

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of the Special MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 15 February 2018 at 2.00pm.

Present: Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost COLIN BROWN, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGAM, SHEILA HANDS, ALEX KING, BEN LAWRIE, DAVID LUMGAIR, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, MARK McDONALD, IAN McLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, BOB MYLES, GAVIN NICOL, MARK SALMOND, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

PROVOST RONNIE PROCTOR, in the Chair.

Prior to the commencement of business, the Provost reminded all members of their obligations in terms of the Code of Conduct and that whilst members were entitled to express their own individual views, at all times respect must be shown to fellow colleagues and Council Officers.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Tommy Stewart declared a financial interest in item 3(c) as a Taxi Licence Holder. He indicated that he would leave the meeting if there was any discussion on this item.

Councillors Derek Wann and Julie Bell and Lois Speed each declared an interest in item 3(g) as Council appointed members of Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board. They indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillors Bill Duff, Braden Davy, Colin Brown and David Cheape each declared an interest in item 3(h) as Council appointed Directors of AngusAlive. All indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillors Sheila Hands and Colin Brown each declared an interest in item 3(j) as Council appointed members of Angus Care and Repair. Both indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Lois Speed also declared an interest as a Council house tenant (item 3 (j)). She indicated that she was entitled to the Specific Exclusion referred to in paragraph 5.18 of the Councillor's Code of Conduct and she would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

3. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2018/19 AND BEYOND AND SETTING OF THE 2018/19 COUNCIL TAX AND RELATED ISSUES

At this point in the meeting, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised members that the meeting of the Central Consultative Committee called for 15 February 2018 had failed to be convened as the meeting was inquorate due to insufficient Trade Union representatives being in attendance.

The Council resolved to note the position.

The Strategic Director – People then advised members that at the special meeting of the Children and Learning Committee held earlier that day, the Committee had agreed the recommendations in Report 52/18 from the Strategic Director – People in relation to the Review of the Instrumental Music Service and in Report 69/18 also from the Strategic Director – People, in relation to Angus School Staffing – Budget Efficiencies.

The Council resolved to note the update.

Thereafter, there was submitted the following:-

- (a) Joint Report No 49/18 by the Strategic Director – Place, Strategic Director – People and the Head of Strategic Policy Transformation and Public Sector Reform detailing how the directorates and the corporate business of Angus Council would be delivered and the priorities established in the Council's Corporate Plan for 2017/2022;
- (b) Report No 50/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance detailing the Revenue Monitoring Projected Outturn for 2017/18 and seeking approval for Council directorates to carry forward projected underspends on 2017/18 Revenue Budgets to next financial year to address unavoidable or high priority expenditure;
- (c) Report No 51/18 by the Strategic Director – Place proposing charges to be levied by service areas in the Place Directorate for the financial year 2018/19;
- (d) Report No 53/18 by the Chief Officer Angus Integration Joint Board setting out proposals to revise support and care and residential fees for services provided by Angus Council with effect from April 2018;
- (e) Report No 54/18 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services proposing the fees to be charged in respect of licenses issued under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and other miscellaneous statutes;
- (f) Report No 55/18 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services noting the proposed the fees to be charged for the processing of certain applications under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 which would be considered at the meeting of Angus Licensing Board on 22 February 2018;
- (g) Report No 57/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance summarising the proposed revenue budget being devolved to the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership/Integration Joint Board (IJB) for 2018/2019 which had responsibility for delivery of adult services;
- (h) Joint Report No 58/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance and the Head of Housing, Regulatory and Protective Services summarising the proposed 2018/19 budget settlement between Angus Council and AngusAlive;
- (i) Report No 59/18 by the Head of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform detailing the Council's Change Programme for budget setting purposes;
- (j) Report No 60/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance on the provisional revenue budget submissions and the provisional capital budgets for those directorates with capital expenditure);
- (k) Report No 61/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance on the Provisional Revenue Budget (including budget issues for 2018/19);
- (l) Report No 62/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance on the 2017/2022 Financial Plan and Provisional Capital Budget 2018/19;
- (m) Report No 63/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance setting out the further steps that were required to be taken with regard to the setting of the Council Tax Charge for Angus Council in respect of the financial year 2018/19;
- (n) Report No 64/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance summarising the outcome from an assessment of the long term affordability of the Council's 2017/2022 Financial Plan carried out as part of the Council's longer term Financial Management Strategy;
- (o) Report No 65/18 by the Head of Corporate Finance advising members of the prudential indicators which the Council was required to consider and approve as part of the budget setting process.

