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Participation Request - Decision Notice

Issued in accordance with the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 ('the Act') and The Participation Request (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2017 ('the Regulations')

Participation Request submitted by Comrie Community Council on 26 November 2024 ('the Participation Request')

The Participation Request was received from Comrie Community Council on 26 November 2024. The said Request complied with the abovenamed Regulations and was given a Validation Date of 26 November 2024.

Comrie Community Council is a "community participation body" in terms of Section 20(1) of the abovenamed Act and Perth and Kinross Council is a "public service authority" in terms of Section 21 and Schedule 2 of the Act. The Participation Request also referred to Culture Perth and Kinross who are a Scottish Registered Charity (SC04635) and an Arm's Length External Organisation of Perth and Kinross Council, providing library and culture services on behalf of Perth and Kinross Council.

The outcome specified in the Participation Request related to:

The creation of a working group including representatives from Comrie Community Council, Culture Perth and Kinross, and Perth and Kinross Council to explore innovative ways of maintaining Comrie Library with all its wider social, educational and cultural functions.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, the Council notified Culture Perth and Kinross of the Participation Request, and they have agreed to participate in the outcome improvement process.

Decision

The Participation Request was referred to the Strategic Lead for Economy, Development and Planning who, having considered the matter fully, has recognised that Culture Perth and Kinross have begun engagement with Comrie Community Council and in support of the continuation of this has decided to agree to the Participation Request subject to timescales noted below. Therefore, an outcome improvement process will be prepared by Perth and Kinross Council, Culture Perth and Kinross and Comrie Community Council (as the community participation body), which will clearly set out: -

- Comrie Community Council's involvement in the process
- The Council services (including Culture Perth and Kinross) that will lead (or be involved) in the process
- The anticipated timescales – taking into consideration that Council budget setting on 26 February 2024 may impact on the scope of what is possible past 31 March 2025.

The “outcome improvement process” once agreed, will be published on the Council's website.

As you will be aware CPK are currently consulting with communities to explore future delivery of library services. The next meeting for Comrie is scheduled for 6.30pm on 30th January at the White Church. This will provide an opportunity to explore the issue further and following this, a meeting can be arranged to define the terms of reference of the working group.

Perth and Kinross Council

27 January 2025