

ENTERPRISE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 17 March 2010

Chair:

Councillor Chris Thompson

Councillors Present:

John Anderson, Eileen Baxendale, Peter Craig, Jim Docherty, Ian Gray, Graeme Horne, Eileen Logan, Denis McKenna, John McNamee, Mary McNeill, Henry Mitchell, John Murray (Depute), Graham Scott, Mary Smith, George Sutherland, Jim Wardhaugh

Councillors' Apologies:

John Cairney, Barry Douglas, Lynn Filshie, Beith Forrest, Joe Lowe, Edward McAvoy, Davie McLachlan

Attending:

Corporate Resources

J McDonald, Administration Adviser

Enterprise Resources

C McDowall, Executive Director; J Cannon, Head of Roads and Transportation Services; A Colthart, Head of Support Services; G MacKay, Engineering Manager; J McCaffer, Head of Regeneration; Y Rogers, Rural Development Team Leader

Finance and Information Technology Resources

A Barrow, Trainee Accountant; K Main, Accountant

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interests were declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
McNeill and Sutherland	New Lanark World Heritage Site Management Plan – Consultative Draft	Members of the Board of Trustees of New Lanark Conservation Trust

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Enterprise Resources Committee held on 20 January 2010 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Minutes of Special Meeting

The minutes of the special meeting of the Enterprise Resources Committee held on 5 February 2010 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

4 Enterprise Resources - Revenue Budget Monitoring 2009/2010

A joint report dated 2 February 2010 by the Executive Directors (Enterprise Resources) and (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure at 22 January 2010 against budgeted expenditure for 2009/2010 for Enterprise Resources.

Details were provided on proposed budget virements to realign budgets.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the overspend on the Enterprise Resources' revenue budget of £0.169 million and the forecast to 31 March 2010 of an overspend be noted; and
- (2) that the budget virements, as detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 20 January 2010 (Paragraph 3)]

5 Enterprise Resources - Capital Budget Monitoring 2009/2010

A joint report dated 2 February 2010 by the Executive Directors (Enterprise Resources) and (Finance and Information Technology Resources) was submitted advising of progress on the Enterprise Resources' capital programme 2009/2010 and summarising the expenditure position at 22 January 2010.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 20 January 2010 (Paragraph 4)]

6 Enterprise Resources - Workforce Monitoring - December 2009 and January 2010

A joint report dated 12 February 2010 by the Executive Directors (Enterprise Resources) and (Corporate Resources) was submitted on the following employee information for Enterprise Resources for the period December 2009 and January 2010:-

- ♦ attendance statistics
- ♦ occupational health statistics
- ♦ accident/incident statistics
- ♦ disciplinary hearings, grievances and Dignity at Work cases
- ♦ analysis of leavers
- ♦ Joint Staffing Watch as at 12 December 2009

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 20 January 2010 (Paragraph 5)]

7 Clyde Windfarm Fund

A report dated 17 February 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the arrangements for the administration and management of the Clyde Windfarm Fund.

In July 2008, the Scottish Ministers had approved an application by Airtricity Developments (now known as SSE Renewable) under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989 for a windfarm development on areas of land close to Abington, Crawford and Elvanfoot.

Following the issue of consent, agreement had been reached with Airtricity and the local community representatives on the terms of a community benefit agreement. Details of the principal Heads of the Legal Agreement were provided in the report.

Administration of the Clyde Windfarm Fund, including promotion, assessment of applications and award of funds would be undertaken by Regeneration Services in consultation with the developer. Reports and recommendations for the award of grants over £5,000 from the Fund would be reported to the Enterprise Resources Committee with powers being delegated to the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) to deal with applications for less than £5,000.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Council conclude the arrangements for the administration and management of the Clyde Windfarm Fund, based on a legal agreement with Airtricity Developments (UK) Limited (now known as SSE Renewable) under Section 69 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as detailed in the report;
- (2) that the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, if appropriate, be authorised to conclude all matters on terms which were in the best interests of the Council and the local community; and
- (3) that powers be delegated to the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) to award grants of less than £5,000 from the Clyde Windfarm Fund.

[Reference: Minutes of 20 May 2009 (Paragraph 6)]

8 New Lanark World Heritage Site Management Plan - Consultative Draft

A report dated 15 February 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the New Lanark World Heritage Site consultative draft Management Plan.

The purpose of the Management Plan was to provide for the overall management of the World Heritage Site (WHS) in a manner specific to its character and needs to ensure maintenance of its Outstanding Universal Value. The New Lanark Management Plan would cover a 5 year period from 2010 to 2015 after which it would be further reviewed in line with the International Council on Monument and Sites' (ICOMOS) guidance.

