

REPORT TO: CITY COUNCIL - 27TH APRIL, 2009
REPORT ON: ESTABLISHMENT OF CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (SUPPORT SERVICES)
REPORT NO: 218-2009

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To make proposals to set up a City Development Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:-

- 1 establish a City Development Committee;
- 2 approve the terms of reference and operating arrangements for the above Committee as detailed in paragraph 4(a) of the report; and
- 3 approve the changes to Standing Orders and remit to the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) to make further consequential amendments.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

Reference is made to Article II of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 12th February, 2009, wherein inter alia it was agreed that the current structure of the Planning and Transport Department and the Economic Development Department be brought together under a new department to be named City Development Department.

In addition, the Chief Executive at the meeting of the City Council held on 30th March, 2009 intimated the he intended to propose the merger of the Planning and Transport and Economic Development Committees.

In the circumstances, the Council appointed Councillor Dawson, Convener and Councillor Melville, Depute Convener of the proposed City Development Committee.

It is now proposed that the Planning and Transport and Economic Development Committees be merged and that the City Development Committee be established. It is also proposed that its operating arrangements be as follows:-

(a) TERMS OF REFERENCE

City Development Committee

Economic Development

- Stimulation of economic activity through inward investment, business development, trade promotion, tourism, training and employment assistance, development of industrial and commercial land and property, and marketing and promotional activity.

- Estates management for non-housing Council properties including consideration of maintenance programmes and improvements, valuations, sales, leases and way-leaves.
- Co-ordination of funding from Europe, the National Lottery and other external funding sources.
- City Centre and District Centre Management.
- Acquisition or disposal of land and buildings (excluding Council house sales under the Right to Buy legislation) required for or surplus to requirements held on any account.

Planning and Transport

- Development plans and policies on land use, urban design and regeneration, conservation, tree protection, environmental improvements, public art projects, public rights of way, names of streets and safety at sports grounds.
- Transportation issues including walking, cycling, public transport infrastructure, schemes and contracts for concessionary bus and taxi fares, school transport, parking, traffic management and traffic calming.
- Policies and programmes for the maintenance of roads, bridges, footpaths and street lighting including construction of new and extensions of existing public roads.
- Proposals for the making of Traffic Regulations Orders, Stopping-Up Orders, Side Road Orders and Stopping-Up of Private Accesses Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, and to undertake all necessary consultations and consider objections and where appropriate, to arrange hearings in accordance with the Local Roads Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1987.
- Consider all matters relating to speed reduction measures and pedestrian safety issues adjacent to carriageways.
- Land reclamation and control of the foreshore.

(b) MEMBERSHIP

The membership will comprise all twenty nine Elected Members.

(c) CONVENER AND DEPUTE CONVENER

Will Dawson, Convener.
Craig Melville, Depute Convener.

(d) FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Meetings will be held in accordance with the Council's timetable of meetings.

(e) QUORUM

The quorum will be eight members in terms of Standing Order No 51(1).

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Head of Finance have been circulated.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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