

ANGUS COUNCIL

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**TAY CITIES DEAL
GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT

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ABSTRACT

1.1 The purpose of the report is:-

- (i) to seek approval for the Council to enter into a formal agreement with Perth and Kinross Council, Dundee City Council, and Fife Council to establish the governance arrangements for the Joint Committee established under Section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 set out in Minute of Agreement approved by Council 7 September 2017; and.
- (ii) note the legal requirement for the Constituent Authorities to defray the operating costs of the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) approves the terms of the proposed Governance Agreement setting out the governance arrangements for the Joint Committee as attached at Appendix A;
- (ii) delegates authority to officers to negotiate and agree other minor amendments, as appropriate; and
- (iii) agree that the operating costs of the Joint Committee shall be defrayed by the Constituent Authorities in accordance with the terms of the Governance Agreement as required by S 58 of the Local Government (S) Act 1973.

3. ALIGNMENT TO THE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

3.1 This report recommends the approval of the Council Plan, which is aligned to all of the outcomes and priorities in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).

4. BACKGROUND

4.1 At its meeting on 7 September 2017 the Council agreed to establish a Joint Committee with Perth & Kinross Council, Dundee City Council and Fife Council (“the Constituent Authorities”) for the purposes of progressing and implementing the Tay Cities Deal.

4.2 The Constituent Authorities entered into a Minute of Agreement (“MOA”) which was signed for and on behalf of the Council on 7 December 2017 establishing the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee (“the Joint Committee”).

4.3 The MOA provided that the governance arrangements for the discharge of the Joint Committee’s functions should be the subject of a separate formal agreement.

4.4 The proposed agreement sets out the purpose, structure and operating principles of the Joint Committee and is attached as Appendix A.

4.5 Section 58 of the Local Government (S) Act 1973 states that the expenses incurred by a Joint Committee shall be defrayed by the appointing local authorities in such proportions as they may agree.

4.6 Angus Council along with Perth & Kinross Council, Dundee City Council and Fife Council are the appointing local authorities (referred to in the governance agreement as “the Constituent Authorities”) in respect of the Joint Committee for the purposes of Section 58 of the 1973 Act.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Joint Committee requires to put in place formal governance procedures to ensure clarity and transparency in respect of the discharge of the functions delegated to it by the Constituent Authorities in terms of the Minute of Agreement.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Angus Council will make a contribution to cover the costs of the Programme Management Office, hosted by Dundee City Council. These costs will not exceed £100,000 annually and base provision has been made in the revenue budget for 2019/20.

7. CONSULTATION

7.1 The Corporate Leadership Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices:-

Appendix 1 - Joint Committee Governance Agreement