

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of a special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 6th November 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Helen Moonie (Provost), Laura Brennan-Whitefield, Siobhian Brown, Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell, Iain Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Cochrane, Peter Convery, Ian Davis, Julie Dettbarn, Martin Dowey, Ian Fitzsimmons, William Grant, Peter Henderson, Hugh Hunter, Mary Kilpatrick, Lee Lyons, Craig Mackay, Brian McGinley, Philip Saxton, Arthur Spurling and Margaret Toner.

Apologies: Councillors Brian Connolly, Chris Cullen, Derek McCabe and Bob Pollock.

Attending: E. Howat, Chief Executive; D. Gillies, Director – Place; T. Baulk, Head of Finance and ICT; C. Caves, Head of Regulatory Services; C. McPhail, Economic Development Officer; and J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer.

1. Provost.

The Provost

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting;
- (2) intimated that apologies had been received from Councillors Brian Connolly, Chris Cullen, Derek McCabe and Bob Pollock; and
- (3) referred to the recent sad death of the former Councillor Stan Fisher and advised that she had sent her condolences to Stan's family on behalf of the Council.

2. Sederunt.

The Chief Executive called the Sederunt for the meeting.

3. Procedural Matter.

The Provost advised that, in order to consider item 7 of this Minute entitled "Scheme of Delegation", as this was within six months from the date of the previous decisions on this matter the Council would, in accordance with Standing Order No. 22.1, require to agree to do so by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands and having achieved a two thirds majority, the Council agreed to consider this matter on the Agenda.

4. **Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Council in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

5. **Ayrshire Growth Deal Update.**

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 31st October 2018 by the Director – Place updating the Council on the current status of the Ayrshire Growth Deal and negotiations with both the UK and Scottish Governments; and seeking approval for authority to be delegated to the Chief Executive to agree the final Growth Deal Heads of Terms with both Governments.

The Council heard a presentation from the Economic Development Officer in relation to the Prestwick Growth Deal Proposition advising of the history of Prestwick aerospace; the case for investment; and the mission of the Prestwick Aerospace Partnership and a full discussion took place on the Ayrshire Growth Deal Proposals; and questions were raised and responded to by the Director – Place and the Economic Development Officer.

The Council, having congratulated the Director – Place and his officers on the excellent work undertaken in relation to this matter,

Decided:

- (1) to support the continued negotiations to secure a Growth Deal for Ayrshire;
- (2) to approve the submission of Appendix 1 “The Ayrshire Growth Deal Proposal” to both Governments to reiterate the ambitions of the Ayrshire Growth Deal; and
- (3) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to conclude the Heads of Terms with both the UK and Scottish Governments in partnership with counterparts from North and East Ayrshire Councils.

6. **Governance – Ayrshire Regional Economic Partnership/Ayrshire Growth Deal.**

There was submitted a [joint report](#) (issued) of 31st October 2018 by the Director – Place and the Head of Regulatory Services seeking approval of the present proposals for the governance of the Ayrshire Regional Economic Partnership and the Ayrshire Growth Deal.

A full discussion took place in relation to this report and questions were raised and responded to by the Chief Executive and the Director – Place. Following questions on the level of funding this Council would require to contribute and the future scrutiny of the Partnership, the Chief Executive advised that these matters would be referred back to Council in due course for a decision on the level of funding.

The Council, having noted the contents of the report

Decided:

- (1) to agree to the creation of an Ayrshire Regional Economic Joint Committee, with a remit and membership as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- (2) to agree to the creation by the Ayrshire Regional Economic Joint Committee of a sub-committee, the Ayrshire Regional Economic Partnership with a remit and membership as set out in Appendix B to the report; and
- (3) that Councillors Douglas Campbell, Brian Connolly and Brian McGinley would be this Council's representatives on the above Joint Committee and Sub-Committee with the name of the proxies to be provided in due course.

7. Scheme of Delegation.

There was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 30th October 2018 by the Head of Regulatory Services seeking approval to amend the Scheme of Delegation following review.

The Council

Decided: to approve the revised Scheme of Delegation (extracts contained in Appendix 1 to the report) with effect from 7th November 2018, subject to the following amendments:-

- (1) the Adults and Older People Portfolio to be renamed Adults' Health and Social Care Portfolio;
- (2) the Community Wellbeing Portfolio to be renamed Housing and Community Wellbeing Portfolio; and
- (3) that the services/functions of Planning and Building Standards currently under the Environment Portfolio should sit within the Economy and Culture Portfolio pending completion of the Local Development Plan process.

8. Formal Questions.

The Council noted that no formal questions had been submitted.

The meeting ended at 10.55 a.m.