Thereafter, Councillor Macmillan Douglas, seconded by Councillor Myles, moved that this Council:-

1. Notes that the Central Consultative Committee called for 15 February had not met due to the meeting being inquorate;
2. Notes the views of the Special Children & Learning Committee arising from their meeting earlier today;
3. Approves the recommendations relating to the Improvement plans for Place and People and notes the early progress in developing an improvement plan for the new service area of Strategic Policy, Transformation Public Sector Reform and agrees the plan for the coming year 2018/19, as set out in Report 49/18;
4. Notes the Equality Impact Assessments that have been prepared as part of the 2018/19 Revenue and Capital Budgets which have been issued with the Committee Papers;
5. Notes the latest 2017/18 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 30 January 2018 as set out in Reports 27/18 and 28/18;
6. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report 50/18, as submitted by the Head of Corporate Finance, relating to Revenue Monitoring Projected Outturn 2017/18 – Revenue Budget 100% Carry Forward Requests;
7. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report 51/18 as submitted by the Strategic Director – Place relating to the 2018/19 Place review of fees & charges;
8. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report 53/18 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus IJB relating to the 2018/19 review of Support and Care and Residential Fees;
9. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report 54/18 as submitted by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services relating to the 2018/19 review of Civic Licensing Fees;
10. Notes the recommendations as set out in Report 55/18 as submitted by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services relating to the 2018/19 review of Miscellaneous Liquor Licensing Fees;
11. Notes the recommendation as set out in Report 57/18 as submitted by the Head of Corporate Finance relating to Health & Social Care Integration – Devolved Budget to Angus Integrated Joint Board 2018/19;
12. Approves the recommendation as set out in Report 58/18 as submitted by the Head of Corporate Finance and the Head of Housing, Regulatory & Protective Services relating to Angus Alive Budget Settlement 2018/19;
13. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report 59/18 as submitted by the Head of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform relating to the Change Programme Update including the various Schedules 3a to 3e of that Report and that as part of the implementation of car parking charges (as recommended in Schedule 3e), that Council officers undertake consultation with the public and business community;
14. Approves the provisional base revenue budget submissions for each directorate for 2018/19 in Report 61/18;
15. Approves the budget issues totalling £1.775 million (£1.544 million ongoing and £0.231 million one off) to be added to directorate base budgets as set out in Report 61/18;
16. Approves that: the Capital Financing Costs budget be £13.909 million comprising of the mainstream capital financing costs £13.449 million and the prudential code conversion of R&R Spend £0.460 million; the provision for the 2018/19 pay award be £4.000

million; the one-off provision for severance costs be £3.000 million; the budget provision for residual waste disposal be increased by £2.900 million as a result of the new residual waste disposal contract; the provision for Energy costs be increased by £0.141 million; the provision for energy gas contracts be increased by £0.200 million; the provision for Non Domestic Rates be increased by £0.153 million; all of which were shown on the net expenditure summary in page 1 of Report 61/18);

17. Approves the provisional base revenue budget submission (excluding Loan Charges) for 2018/19 for the Tayside Valuation (Assessors) Board £0.720 million as shown on the Net Expenditure Summary in Report 61/18, noting that the finalised budget submission for 2018/19 of the Tayside Valuation Joint Board was agreed at a meeting of the Board in January 2018;
18. Approves the provisional base revenue budget surplus for 2018/19 of the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement of £0.300 million, as shown on Net Expenditure Summary in Report 61/18, noting that the budget estimate for the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement had yet to be formally approved by the Joint Committee;
19. Approves the total revised estimated net revenue expenditure for 2018/19 resulting from Report 61/18 of £263.225 million for Angus Council as shown in Appendix 1 of Report 60/18;
20. Approves the drawdown of £5.558 million from General Fund Balances as shown in Appendix 1 of Report 60/18 resulting in a revised estimated net expenditure after Contributions from Balances of £257.667 million;
21. Approves the individual directorate capital budgets which gave a total estimated net capital expenditure for 2018/19 of £31.600 million for Angus Council as shown on page 4 of Report 62/18;
22. Notes that the proposed revenue and capital budgets for 2018/19 included £5.000 million of additional spending power provided through the Council's Special Funds strategy;
23. Notes the impact of the 3% increase in Council Tax which was required to deliver a balanced budget in 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 63/18;
24. Notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this motion, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report 63/18;
25. Approves the proposed 2% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2018/19. This would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 46,082. (as referred to in Statement 1 circulated with the motion);
26. Approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompassed all of the appropriate elements of this motion (as referred to in Statement 2 circulated with the motion);
27. Agrees that the Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2018/19 be as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D)	£1,137.28
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28. Approves the recommendations of Report 64/18 regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Financial Plan; and
29. Approves the recommendations of Report 65/18 regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2018/19 budget process.

Having heard from a number of members, the Council resolved to approve the motion.