

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of Special MEETING of the **CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 19 February 2009 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors MARK SALMOND, JOHN WHYTE, IAIN GAUL, ALEX KING, IAN MACKINTOSH, DAVID MAY, BILL MIDDLETON, PETER MURPHY, ROB MURRAY, BOB MYLES, PETER NIELD, HELEN OSWALD, RALPH PALMER, JOHN RYMER and SANDY WEST.

Councillor SALMOND, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

### 3. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2009/2010

There were submitted (a) [Report No 155/09](#) by the Director of Corporate Services advising members of revenue expenditure for the period 1 April to 31 December 2008, together with the anticipated year end position in respect of the Corporate Services Department; (b) [Report No 161/09](#) by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the Corporate Services Service Plan for 2009/2010 and advising members of the preparation of the Plan within the context of both the budget setting process and the Corporate Plan; (c) [Joint Report No 119/09](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance advising members of the provisional revenue budget of each Council department and of the departmental budget savings considered necessary to allow the Council to deliver a sustainable revenue budget within the resources expected to be available and also setting out the provisional capital budget submissions for those departments with capital expenditure; (d) [Joint Report No 120/09](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance, being the provisional revenue budget volume, together with a commentary by each Head of Department; (e) [Joint Report No 121/09](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance, being the proposed department budget savings volume and (f) [Joint Report No 122/09](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and Head of Finance, being the provisional capital budget for 2009/10.

The Committee was advised that the Central Consultative Committee had met earlier today and considered the budget reports. The trade union representatives had acknowledged that Angus Council had an excellent record in protecting services and commended the officers for the efforts they had made in minimising the effects of the proposed savings. The point had been made that in relation to Education, the opportunity of reducing class sizes had been lost while some of the staff complement was being reduced school rolls were falling. All the trade union representatives had emphasised that it was unacceptable for cuts to continue every year as this would have a detrimental effect on the education of children in Angus and an equally detrimental effect on frontline staff in other Council departments who delivered services to the public and who were required to react to local situations.

Councillors Gaul, King, Bill Middleton, Murray, Oswald, Palmer and West indicated that they wished to reserve their position on the budget to the special meeting of the Council.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations as set out in Report 155/09 relating to the 2008/09 budget monitoring position;
- (ii) to approve the draft 2009/10 Service Plan for Corporate Services;
- (iii) to note the views of the trade union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today;

- (iv) to note and approve the formerly ring-fenced resources, service developments, new burdens, budget issues and review of charges applicable to Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Other Services as detailed in Report 119/09 (Appendices 2, 3, 4 and 6);
- (v) to note the provisional base revenue budget submissions for 2009/10 of Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Other Services as contained in pages 96 to 112 respectively of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report 120/09);
- (vi) to note the budget savings proposals of Corporate Services as contained in pages 21 to 30 respectively of the Departmental Budget Savings Proposals Volume (Report 121/09);
- (vii) to approve the budget savings for Corporate Services totalling £151,000;
- (viii) to approve the revised budgeted net expenditure for Corporate Services and Miscellaneous Other Services resulting from (ii) to (vi) above and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting;
- (ix) to note and agree to submit to the Council Tax setting meeting that: the provision for Surplus Local Tax Income be £0.050 million; the provision for Pay Inflation be £3.915 million; the revenue contribution to capital expenditure be £0.700 million; the superannuation rate change estimated saving be £0.250 million; the Capital Financing Costs be £12.976 million; and the Zero Waste Fund allocation of £0.432 million to be added to the Environmental & Consumer Protection Division (all of which were shown on page 3 of the Provisional Budget Volume (Report 120/09);
- (x) to note and approve the Provisional Common Good Fund budgets for 2009/10 which incorporated the bids detailed in Report 119/09 (Appendix 5) as detailed in pages 114 to 119 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report 120/09);
- (xi) to approve the Corporate Services Provisional Capital Budgets for 2009/10 as contained in pages 11 to 25 of the Provisional Capital Budget Volume (Report 122/09);
- (xii) to note and approve the budget issue applicable to the Joint Boards (namely Valuation) as detailed in Report 119/09 (Appendix 4);
- (xiii) to note the provisional base revenue budget submissions (excluding Loan Charges) for 2009/10 of the three Joint Boards for Tayside, namely Valuation (Assessors) £0.829 million, Fire £5.305 million and Police £19.934 million as shown on page 113 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report 120/09);
- (xiv) to note that these finalised budget submissions for 2009/10 of the Tayside Valuation, Tayside Fire and Tayside Police Joint Boards had been agreed at meetings of the respective Boards in January 2009;
- (xv) to submit these finalised budget requisitions for the Joint Boards to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting;
- (xvi) to note the provisional base revenue budget submission for 2009/10 of the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement being £145,000 (Surplus) as shown on page 113 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report 120/09);
- (xvii) to note that the 2009/10 budget estimate for the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement has yet to be formally approved by the Joint Committee; and
- (xviii) to submit this provisional budget position for the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting.