

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 19 August 2014 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors MAIRI EVANS, SHEILA HANDS, BILL BOWLES, BILL DUFF, COLIN BROWN, IAIN GAUL, JEANETTE GAUL, MARTYN GEDDES, ALEX KING, IAN McLAREN, ROB MURRAY, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE and BOB SPINK.

Councillor EVANS, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David Fairweather, and Bob Myles, with Councillors Colin Brown and Craig Fotheringham substituting, respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Duff declared a non-financial interest in Report No 347/14 (Article 5) in that he was a member of Montrose Tennis Club. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 27 May 2014](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 27 MAY 2014 TO 19 AUGUST 2014

There was submitted and noted [Report No 346/14](#) by the Chief Executive, providing information to members with regard to services delivered by the Chief Executive's Unit for the period 27 May 2014 to 19 August 2014.

5. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 27 May 2014, there was submitted [Report No 347/14](#) by the Chief Executive, advising members as to applications to Angus Council in 2014/2015 of £1,000 or less, submitted, and/or approved since 27 May 2014, and recommending approval of grant awards of over £1,000 which had been recommended for approval since 27 May 2014. The awards made to the Commonwealth Games Fund since 16 April 2014 were also detailed in the Report.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the grant awards for 2014/2015 of £1,000 or less, made since 27 May 2014;
- (ii) to approve grant awards of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 27 May 2014; and
- (iii) to note the Commonwealth Games grant awards made since 16 April 2014.

6. ANGUS LEADER PROGRAMME – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2014-2020

There was submitted [Report No 348/14](#) by the Chief Executive, updating the Committee on the process for bidding for European LEADER Funds and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) funding to support rural development activities and fishing communities in decline in the period to 2014 – 2020. The Committee was requested to note the current position on the Angus Local Development Strategy and the forthcoming submission of a Business Plan. The Report also sought approval for the Council to continue its role as the Lead Partner on behalf of partners for the Programme and to recruit the appropriate staff required to deliver the Programme.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to continue to support the development of the draft Angus Local Development Strategy and agree the submission of the Business Plan and final Local Development Strategy as required by Scottish Government by 30 September;
- (ii) that Angus Council continues its role as Lead Partner for the Programme on behalf of partners i.e. the function carried out by Angus Council for the previous Rural Tayside LEADER Programme 2007-2013 and the Angus European Fisheries Fund (EFF4) Programme 2007-2013; and
- (iii) to approve, subject to the bid being approved, to the recruitment/secondment of staff on a temporary basis as required to deliver the Programme, noting that all costs would be covered by any funding award.

7. YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy Committee of 19 March 2013, there was submitted [Report No 349/14](#) by the Chief Executive, informing the Committee on the progress towards the recruitment of Modern Apprenticeships within the Council and to set out the key actions in 2014-15 to further support youth employment.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Council achieved 26 Modern Apprenticeship (MA) starts within its commitment to youth employment in 2013-14;
- (ii) to support the Economic Development Towards Employment Team (TET) with the further development of the Council's corporate response to youth employment through the initiatives outlined in this Report; and
- (iii) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Strategic Directors to implement recommendations that were proposed from findings outlined in the work streams detailed in the Report.