

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
12 FEBRUARY 2015

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minute of Special Meeting of Perth and Kinross Council held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 2.00pm.

Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, R Band, M Barnacle (up to and including Article 99), P Barrett, R Brock , I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, D Cuthbert, D Doogan, J Flynn, A Gaunt, J Giacobazzi, C Gillies, A Grant, T Gray, K Howie (up to and including Article 101), A Jack (left during consideration of Article 100), J Kellas, G Laing, A Livingstone, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, D Melloy, I Miller, A Munro, D Pover, M Roberts, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, G Walker, M Williamson, W Wilson, and A Younger.

In Attendance: B Malone, Chief Executive; G Taylor, J Symon, I Innes, S Walker, A O'Brien, J Cockburn, C Robertson, K Donaldson, P Steel, C Flynn, S Hendry, L Simpson, H Rheinallt and A Taylor (all Chief Executive's Service); J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth, A Taylor and N Copland (all Housing and Community Care); J Fyffe, Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) and B Atkinson (Education and Children's Services); J Valentine, Executive Director (Environment); D Littlejohn, K McNamara, W Young and S MacKenzie (all the Environment Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor B Ellis.

Provost E Grant, Presiding

97. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Provost Grant welcomed all those present to the meeting, and an apology was submitted and noted as above.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded that Paragraph 5.18 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct provides for a general exclusion for Councillors in relation to setting the Council Tax.

99. NOTICE OF MOTION

Motion by Councillors Cuthbert and Barnacle.

It remains the view of the Independent Liaison Group that discussing the budget of Perth and Kinross Council in a single meeting with only a very short break to consider all the options is insufficient time for such an important matter.

Our preference would be to have two Council meetings, one for the presentation of Budget Proposals and the second to have a debate on the proposals which have been put forward.

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We believe that a period of a few days between these meetings, would allow the proposals to be properly investigated and enable the correct decision to be better reached.

However, having discussed this with Officers we accept that, on this occasion, such a delay may cause administrative problems.

With this in mind, we wish to move that the break for consideration of the various motions being presented to Council today is extended to at least one and half hours to allow Councillors sufficient time to read, absorb and discuss them more fully.

The Provost ruled that in line with Standing Order 24, which states that it is for the Provost to determine all matters of procedure, competency and relevancy at the Council meeting:

- (i) In terms of Report 15/36 on the agenda, following the submission of the motion and any amendments, a recess period of 30 minutes will be offered in line with the usual custom and practice at the annual budget meeting;
- (ii) Following the above recess period, the Provost will clarify with members on their return to the meeting should any further recess period be required.

COUNCILLOR BARNACLE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

100. REVENUE BUDGET 2015/16

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/36) (1) recommending that the Final Revenue Budget for 2015/16 be determined by updating the Provisional Revenue Budget for 2015/16, previously approved by Council on 13 February 2014 (Article 84/14 refers) and (2) requesting that the Council determines the Final Council Tax for 2015/16.

Motion (Councillors I Miller and A Grant)

Revenue Budget 2015/16

The Council agrees:

- 1. To approve the 2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget of £331,240,000 as set out in Appendix 2 of Report No.15/36.**
- 2. To approve the carry forward of £5,273,000 of resources from 2014/15 into 2015/16 and future years under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 3 of Report No.15/36.**
- 3. To approve the expenditure pressures for 2015/16 set out in Appendix 5 of Report No. 15/36.**
- 4. To approve the implementation of the savings options for 2015/16 set out in Appendix 5 of Report No.15/36 with the exception of those listed in Appendix I of this Revenue Budget Motion.**

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5. To approve the additional savings proposal listed in Appendix I of this Revenue Budget Motion.
6. To approve the additional expenditure proposals for 2015/16 set out in Appendix II of this Revenue Budget Motion.
7. To approve an additional contribution from Reserves of £1,373,000 in 2015/16.
8. To approve an additional contribution to Reserves of £20,000 in 2015/16.
9. To the terms of the letter from the Cabinet Secretary (Finance and Sustainable Growth) dated 9 October 2014 and the revised offer in relation to maintaining teacher numbers included in Finance Circular 1/2015 and summarised in Section 2 of Report No. 15/36.
10. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2015/16 of £332,819,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2015/16 as summarised in Appendix III of this Revenue Budget Motion. This represents no increase from the Council Tax Band D figure for 2014/15.

