

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 21 January 2014 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors MAIRI EVANS, SHEILA HANDS, BILL BOWLES, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, IAIN GAUL, JEANETTE GAUL, MARTYN GEDDES, ALEX KING, IAN McLAREN, DAVID MAY, ROB MURRAY, MARK SALMOND, RONNIE PROCTOR, and BOB SPINK.

Councillor EVANS, Convener, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Convener welcomed Alison Smith to her first meeting as the new Service Manager (Economic Development).

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Bob Myles, with Councillor Mark Salmond substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that there were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 19 November 2013](#), was submitted and noted for information.

4. DEVELOPING THE ANGUS ECONOMIC STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2013-2020

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee of 29 January 2013, there was submitted [Report No 43/14](#) by the Chief Executive, advising the Committee as to progress towards the production of the Angus Economic Strategy 2013/2020, and the accompanying action plan on behalf of the Angus Economic Development Partnership. Approval was sought for the finalisation of the proposed strategy and action plan.

Following the launch of the Scottish Local Authorities Economic Improvement Guide by the Scottish Government and the Scottish Local Authorities' Economic Development Group, Angus Council had received support from an Improvement Service representative, and this would continue. The currently adopted Economic Development Strategy 2007-2012 had run its course. The Angus Economic Development Partnership, a thematic sub-group of the Community Planning Partnership, had agreed the content of a new Economic Strategy. The strategy and action plan had been developed with a wide and varied consultation process, in line with the Improvement Guide checklist, and this would continue with the annual review of the action plan. The consultation process had been extended to May 2013 to enable additional business input, leading to a need to link in with pre-designated dates of the Angus Economic Development Partnership, and the engagement of partners and stakeholders in the production of the draft action plan, leading to the original date for completion having been put back to a proposed publication date of February 2014.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Angus Economic Strategy and Action Plan 2013-2020 as outlined in the Report;
- (ii) to authorise the Service Manager – Economic Development to launch and publish the Strategy and agree the activity outlined in the Action Plan; and
- (iii) to instruct the Service Manager – Economic Development to submit an annual report on Action Plan progress, in line with the Single Outcome Agreement.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved in terms of Standing Order 27(2) that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item, so as to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Paragraphs 6 and 9.

6. REGENERATION OF SOUTH MONTROSE

With reference to Article 21 of the minute of meeting of the Corporate Services Committee on 6 June 2013, there was submitted joint [Report No 44/14](#) by the Chief Executive and the Strategic Director – Communities, regarding certain actions required in connection with progressing the regeneration project in South Montrose.

The Committee agreed;-

- (i) to note the progress in the regeneration for South Montrose; and
- (ii) to take the recommended actions required to progress the project, as detailed in the Report; including granting approval for the Head of Technical and Property Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to promote a Stopping-Up Order, under Section 68 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, for that part of Wharf Street forming a lay-by adjacent to Montrose Port/Origin Fertilisers, as illustrated in Appendix 6 to the Report.