

MINUTE of MEETING of the **EXECUTIVE SUB COMMITTEE of the POLICY and RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in Training Room A, Angus House, Forfar on Monday 15 July 2019 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors DAVID FAIRWEATHER, MARK SALMOND and JULIE BELL.

Councillor FAIRWEATHER, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Angus MacMillan Douglas and Alex King with Councillors Salmond and Bell substituting, respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. SEAGREEN ALPHA WIND ENERGY LIMITED – FIRTH OF FORTH OFFSHORE WIND FARM PHASE 1 (ONSHORE INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2019

There was submitted Report No 226/19 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services advising members of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) submitted by Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy Limited and seeking approval to submit an objection on behalf of Angus Council to the CPO, an action necessary in order to protect Angus Council's position should the Council and Seagreen fail to reach agreement over the cable route and related matters.

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services advised members that, in order to mitigate any potential conflict of interests which may arise, it was proposed that members involved in making the decision on the CPO matter would not be involved when considering any planning matter and that recommendation (iii) be amended accordingly.

The Sub Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the detail of the Compulsory Purchase Order submitted by Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy Limited, as outlined in the Report and the Appendix;
- (ii) to delegate authority to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to submit an objection to the CPO on behalf of Angus Council, together with such follow up action and correspondence as was appropriate in order to protect the Council's position; and
- (iii) requests that the Director of Legal and Democratic Services bring a Report to Policy and Resources Committee on 27 August 2019 recommending that a sub committee be established with full delegated powers to make decisions on behalf of Angus Council relating to the said compulsory purchase order submitted by Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy.

4. SUPPLY OF WATER AND WASTE WATER BILLING SERVICES – AGENCY AGREEMENT

There was submitted Report No 227/19 by the Director of Infrastructure seeking approval for entering into an Agency Agreement with Scottish Ministers which would authorise them to undertake a procurement exercise on the Council's behalf for the supply of water and waste water billing services, as a national contract, for which there was no delegated authority for officers.

The Report indicated that the current contract for the supply of water and waste water billing services was due to expire at the end of February 2020. In advance of this date, the Council was required to enter into an Agency Agreement with Scottish Ministers to allow Scottish

Government to undertake the national procurement for the supply of water and waste water billing services.

The Sub-Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure to enter into an Agency Agreement with Scottish Ministers which would authorise them to undertake a procurement exercise for the supply of water and waste water billing services on behalf of Angus Council.