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SAVINGS REJECTED

The Environment Service

Partial reinstatement of the budget for Public Transport	70	62
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TOTAL REJECTED SAVINGS

62

ADDITIONAL SAVINGS PROPOSAL

The Environment Service

Increased savings target from energy and fuel in light of recent price reductions	new	300
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL SAVINGS PROPOSALS

300

APPENDIX II

2015/16

Additional Expenditure Proposals

£'000

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 1 - GIVING EVERY CHILD THE BEST START IN LIFE

Raising Attainment and Reducing Inequality

150

Additional funding to enhance approaches to improve the monitoring and tracking of pupils' progress.

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APPENDIX II (Cont.)

2015/16

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 2 - DEVELOPING EDUCATED, RESPONSIBLE AND INFORMED CITIZENS

Woodlea Cottage - Outreach Support

35

Additional funding to develop outreach support for children with complex needs and their families.

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 3 - PROMOTING A PROSPEROUS, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMY

Economic Development

50

Additional funding to enhance tourism and attract economic investment.

Events

73

Funding to maintain existing events capacity.

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 4 - SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO LEAD INDEPENDENT, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIVES

Community Empowerment / Engagement - a new approach to working with communities

150

To invest in additional capacity in PKAVS for local community engagement.

PKAVS

19

Increase in core funding on a recurring basis.

Welfare Rights

50

Additional recurring funding to enhance the capacity of the Welfare Rights Team to meet the continuing rising demand for specialist advice and support.

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 5 - CREATING A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE PLACE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Investment in the Council's bridges to deal with the consequences of increased severe weather and vehicle loading

1,000

Rural Wardens

20

Pilot funding to provide a partnership approach to community safety in Highland Perthshire.

Enhancing the budget for Loan Charges to fund future investment in infrastructure

270

TOTAL ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS

1,817

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APPENDIX III

2015/16 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

	2015/16 £'000	2015/16 £'000
2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget		331,240
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	62	
Add Additional Savings Proposal (Appendix I)	(300)	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals for 2015/16 (Appendix II)	1,817	
		1,579
2015/16 Revised Provisional Revenue Budget		332,819
<u>Funding</u>		
Total Revenue Funding	(243,497)	
Capital Grants	(7,240)	
Revenue Budget Flexibility	(5,273)	
Net Contribution from Reserves included in Provisional Budget	(3,205)	
Contribution from Reserves included in this Motion	(1,373)	
Contribution to Reserves included in this Motion	20	
		(260,568)
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		72,251
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non-Collection)		62,393
2015/16 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		£ 1,158
INCREASE/DECREASE (2014/15 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)		£ 0
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		0.0%
Excluding Water and Waste Water charges determined by Scottish Water.		

First Amendment (Councillors M Roberts and A Cowan)

Revenue Budget 2015/16

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget of £331,240,000 as set out in Appendix 2 of Report No.15/36 with the exception of the proposal to augment loan charges by £500,000 in 2015/16 (as set out in Appendix I of this Revenue Budget Amendment).
2. To approve the carry forward of £5,273,000 of resources from 2014/15 into 2015/16 and future years under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 3 of Report No.15/36.
3. To approve the expenditure pressures for 2015/16 set out in Appendix 5 of Report No. 15/36.

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4. To approve the implementation of the savings options for 2015/16 set out in Appendix 5 of Report No.15/36 with the exception of those listed in Appendix I of this Revenue Budget Amendment.
5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals for 2015/16 set out in Appendix II of this Revenue Budget Amendment.
6. To the terms of the letter from the Cabinet Secretary (Finance and Sustainable Growth) dated 9 October 2014 and the revised offer in relation to maintaining teacher numbers included in Finance Circular 1/2015 and summarised in Section 2 of Report No. 15/36.
7. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2015/16 of £331,466,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2015/16 as summarised in Appendix III of this Revenue Budget Amendment. This represents no increase from the Council Tax Band D figure for 2014/15.

