS CASES**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive, Environment, (Sustainability, Strategic and Entrepreneurial Development) (16/50), (1) updating the Committee with detailed monitoring information on the progress of the Phase 1 (2015/16) Transformation Reviews; (2) reporting on Outline Business Cases for the Phase 2 Transformation Reviews, scheduled for commencement in 2016/17 and (3) requesting permission to draw down up to £1.277m (including £774,000 in 2016/17) from the Earmarked Reserve for Transformation to provide the capacity and support to secure the effective delivery of the Transformation Programme, and develop future collaborative working opportunities with other councils.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The progress with the Phase 1 Transformation Reviews as detailed in Appendix 2 to report 16/50, be noted;
- (ii) The release of £298,000 funding from the Earmarked Transformation Reserve to provide further support for Phase 1 Transformation Reviews, as detailed in sections 2.3-2.6 of report 16/50, be approved;
- (iii) The release of £677,000 funding from the Earmarked Transformation Reserve to provide capacity and support to secure the effective delivery of the Phase 2 Transformation Reviews as detailed in section 2.7 of report 16/50, be approved;
- (iv) The release of up to £302,000 funding from the Earmarked Transformation Reserve to support the pursuit of collaborative opportunities with other councils, be approved.
- (v) That reports would be submitted to future meetings of this Committee on the monitoring of the Transformation Reviews, be noted.

**89. VALEDICTORY**

The Convener thanked Paul Graham, Senior Corporate Strategy Manager, for his commitment to Perth and Kinross Council for almost 30 years and paid tribute to Paul's knowledge and skills which had contributed to the success of the Council's community planning arrangements and Health and Social Care Integration.

The Convener wished Paul well in his new post as Chief Executive of PKAVS and looked forward to working with him in his new role.

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