

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

MARR AREA COMMITTEE

FINZEAN HALL, FINZEAN, 19 SEPTEMBER, 2017

Present: Councillors M Ingleby (Chair), J Latham (Vice Chair), P Argyle, R Bruce, E Durno, P Gibb, G Petrie, A Ross and R Withey.

Apologies: Councillor G Blackett.

Officers: J Clark, Area Manager (Marr); M Skilling, Strategy Manager, Transportation; T Buchan, Facilities Manager, Property and Facilities Management; A Overton, Senior Solicitor (Democratic Services); and K Macleod, Area Committee Officer (Marr).

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chair asked Members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and no declarations were intimated.

2A. STATEMENT ON EQUALITIES

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010:-

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching a decision.

2B. RESOLUTION

The Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, that the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting for Item 8 of the business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF MARR AREA COMMITTEE OF 29 AUGUST, 2017

The Committee had before them, and **approved** as a correct record, the Minute of Meeting of the Committee of 29 August, 2017.

4. HUNTLY INTEGRATED TRAVEL TOWN

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Committee of 29 August, 2017 (Item 8), when a proposed programme of walking, cycling and safety initiatives for the Marr area had been presented and consideration of schemes in Huntly had been deferred pending a further report, there had been circulated a report dated 7 September, 2017, by the Director of Infrastructure Services, which provided the Committee with information on progress in developing the concept of an Integrated Travel Town (ITT) in Huntly and presented a feasibility study which provided further information on the two schemes, identified in the study as Routes 6 and 7, which were proposed for inclusion in the programme of walking, cycling and safety initiatives.

The Strategy Manager (Transportation) provided background information and advised that an overall masterplan for the Huntly ITT would be presented to the Committee in the autumn. It was clarified that paragraphs 2.8 and 2.10 of the report should refer to New Road and Meadow Street, rather than West Park and East Park. It was further explained that the feasibility study detailed options, rather than conclusions, and that support was sought to proceed to the detailed design stage. During discussion, a concern was expressed about the inability to resolve issues in Huntly without addressing school traffic and parking. It was advised that officers were looking at solutions and that the two identified projects were the first to be taken forward as part of a five year programme of works.

The Committee **agreed:-**

- (1) to note the progress made to date in developing the concept of an Integrated Travel Town in Huntly; and
- (2) to support the continued development of the proposals for Huntly.

5. INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES QUARTER 4 AND YEAR END PERFORMANCE REPORT 2016-2017 (ABERDEENSHIRE PERFORMS)

There had been circulated a report dated 28 August, 2017, by the Director of Infrastructure Services, which provided the Committee with a summary of Infrastructure Services' performance during the period from January to March, 2017 and as at year end.

The Committee **agreed:-**

- (1) to acknowledge the good performance achieved from January to March, 2017 (Quarter 4) and at year end;
- (2) to note those measures where performance was below expectations from January to March, 2017;
- (3) to request further information in relation to '1.4 M - Env Health Percentage of the number of premises that are 'broadly compliant' in terms of food safety as set against the number of premises subject to intervention in the 6 or 12 months category' as the target was considered to be low and was also not being met;
- (4) to seek clarification in relation to '1.14M Percentage of High Risk Premises visited within the timescale (Trading Standards)' as the percentage stated in the covering report differed to the percentage stated in the appendix; and
- (3) to advise the Director to continue to report, by exception, to Committee quarterly on performance measures against service objectives and six monthly on progress in delivering all aspects of the service plan.

6. APPOINTMENTS TO GORDON FISHINGS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 24 August, 2017 (Item 8), when authority to appoint representatives to the Gordon Fishings Management Committee had been delegated to the Garioch and Marr Area Committees, there had been circulated a report dated 28 August, 2017, by the Director of Infrastructure Services, which invited the Committee to appoint two Councillors to the Gordon Fishings Management Committee.

The Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to appoint Councillors Latham and Withey to the Gordon Fishings Management Committee; and
- (2) to note that Infrastructure Services Committee had delegated the power to replace Councillor representatives for their Area to the Area Committee during the term of the Council.

7. LOCAL REVIEW BODY DECISION NOTICE 380 – SILVERFORD, CLATT, HUNTLY (APP/2017/0741)

There had been circulated, and was **noted**, Local Review Body Decision Notice 380, dated 15 August, 2017, which advised that the Local Review Body had agreed with the determination reviewed by it and refused planning permission in principle for the erection of a dwellinghouse including formation of access at Silverford, Clatt, Huntly, in accordance with the appointed officer's decision.

8. BUSINESS SERVICES SUPPLEMENTARY WORK PLAN 2017/18

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Business Services Committee of 20 April, 2017 (Item 8), when the Business Services Directorate's Annual Work Plan 2017/18 had been approved, there had been circulated a report dated 21 August, 2017, by the Director of Business Services, which (1) presented a Supplementary Work Plan; (2) sought approval of the addition of the item on the Supplementary Work Plan to the Directorate's Annual Work Plan; and (3) sought approval of the associated Business Case.

The Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to note the item on the Supplementary Work Plan, as provided in Appendix 1 to the report, identified as falling within the remit of the Committee;
- (2) to approve the addition of the item on the Supplementary Work Plan to the Directorate's Annual Work Plan 2017/18 as approved by Business Services Committee on 20 April, 2017;
- (3) to approve the Business Case in Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (4) to note that authority to award the contract was delegated to the Head of Property and Facilities Management.

Councillor Presiding over meeting

Cllr John Latham

Print Name

Signature

10/10/17

Date