Reference Report No.15/36 (Appendix 5) Page No.	APPENDIX I 2015/16 £'000
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EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS REJECTED

Corporate Budgets

Fully reject the proposed increase in loan charges in 2015/16 and approach the Scottish Government to provide funding towards the A9/A85 junction and Perth Theatre.

500

TOTAL REJECTED PRESSURES

500

SAVINGS REJECTED

Education and Children's Services

Full reinstatement of the budget for Tuition, Central Groups and Music Camp Resources - to enable Education and Children's Services to undertake a review of music provision.

N/A

75

The Environment Service

Full reinstatement of the budget for Public Transport - to maintain local bus services.

70

130

TOTAL REJECTED SAVINGS

205

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APPENDIX II

2015/16

Additional Expenditure Proposals

£'000

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 1 - GIVING EVERY CHILD THE BEST START IN LIFE

PKAVS

26

Additional funding to support young carers

**OBJECTIVE NUMBER 3 - PROMOTING A PROSPEROUS, SUSTAINABLE
AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMY**

Employability in the Social Care Sector

30

Funding to encourage individual care providers in rural areas to come forward and for marketing of this local service to homecare users.

Free Off Street Parking across Perth and Kinross on Saturdays

315

The provision of free off street parking on Saturdays will revitalise the high streets across Perth and Kinross and make them a destination once again leading to significant economic benefits to the area.

**OBJECTIVE NUMBER 4 - SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO LEAD INDEPENDENT,
HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIVES**

Review of Social Care Provision

25

Funding for a review of the provision of social care across all areas in order to transform the service, reducing bureaucracy, reducing costs and improving the service to homecare users.

Provision of a free bus service between park and ride facilities at Broxden and Scone servicing Perth Royal Infirmary to alleviate the parking issues around the hospital

100

**OBJECTIVE NUMBER 5 - CREATING A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE PLACE
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**

Review of Community Engagement

25

Funding to modernise Council inputs into communities to bring them together as an integrated service.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS

521

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2015/16 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

	2015/16 £'000	2015/16 £'000
2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget		331,240
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed pressures (Appendix I)	(500)	
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	205	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals for 2015/16 (Appendix II)	521	
		226
2015/16 Revised Provisional Revenue Budget		331,466
<u>Funding</u>		
Total Revenue Funding	(243,497)	
Capital Grants	(7,240)	
Revenue Budget Flexibility	(5,273)	
Net Contribution from Reserves included in Provisional Budget	(3,205)	
		(259,215)
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		72,251
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non Collection)		62,393
2015/16 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		£ 1,158
INCREASE/DECREASE (2014/15 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)		£ 0
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		0.0%
Excluding Water and Waste Water charges determined by Scottish Water.		

Second Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and A Gaunt)

Revenue Budget 2015/16

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget of £331,240,000 as set out in Appendix 2 of Report No.15/36.
2. To approve the carry forward of £5,273,000 of resources from 2014/15 into 2015/16 and future years under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 3 of Report No.15/36.
3. To approve the expenditure pressures for 2015/16 set out in Appendix 5 of Report No. 15/36.
4. To approve the implementation of the savings options for 2015/16 set out in Appendix 5 of Report No.15/36 with the exception of those listed in Appendix I of this Revenue Budget Amendment.
5. To approve the additional savings proposal listed in Appendix I of this Revenue Budget Amendment.