Historic Scotland was currently undertaking an internal review of their approach to World Heritage Sites and public consultation on the Management Plan would be undertaken when this was completed.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the contents of the New Lanark World Heritage Site consultative draft Management Plan, as detailed in the report, be approved; and
- (2) that the Management Plan proceed to the next stage of public consultation following the outcome of Historic Scotland's internal review.

Councillors McNeill and Sutherland, having declared an interest in this item, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

9 Voluntary Sector and Social Economy Funding

A report dated 16 February 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the funding contributions for a number of voluntary sector and social economy initiatives in South Lanarkshire for 2010/2011.

The Council had previously given significant support to the local community and voluntary sector and to the development of the social economy. An overall programme of financial support for voluntary sector and social economy initiatives for 2010/2011 was proposed as follows:-

Project	Funding For	Partner/ External Funding Levered	Enterprise Resources' Contribution 2010/2011
South Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Interface	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Development and implementation costs◆ Support for continuity of service delivery across existing Council Voluntary Sector (CVS) Network	£190,000	£140,000
Social Economy Development	North Lanarkshire Council pan-Lanarkshire application for Pre-Gateway support for social economy organisations	£140,000	£41,667
Citizens Advice Bureaux (CABs)	Money Advice services in 4 CABs	£45,000	£72,000
Community Health Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Healthy Valleys' Initiative◆ Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Health Initiative◆ 'Up for It' Healthy Lifestyles	£170,000 £220,000 £400,000	£25,000 £25,000 £60,000
Outdoor Resource Base	Core costs for 2010/2011	£100,000	£20,000
Totals		£1,265,000	£383,667

The proposed expenditure of £383,667 for voluntary sector and social economy initiatives would be met from existing resources within Enterprise Resources' revenue and capital budgets for 2010/2011.

The Committee decided: that the voluntary sector and social economy initiatives for 2010/2011 amounting to £383,667, as detailed above, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 March 2009 (Paragraph 8) and Executive Committee of 10 March 2010 (Paragraph 10)]

10 Routes to Inclusion - Delivering the Council's Jobs Access and Employability Services

A report dated 22 February 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the:-

- ◆ outcomes of the Routes to Inclusion activity undertaken during 2009/2010
- ◆ programme of expenditure for the Routes to Inclusion initiatives for 2010/2011

Details of the 2009 to 2011 Routes to Inclusion programme were provided in the appendix to the report. In light of the recession and its effects on outcomes for the previous year, outcome targets had been revised for the coming year. The total funding required for the delivery of the programme for the period 2010/2011 was £3,462,609 with Enterprise Resources' contribution of £444,243 being met from existing budgets.

The Committee decided: that the proposed Routes to Inclusion activity and expenditure for the period from 2009 to 2011, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 20 May 2009 (Paragraph 11)]

11 Additional Employees to Support the Delivery of the Roads Investment Programme

A joint report dated 12 January 2010 by the Executive Directors (Enterprise Resources) and (Corporate Resources) was submitted on the requirement for additional employees to support the delivery of the Roads Investment Programme.

In view of the requirement to progress this matter as soon as possible and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Directors (Enterprise Resources) and (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, had approved an increase in the establishment for Roads Contracting Services from 193 to 210 to support the delivery of the Roads Investment Programme.

The Committee decided: that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve an increase in the establishment for Roads Contracting Services from 193 to 210 to support the delivery of the Roads Investment Programme, as detailed in the report, be noted.

12 Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund - Forth and District Initiative, Trim Track Trail

A report dated 17 February 2010 by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) was submitted on an application to the Blacklaw Renewable Energy Fund from Forth and District Initiative for additional financial assistance towards the construction of a Trim Track Trail.

In view of the requirement to progress this matter as soon as possible and in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, had approved the award of a grant of up to £23,699.40 to the Forth and District Initiative for additional financial assistance towards the construction of a Trim Track Trail.

The Committee decided: that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to approve the award of a grant of up to £23,699.40 to the Forth and District Initiative for additional financial assistance towards the construction of a Trim Track Trail, as detailed in the report, be noted.

13 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Chair's Remarks – Retiral of Jim Cannon, Head of Roads and Transportation Services

The Chair advised that this would be the last meeting that Jim Cannon, Head of Roads and Transportation Services, would be attending as he was retiring. The Chair, on behalf of the members of the Committee, thanked Mr Cannon for his help and hard work over the years and wished him every success in the future.

The Chair, on behalf of the members of the Committee, congratulated Gordon MacKay on his appointment to the post of Head of Roads and Transportation Services.