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## POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY 9 JUNE 2015**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Meeting of **Policy and Resources Committee** to be held within the Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin on **Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 9.30am.**

Alasdair McEachan  
Acting Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1 June 2015

### **BUSINESS**

1. [Sederunt](#)
2. Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests \*
3. Resolution

Consider, and if so decide, adopt the following resolution:-

"That under Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting for Item 23 of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act", as shown against the Item."

4. [Minute](#) of Policy and Resources Committee Meeting dated 12 May 2015
5. Written Questions \*\*

## **STRATEGY/POLICY**

6. [Welfare Reform Update](#) - Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services)
7. [Variation of Council Tax on Long Term Empty Properties](#) – Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services) – [Appendix 1](#)
8. [Draft Annual Governance Statement](#) – Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services) – [Appendix 1](#)
9. [Capital Plan Outturn for 2014/15](#) – Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services) – [Appendix 1](#)
10. [Common Good Funds](#) – Summary Expenditure for 2014/15 and Budgeted Disposable Income for 2015/16 – Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services) – Appendix [1](#), [2](#)
11. [Trust Funds](#) – Summary Expenditure for 2014/15 and Budgeted Disposable Income for 2015/16 – Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services) – Appendix [1](#), [2](#)
12. [Discretionary Functions](#) – Local Government Pension Scheme – Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services) – [Appendix 1](#)
13. [New Statutory Duty: Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015](#) – Report by Chief Executive
14. [Modern Languages 1+2 Strategy](#) – Report by Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) – [Appendix 1](#)
15. [New National Qualifications: Additional Support](#) – Report by Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) – [Appendix 1](#)
16. [Funding for Partner Providers of Early Learning and Childcare](#) – Report by Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) – [Appendix 1](#)
17. [Muckle Cross, High Street, Elgin](#) – Report by Acting Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) – [Appendix 1](#)
- 17a. [European Structural Fund](#) – Bidding proposal to Support Employability in Moray – Report by Corporate Director (Education and Social Care) – [Appendix 1](#)

## **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

18. [Corporate Services Performance Report](#) – 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2015 - Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services)

## **OTHER MATTERS**

19. [Community Rental Grant: Tomintoul Museum](#) - Report by Corporate Director (Corporate Services)

20. [Rural Parliament](#) – Report by Chief Executive – [Appendix 1](#)

21. **QUESTION TIME\*\*\***

Consider any oral questions on matters delegated to the [Committee] in terms of the Council's Scheme of Administration.

**Item which the Committee may wish to consider with the Press and Public excluded**

**STRATEGY/POLICY MATTERS**

22. [Review of Building Services \(DLO\)](#) - Report by Acting Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) [Para 1]

NB                      Para 1                      Information relating to staffing matters

**Any person attending the meeting who requires access assistance should contact customer services on 01343 563217 in advance of the meeting.**

**Summary of Policy and Resources Committee functions:**

To regulate, manage and monitor the finances of the Council both capital and revenue; to deal with staffing policies and practices other than for teaching staff; to deal with equal opportunities policies and practices; to deal with procurement policies and priorities; to deal with all matters relating to the Council's duty to initiate, maintain and facilitate Community Planning; to ensure that the organisation, administrative and management processes of the Council are designed to make the most effective contribution to achieving the Council's objectives; to provide all central support services; to exercise the functions of the Council in connection with the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages; to deal with valuation and electoral registration matters.

A full description of the delegated functions of the Policy and Resources Committee can be found in the Council's Scheme of Administration.

## GUIDANCE NOTES

\* **Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests** - The Chair of the meeting shall seek declarations from any individual or political group at the beginning of a meeting whether any prior decision has been reached on how the individual or members of the group will vote on any item(s) of business on the Agenda, and if so on which item(s). A prior decision shall be one that the individual or the group deems to be mandatory on the individual or the group members such that the individual or the group members will be subject to sanctions should they not vote in accordance with the prior decision. Any such prior decisions will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

\*\* **Written Questions** - Any Member can put one written question about any relevant and competent business within the specified remits not already on the agenda, to the Chair provided it is received by the Proper Officer or Committee Services by 12 noon two working days prior to the day of the meeting. A copy of any written answer provided by the Chair will be tabled at the start of the relevant section of the meeting. The Member who has put the question may, after the answer has been given, ask one supplementary question directly related to the subject matter, but no discussion will be allowed.

No supplementary question can be put or answered more than 10 minutes after the Council has started on the relevant item of business, except with the consent of the Chair. If a Member does not have the opportunity to put a supplementary question because no time remains, then he or she can submit it in writing to the Proper Officer who will arrange for a written answer to be provided within 7 working days.

\*\*\* **Question Time** - At each ordinary meeting of the Committee ten minutes will be allowed for Members questions when any Member of the Committee can put a question to the Chair on any business within the remit of that Section of the Committee. The Member who has put the question may, after the answer has been given, ask one supplementary question directly related to the subject matter, but no discussion will be allowed.

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