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6. To approve the additional expenditure proposals for 2015/16 set out in Appendix II of this Revenue Budget Amendment.
7. To approve an additional contribution from Reserves in 2015/16 of £2,703,000.
8. To the terms of the letter from the Cabinet Secretary (Finance and Sustainable Growth) dated 9 October 2014 and the revised offer in relation to maintaining teacher numbers included in Finance Circular 1/2015 and summarised in Section 2 of Report No. 15/36.
9. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2015/16 of £334,169,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2015/16 as summarised in Appendix III of this Revenue Budget Amendment. This represents no increase from the Council Tax Band D figure for 2014/15.

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<u>SAVINGS REJECTED</u>		
<u>Education and Children's Services</u>		
Full reinstatement of the budget for Tuition, Central Groups and Music Camp Resources.	N/A	75
<u>The Environment Service</u>		
Partial reinstatement of the budget for Public Transport	70	100
TOTAL REJECTED SAVINGS		175
<u>ADDITIONAL SAVINGS PROPOSAL</u>		
<u>The Environment Service</u>		
Reduction in the Events budget	new	100
TOTAL ADDITIONAL SAVINGS PROPOSALS		100

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2015/16

Additional Expenditure Proposals

£'000

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 2 - DEVELOPING EDUCATED, RESPONSIBLE AND INFORMED CITIZENS

Literacy and Numeracy Support - pilot for primary school entrants

150

Funding for early intervention and prevention activity to prevent young people falling behind at a critical stage in the learning process. This funding will particularly focus on evidence based initiatives around literacy and numeracy.

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 4 - SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO LEAD INDEPENDENT, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIVES

Community Fund

480

Investment in the infrastructure of our communities to improve quality of life and to undertake neighbourhood improvement projects enhancing community capacity.

PKAVS

120

Additional recurring investment to support community engagement and empowerment, volunteering development in localities and third sector engagement and development.

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 5 - CREATING A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE PLACE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

New Council Housing Investment Fund

1,000

Accelerate the Council house building program through a contribution to the Housing Revenue Account to increase new Council housing stock. (Subject to Ministerial approval).

Infrastructure Investment

1,000

Ambitious programme of infrastructure improvement leading to increased road safety, improved opportunities for economic development, an increased local environment and addressing the deterioration in the road and pavement network.

Speed Activated Signs

59

The supply and installation of twelve speed activated signs across the roads network to promote road safety. This proposal includes recurring funding (£5,000) for the relocation of the signs as necessary.

Perth and Kinross Countryside Trust

45

Additional funding for PKCT for new paths and path improvements.

TOTAL ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS

2,854

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2015/16 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

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2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget		331,240
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	175	
Add Additional Savings Proposal (Appendix I)	(100)	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals for 2015/16 (Appendix II)	2,854	
		2,929
2015/16 Revised Provisional Revenue Budget		334,169
<u>Funding</u>		
Total Revenue Funding	(243,497)	
Capital Grants	(7,240)	
Revenue Budget Flexibility	(5,273)	
Net Contribution from Reserves included in Provisional Budget	(3,205)	
Contribution from Reserves included in this Amendment	(2,703)	
		(261,918)
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		72,251
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non-Collection)		62,393
2015/16 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		£ 1,158
INCREASE/DECREASE (2014/15 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)		£ 0
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		0.0%

Excluding Water and Waste Water charges determined by Scottish Water.

Third Amendment (Councillors A MacLellan and C Gillies)

Revenue Budget 2014/15 and 2015/16

The Council agrees:

1. To approve the 2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget of £331,240,000 as set out in Appendix 2 of Report No.15/36.
2. To approve the carry forward of £5,273,000 of resources from 2014/15 into 2015/16 and future years under the terms of the Council's Revenue Budget Flexibility Scheme as set out in Appendix 3 of Report No.15/36.
3. To approve the expenditure pressures for 2015/16 set out in Appendix 5 of Report No. 15/36.
4. To approve the implementation of the savings options for 2015/16 set out in Appendix 5 of Report No.15/36 with the exception of those listed in Appendix I of this Revenue Budget Amendment.
5. To approve the additional expenditure proposals for 2015/16 set out in Appendix II of this Revenue Budget Amendment.

