

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 16 March 2010 at 4.00 pm.

Present: Councillors BOB MYLES, IAN MACKINTOSH, ALISON ANDREWS, MAIRI EVANS, ALEX KING, DAVID MAY, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, JIM MILLAR, DONALD MORRISON, PETER MURPHY, ROB MURRAY, HELEN OSWALD, MARK SALMOND, SHEENA WELSH and JOHN WHYTE.

Councillor MYLES, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Iain Gaul with Councillor Mairi Evans substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Whyte declared an interest in item 6 as he was currently Vice Chair of Monifieth Landward Partnership and in item 10 as he had made a submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland on behalf of Murroes/Wellbank Community Council. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on both items.

Councillor Oswald declared an interest in item 6 as she was a member of the local community planning group "Carnoustie Forward" and while the item did not specifically mention the Group, she was aware that the Chief Executive would be providing a verbal update to the meeting on the work of the Group. She indicated that she would participate in any discussion and voting.

3. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 February 2010](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

(b) Central Consultative Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Central Consultative Committee of 17 February 2010](#), a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX I**).

(c) Scrutiny and Audit Sub-Committee

The [minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Sub-Committee of 23 February 2010](#), a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX II**).

4. BUSINESS CONTINUITY MANAGEMENT

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 March 2007, there was submitted [Report No 234/10](#) by the Chief Executive reminding members of the requirements of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 and the Contingency Planning (Scotland) Regulations 2005 concerning the development of business continuity plans, advising on progress made to date and detailing the next steps.

The Report indicated that, in the event of an incident affecting the delivery of any of the identified key services/critical activities of the Council, reports would be immediately produced identifying the resources required with identified dependencies across services which would then be used by incident management teams at the appropriate level to oversee the recovery process. The Council was already well placed to respond to any incident more effectively and its overall resilience had therefore improved. This improvement would continue as training and exercising was rolled out across the Council.

Having heard from Councillor Murray, the Committee agreed:

- (i). to note the contents of the Report and the progress made in relation to the preparation of business continuity plans;
- (ii). to endorse the updated business continuity policy statement attached at Appendix A to the Report, and
- (iii). to approve the action plan as detailed in Appendix B to the Report (subject to the target date for completion of Objective 1 moving to Oct 2010)

5. CORPORATE PLAN MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN 2010/11

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 30 October 2007, there was submitted [Report No 235/10](#) by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the Corporate Plan Management Action Plan for 2010/11.

The Report indicated that the departmental Service Plans for 2010/11 had been approved at the Special Budget Committee meetings on 17 February 2010. The actions within these Plans were designed to take forward delivery of the corporate objectives and priorities and these had now been incorporated within the Corporate Plan Management Action Plan for 2010/11, as appended to the Report.

Having heard from Councillor Murray and having also heard the Chief Executive and Assistant Chief Executive confirm that the targets within the Action Plan related directly to the actions, the Committee agreed to approve the contents of the Corporate Plan Management Action Plan for 2010/11.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING IN ANGUS – QUARTERLY REPORT

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 December 2009, there was submitted [Report No 236/10](#) by the Chief Executive giving details of community planning activities in Angus for the period October to December 2009.

The Report highlighted the work of the Angus Community Planning Partnership, the work of the eight thematic groups that supported the Partnership and also highlighted progress in working with local communities to develop local community planning. The Chief Executive also updated the Committee on the activities undertaken by Carnoustie Forward over the same period.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.

7. ADDITIONAL FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVES IN 2010/11

There was submitted [Report No 237/10](#) by the Chief Executive advising members of an additional funding allocation for 2010/11 of £125,000 for Community Safety Initiatives as a result of budget negotiations with Tayside Joint Police Board and incorporating proposals for the allocation of the additional funding.

The Report indicated that the agreed additional funding would be allocated to Community Initiatives which would help deliver on the three strategic aims set out in the Angus Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy 2009/12, namely

- Early Intervention and Prevention.
- Enforcement and Support.
- Community Engagement.

The additional funding would be non recurring and would be managed through Angus Community Safety Partnership. Members were also advised that the additional CCTV cameras would cover the Brechin, Forfar and Kirriemuir areas.

The Committee agreed to approve the proposals for allocation of the additional funds, as outlined in the Appendix to the Report.

8. DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 March 2007, there was submitted [Report No 238/10](#) by the Chief Executive seeking formal endorsement of the Council's Disability Equality Scheme which had been revised following a review.

The Report indicated that the review had been conducted against a backdrop of anticipated new equalities legislation which was likely to result in a move away from separate disability, gender and race equality schemes to a single equality scheme drawing together the different equality strands. In anticipation of this, work was ongoing within the Council to prepare a single equality scheme. With these developments in mind, the review of the Disability Equality Scheme had not resulted in any significant changes to the Scheme although it did now include details of progress in respect of the previous action plan and reflected service developments since 2007, incorporating an action plan for the next 3 years, as required by current legislation.

The Committee agreed to endorse the Disability Equality Scheme, as appended to the Report.

9. ESTABLISHMENT CHANGES

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 February 2010, there was submitted and noted [Report No 239/10](#) by the Chief Executive summarising changes to the Corporate Services, Education, Infrastructure Services, Neighbourhood Services and Social Work & Health establishments during the period 5 January to 12 February 2010.

10. REVIEW OF DUNDEE CITY/ANGUS BOUNDARY AT FITHIEBANK

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 16 June 2009, there was submitted [Report No 240/10](#) by the Chief Executive advising members of the outcome of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's Review of the administrative boundary between Angus Council and Dundee City Council at Fithiebank.

The Report indicated that on 29 October 2009 the Commission had submitted its final Report to Scottish Ministers recommending that the administrative boundary be aligned to follow the Fithie Burn, resulting in the whole of Fithiebank being in Dundee City Council local government area and the transfer of 7 homes from Angus Council local government area to Dundee City Council local government area. Following the statutory period for representations, the Minister for Parliamentary Business had decided to accept the Commission's recommendations in full. The Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Amendment Order 2009 had therefore been laid before the Scottish Parliament on 17 December 2009 and would come into force on 1 April 2010.

Having heard a number of members express their disappointment over the Commission's recommendations, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the outcome of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland's review of the administrative boundary between Angus Council and Dundee City Council; and
- (ii) to note that the new boundary arrangements would come into force on 1 April 2010.