

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 2.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors BOB MYLES, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, BRIAN BOYD, DAVID CHEAPE, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, SHEILA HANDS, ALEX KING, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, RICHARD MOORE, MARK SALMOND, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor BOB MYLES, Convener, in the Chair

### 1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Fairweather with Councillor Fotheringham substituting.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

### 3. **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 June 2017 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### 4. **INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 20 MAY – 28 JULY 2017**

There was submitted and noted Report No 284/17 by the Chief Executive providing information to members with regard to services in the Chief Executive's Unit in respect of an overview of Business Support and Investment Activities.

### 5. **INFORMATION REPORT – COMMUNITY JUSTICE SHARED SERVICES**

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20 June 2017, there was submitted and noted Report No 285/17 by the Strategic Director – People providing information to members with regard to services in the People Directorate in respect of Community Justice Shared Services.

### 6. **ANGUS COMMUNITY JUSTICE OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2017-2020**

There was submitted and noted Report No 286/17 by the Service Manager (Community Planning) presenting the Angus Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan (2017-2020) which had been approved by the Community Planning Partnership Board on 27 March 2017 and submitted thereafter to the Scottish Government.

### 7. **ANGUS MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES**

There was submitted and noted Report No 287/17 by the Chief Officer, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership providing information to members regarding proposed changes and opportunities to develop Angus Mental Health Inpatient and Community Services.

### 8. **2017/18 FINAL CAPITAL BUDGET VOLUME – GENERAL FUND**

With reference to Article 5(k) of the minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 16 February 2017, there was submitted Report No 288/17 by the Head of Corporate Finance presenting to members the updated 2016/2021 General Fund Financial Plan (incorporating the 2017/18 Capital Monitoring Budget) which would be reflected in the 2017/18 Final Capital Budget Volume.

The Report indicated that the 2017/18 Capital Monitoring Budget of £21.688 million showed a net decrease of £10.922 million when compared with the Provisional Capital Budget Position reflected in Report No 60/17 (£32.610 million). This had been due to movements in

departmental capital programmes following the comprehensive review to reflect the impact of final actuals for 2016/17 on forward years and anticipated expenditure on a number of capital projects being rephased across the years 2017/18-2020/21.

The Report highlighted the significant movements and that the estimated borrowing of £7.125 million was affordable in terms of the allowances made within the 2017/18 revenue budget for capital financing costs.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the updated 2016/2021 General Fund Financial Plan, as would be reflected in the 2017/18 Final Capital Budget Volume, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (ii) to note that the 2017/18 Capital Budget represented the Council's approved budget for General Fund capital monitoring purposes

## **9. PROCUREMENT OF AN ELECTRONIC CARE MONITORING SYSTEM**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Social Work & Health Committee of 7 April 2011, there was submitted Report No 289/17 by the Chief Officer, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership seeking approval for the award of a new contract of care monitoring software on terms which were advantageous to the Angus Health & Social Care Partnership and Angus Council.

The Report indicated that electronic care monitoring involved the scheduling and tracking of care visits to people's homes, with workers logging in and out of visits using either a telephone calling system or more modern technology. In 2009, Angus Council had begun planning the implementation of this system for its Home Care Teams and had procured a system called Ezitracker. In late 2016, with the Ezitracker approaching its end and discussions about to begin over a possible extension, HAS Technology Ltd had indicated that the long term future of the Ezitracker system could not be guaranteed. Negotiations had begun about switching the Council's service to CM2000 as this would be an extremely beneficial outcome for the Angus Health & Social Care Partnership, effectively securing the market leading care monitoring system at half price, plus some additional transition and set-up costs.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve an exemption from competitive tendering in accordance with Section 16.24.10(a) of the Financial Regulations, to allow the entering into of this contract on the basis that the supply could only be provided by one supplier for reasons connected with technical compatibility with existing Council assets or infrastructure; and
- (ii) to approve the award of a contract to HAS Technology Ltd for the provision and maintenance of an electronic care monitoring system in Angus, the contract would for a maximum period of 3 years, with a projected contract value of £222,237.

