

Minute

Special General Meeting of the Council

Thursday, 13 August 2020, 10:30.

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Present

Councillors J Harvey Johnston, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, David Dawson, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, John T Richards, Stephen Sankey, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Graham L Sinclair, James W Stockan, Owen Tierney and Duncan A Tullock.

Clerk

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.

In Attendance

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.
- Gavin Barr, Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.
- Gillian Morrison, Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- James Wylie, Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Gareth Waterson, Head of Finance.
- Karen Greaves, Head of Executive Support.
- Hayley Green, Head of IT and Facilities.
- Roddy Mackay, Head of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services.
- Rosemary Colsell, Procurement Manager.
- Jayne Venables, Project Manager, Islands Growth Deal (for Item 4).
- Anna Whelan, Interim Project Manager, Our Islands Our Future (for Items 4 and 5).
- James Green, Senior Policy Planner (Development and Marine Planning) (for Items 4 and 5).
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

Observing

- Georgette Herd, Solicitor (for Items 4 and 5).
- David Hartley, Communications Team Leader.
- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.
- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

Apology

- Councillor W Leslie Manson.

Not Present

- Councillor Magnus O Thomson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor J Harvey Johnston, Convener.

1. Disclosure of Exempt Information

The Council noted the proposal that the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Items 4 and 5, as the business to be discussed involved the potential disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

Councillors Stephen G Clackson and Owen Tierney joined the meeting at this point.

2. Supplier Relief Scheme

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of IT and Facilities, the Council:

Noted:

2.1. That the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) released Scottish Procurement Policy Notes (SPPNs), which set out guidance for public bodies to consider in respect of supplier support to ensure service continuity during the current Coronavirus outbreak and/or post virus.

2.2. That, on 6 May 2020, the Council resolved that a programme of supplier relief be implemented to existing contractors to the Council, up to 30 June 2020, in accordance with the principles described in the Scottish Government and COSLA guidance.

2.3. That updated guidance for public bodies, SPPN 8/2020, recommended that the Supplier Relief Scheme continue from 1 July 2020 and should remain in place as long as was needed.

The Council resolved:

2.4. That the Council's existing programme of supplier relief should continue to be available as required by existing contractors beyond 30 June 2020.

2.5. That, given the intention that the relief was not indefinite, relevant Executive Directors should work in partnership with contractors to develop transition plans, in accordance with the principles of the guidance issued by Scottish Government.

3. Exclusion of Public

On the motion of Councillor J Harvey Johnston, seconded by Councillor James W Stockan, the Council resolved that the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting, as the business to be considered involved the disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

4. Islands Growth Deal – Provision of Specialist Consultancy Support

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Resolved what action should be taken with regard to the provision of specialist consultant support in respect of the Islands Growth Deal.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

5. Local Marine Asset Management Pilot Scheme

Under section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public had been excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

After consideration of a joint report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, the Council:

Noted:

5.1. That, in July 2019, the Council resolved, subject to the key issues identified during the Stage 2 assessment process being clarified and “preferred project status” thereafter secured, to proceed with the Orkney Local Marine Asset Management and Local Governance Pilot Scheme.

5.2. That the Pilot Scheme, as originally proposed in July 2019, had been reviewed and revised in conjunction with Crown Estate Scotland.

5.3. The proposal that a temporary post of Project Officer be recruited to further develop and operate the Pilot Scheme.

The Council resolved:

5.4. That implementation of the revised Pilot Scheme be approved.

5.5. That a temporary post of Local Marine Asset Management Project Officer, G8, be established, for a period of one year, with potential for a further two year extension, to further develop and operate the Pilot Scheme.

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6. Conclusion of Meeting

At 12:20 the Convener declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Harvey Johnston.