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6. To approve the additional contribution from Reserves in 2015/16 of £1,284,000.
7. To the terms of the letter from the Cabinet Secretary (Finance and Sustainable Growth) dated 9 October 2014 and the revised offer in relation to maintaining teacher numbers included in Finance Circular 1/2015 and summarised in Section 2 of Report No. 15/36.
8. To approve the Final Revenue Budget in 2015/16 of £332,750,000 resulting in a Band D Council Tax of £1,158 in 2015/16 as summarised in Appendix III of this Revenue Budget Amendment. This represents no increase from the Council Tax Band D figure for 2014/15.

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SAVINGS REJECTED

The Environment Service

Full reinstatement of the budget for Public Transport	70	130
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TOTAL REJECTED SAVINGS		130
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APPENDIX II

2015/16

Additional Expenditure Proposals

£'000

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 2 - DEVELOPING EDUCATED, RESPONSIBLE AND INFORMED CITIZENS

Equalities (Non-Recurring)		50
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OBJECTIVE NUMBER 3 - PROMOTING A PROSPEROUS, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMY

Foodbank - expansion of service (Recurring)		10
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OBJECTIVE NUMBER 4 - SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO LEAD INDEPENDENT, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE LIVES

Community Empowerment (non-recurring, of which £64,000 funded from reserves)		100
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APPENDIX II (Cont.)

2015/16

OBJECTIVE NUMBER 5 - CREATING A SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE PLACE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Investment in Local Roads infrastructure (funded from reserves-non recurring)	1,000
Environmental Improvements - North Muirton (funded by re-designating the proposed ear-marked reserve for the Flood Fund (Insurance Losses) - non recurring)	220
TOTAL ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS	1,380

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2015/16 COUNCIL TAX CALCULATION

	2015/16	£'000
2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget		331,240
Adjustments:		
Reject proposed savings (Appendix I)	130	
Add Additional Expenditure Proposals for 2015/16 (Appendix II)	1,380	
		1,510
2015/16 Revised Provisional Revenue Budget		332,750
<u>Funding</u>		
Total Revenue Funding	(243,497)	
Capital Grants	(7,240)	
Revenue Budget Flexibility	(5,273)	
Net Contribution from Reserves included in Provisional Budget	(3,205)	
Contribution from Reserves included in this Amendment	(1,284)	
		(260,499)
AMOUNT TO BE LEVIED FROM COUNCIL TAX		72,251
TAX BASE BAND D EQUIVALENT PROPERTIES (2.5% Non-Collection)		62,393
2015/16 BAND D COUNCIL TAX		£ 1,158
INCREASE/DECREASE (2014/15 BAND D COUNCIL TAX £1,158)		£ 0
PERCENTAGE INCREASE		0.0%

Excluding Water and Waste Water charges determined by Scottish Water.

THEREAFTER, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED FOR 30 MINUTES, RECOMMENCING AT 3.30PM.

COUNCILLOR JACK DID NOT RETURN TO THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

Note: The Mover and Seconder of the Motion agreed to incorporate the following into the Motion in relation to the Third Amendment:-

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- (i) Accept the non-recurring additional expenditure proposal of £50,000 for Equalities through adjusting the loan charges for 2015/16 within the Motion;
- (ii) Accept the non-recurring additional expenditure proposal of £220,000 of Environmental Improvements – North Muirton (funded by re-designating the proposed ear-marked reserve for the Flood Fund (Insurance Losses)), subject to appropriate governance arrangements.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

4 members voted for the Third Amendment as follows:

Councillors J Flynn, C Gillies, A MacLellan and A Munro.

6 members voted for the Second Amendment as follows:

Councillors P Barrett, D Cuthbert, A Gaunt, W Robertson, L Simpson and W Wilson.

28 members abstained as follows:

Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, R Band, R Brock, I Campbell, J Coburn, A Cowan, D Doogan, J Giacomazzi, A Grant, T Gray, K Howie, J Kellas, G Laing, A Livingstone, M Lyle, E Maclachlan, D Melloy, I Miller, D Pover, M Roberts, C Shiers, A Stewart, H Stewart, B Vaughan, G Walker, M Williamson and A Younger.