## **10. REVIEW OF NON RESIDENTIAL FEES 2017/18**

There was submitted Report No 290/17 by the Chief Officer of Angus Health & Social Care Partnership setting out proposals to revise non-residential fees for services provided by Angus Council with effect from 1 October 2017.

The Report indicated that in February 2017, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership had agreed a budget settlement with Angus Council. That settlement required the Partnership to develop a clear response to the challenging financial position of both the Partnership and Angus Council as a whole. One aspect of that review was to review charging related issues. The overall intention was to consider instances where charges could be amended to increase income to support the ongoing delivery of the current volume of Social Work Adult Services, taking into account increased demands and costs.

The Report set out detailed proposals in relation to non-residential fees, Glenloch and future developments in relation to Community Treatment Orders, Adaptation Services and Community Equipment.

Having heard hears from Councillor Hands, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the described increase in non-residential fees from 1 October 2017, as detailed in Paragraph 4.1 of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the proposed changes to the policy of charging for services at Glenloch with effect from 1 October 2017;
- (iii) to note the work being undertaken to develop a charging regime for supported people with Community Treatment Orders, Adaptation Services and Community Equipment and to support the proposals, once fully developed, being brought forward for consideration from 2018/2019;
- (iv) that members be provided with a copy of the Contributions Policy.

#### **11. 20MPH RESTRICTED ROADS - CONSULTATION**

There was submitted Report No 291/17 by the Head of Technical and Property Services providing information on a consultation by Mark Ruskell MSP in relation to the introduction of 20mph restricted roads.

Attached as Appendix 2 to the Report was a proposed response which partially supported the proposals whilst also setting out both the main advantages and disadvantages.

COUNCILLOR MYLES, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DEVINE, MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE APPROVES THE COMMENTS ATTACHED AS APPENDIX 2 TO THE REPORT AS THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE AND THAT THESE COMMENTS BE SUBMITTED TO MARK RUSKELL MSP.

Councillor Davy, seconded by Councillor Sturrock, moved as an amendment, that the Council's response be changed from "Partially Supportive" to "Partially Oppose".

On a vote being taken, members voted:-

For the motion:

Councillors Myles, Boyd, Duff, Devine, Hands, King, Salmong, and Whiteside. (8)

For the amendment:

Councillors Fotheringham, Cheape, Davy, Macmillan Douglas, Moore, Sturrock and Wann. (7)

The motion was declared carried and became the finding of the meeting.

#### **12. COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVALS**

With reference to Article 12 of the meeting of this Committee of 20 June 2017, there was submitted Report No 292/17 by the Head of Technical and Property Services seeking approval for 2017/18 Common Good Fund Projects in relation to Montrose Common Good and Forfar Common Good.

The Report indicated that the Council administered five individual Common Good funds, namely Arbroath, Brechin, Forfar, Kirriemuir and Montrose. As part of the budget cycle, Council services had the opportunity to submit bids for Common Good funds and this was particularly relevant where the bids were for the maintenance of the Common Good asset for repairs and maintenance which was a liability on the Common Good funds. Other organisations could make bids for funding from Common Good funds in accordance with the application process and guidance notes. Details of the individual projects were attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the request for funding for 2017/18 project from Montrose Common Good Fund at a cost of £1,000 per annum for five years for cleaning and litter picking in an unadopted close and car park; and
- (ii) to homologate the requested funding for Forfar Horticultural Society Flower Show of a £800 one off contribution to the Flower Show which had previously been agreed by all Forfar and District Ward members; with early payment to facilitate the event being agreed by the Head of Corporate Finance and the Head of Technical and Property Services, in consultation with the Convener of the Policy & Resources Committee.

### **13. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT**

There was submitted Report No 293/17 by the Head of HR, IT, Corporate Communications and OD providing details of the updated Health & Safety Policy Statement which had been reviewed to reflect the appointment of Margo Williamson as Chief Executive.

The Report indicated that as a statutory requirement of the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 every organisation had to prepare a written statement of its general policy with respect to the health and safety at work of its employees and to bring the statement and any revision of it to the notice of all of its employees.

The Committee agreed to approve the updated Health & Safety Policy Statement, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