The Second Amendment being successful, it was put against the First Amendment.

7 members voted for the Second Amendment as follows:

Councillors P Barrett, R Brock, D Cuthbert, A Gaunt, W Robertson, L Simpson and W Wilson.

10 members voted for the First Amendment as follows:

Councillors I Campbell, A Cowan, A Livingstone, M Lyle, D Melloy, M Roberts, C Shiers, A Stewart, H Stewart and B Vaughan

21 members abstained as follows:

Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, B Band, J Coburn, D Doogan, J Flynn, J Giacomazzi, C Gillies, A Grant, T Gray, K Howie, J Kellas, G Laing, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, I Miller, A Munro, D Pover, G Walker, M Williamson and A Younger.

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The First Amendment became the substantive Amendment, and was put against the Motion.

12 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors I Campbell, A Cowan, A Livingstone, M Lyle, D Melloy, M Roberts, W Robertson, C Shiers, L Simpson, A Stewart, H Stewart and B Vaughan.

22 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Provost E Grant, Councillors H Anderson, B Band, P Barrett, J Coburn, D Doogan, J Flynn, J Giacobazzi, C Gillies, A Grant, T Gray, K Howie, J Kellas, G Laing, E Maclachlan, A MacLellan, I Miller, A Munro, D Pover, G Walker, M Williamson and A Younger.

4 members abstained as follows:

Councillors R Brock, D Cuthbert, A Gaunt and W Wilson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

101. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2015-2023

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/37) outlining proposals for the Council to consider when setting the next Capital Budget for the years 2022-2023.

Resolved:

- (i) The indicative available resources for 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23, as outlined at Section 3.2 of Report 15/37, be approved.
- (ii) The proposed methodology outlined at Sections 3.4 to 3.9 of Report 15/37 for setting the Composite Capital Budget in February 2016, including the submission of Outline Business Cases by Services, and reviewing the ranking criteria to be applied to the Outline Business Cases, be approved.

COUNCILLOR K HOWIE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

102. RESERVES STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (15/38) recommending a strategy for managing the Council's Reserves (with the exception of the Housing Revenue Account balances) in the context of setting the Council's Final Revenue Budget for 2015/16.

Resolved:

- (i) The proposals to earmark General Fund balances, as set out in Section 2 of Report 15/38, and subject to the redesignation of the earmarked reserve for Flood Funding to Environmental Initiatives agreed as part of the Revenue Budget 2015/16, be approved.

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- (ii) The proposed approach to managing uncommitted General Fund balances, as set out in Section 3 of Report 15/38, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed approaches to managing the Capital Receipts Reserve; Renewal and Repair Fund; Insurance Fund and Capital Fund, as set out in Sections 4 to 7 of Report 15/38, be approved.

THE PROVOST AGREED THAT IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 20(B), THE FOLLOWING ITEM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY DUE TO THE CURRENT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT AND THE CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

103. PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO NEGOTIATIONS

Councillor Barrett made the following statement; copies of which were circulated.

Perth and Kinross Council believes that the terms of the deal on Teachers numbers contained in the letter of 4 February from Depute First Minister and Cabinet Secretary Finance, Constitution and Economy and referred to in paras 2.1.7 and 3.3.9 are a departure from the accepted practice of COSLA and Scottish Government conducting business through collective national negotiations which is Perth and Kinross Council's preferred way of operating.

Perth and Kinross Council believes it is in the best interests of Local and Scottish Government to return to that on this specific issue of teacher numbers to have discussions regarding our concerns regarding fairness and equity faced by councils and to progress to an outcome focussed performance network for education. That should be the way we conduct all future negotiations both on this and the wide range of other issues in other policy areas on which future agreements will need to be reached.

This Council agree to write to the Scottish Government to request ongoing dialogue with CoSLA on this.

Resolved:

In accordance with the statement.

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