

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 12 March 2019 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, BRIAN BOYD, BRADEN DAVY, BILL DUFF, LYNNE DEVINE, SHEILA HANDS, ALEX KING, COLIN BROWN, BOB MYLES, IAN MCLAREN, MARK SALMOND, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

In the absence of the Convener and Vice Convener, and in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 7(1), the Democratic and Members Services Manager called for nominations for Convener of the meeting.

Councillor Wann, seconded by Councillor Davy, moved the appointment of Councillor Salmond as Convener of the meeting.

There being no further nominations, Councillor Salmond took the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated of Councillors David Fairweather, Angus Macmillan Douglas OBE and Ben Lawrie, with Councillors Craig Fotheringham, Ronnie Proctor and Colin Brown substituting respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Duff, Devine and Brown declared an interest in item 10 as Angus Council appointed Directors of ANGUSAlive. They indicated that they would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of that item.

Councillor Myles declared an interest in item 11 as a member of Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 January 2019, was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. CAPITAL PROJECTS MONITORING GROUP

The Committee agreed to note that Councillor Bill Duff would replace Councillor Alex King on the Capital Projects Monitoring Group.

5. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 28 DECEMBER 2018 TO 8 FEBRUARY 2019

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 January 2019, there was submitted and noted Report No 81/19 by the Head of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform with regard to services in the Strategic Policy & Transformation service and in particular an overview of Economic Development, Business Support and Investment Activities.

6. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 14 JANUARY TO 25 FEBRUARY 2019

There was submitted and noted Report No 87/19 by the Depute Chief Executive providing information to members with regard to services in the People Directorate and in particular in relation to Criminal Justice Social Work (CJSW) – Allocation of Grant from 2019 – 2020.

7. REVENUE MONITORING 2018/2019, RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND POSITION 2018/19 AND FINAL REVENUE BUDGET VOLUME

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 January 2019, there was submitted Report No 82/19 by the Head of Finance and Legal providing revenue budget performance information and the latest projected year end position for each Council Directorate and main service area.

The Report gave a brief explanation of significant variances and provided an update on expenditure funded through the Council's Renewal and Repair Funds, the position being based on actual spend information as at 31 December 2018.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report and in particular the comments In the Financial Implications section regarding the projected year end position; and
- (ii) to note the Renewal and Repair Fund position.

8. CAPITAL MONITORING – GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/2019

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 January 2019, there was submitted Report No 83/19 by the Head of Finance and Legal advising members of the capital expenditure incurred for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 December 2018 and measuring projected capital expenditure for the year against budgeted provision.

The Report indicated that with nine months (75%) of the financial year gone the actual spend levels presented in Tables 1 and 2 within the Report could be considered low, although historically around 10% of capital spend came through as accruals at the year end. It was noted that work was ongoing on a number of significant projects for which no payment had yet been made by virtue of the phasing of such projects. Furthermore, the value of work completed up to 31 March 2019 would be assessed as part of the year end process and expenditure accrued accordingly.

The Committee agreed to note the expenditure to date and projected outturn position on the General Fund Capital Programme as per Tables 1 and 2 in the Report and the Capital Monitoring Statement, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

9. UK GOVERNMENT CHILD TAX/UNIVERSAL CREDIT – TWO CAP EXEMPTION

There was submitted Report No 84/19 by the Head of HR, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support presenting a summary of Scottish Government Child Tax/Universal Credit – Two Cap Exemption.

The Report indicated that it was proposed that registered social workers in Angus undertake the verification role ascribed to them in the Department of Work and Pensions guidance, if asked for such assistance by an applicant, as part of their duties.

Having heard from Councillor Hands who questioned the factual accuracy of certain aspects of the Report and having also heard from the Head of HR, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the Report (with amended heading); and
- (ii) to confirm the role of the registered social workers as approved third party professionals, as recommended in Scottish Government guidance.

Councillors Duff, Devine and Brown, having declared an interest at item 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

10. COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECT APPROVALS

With reference to 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 29 January 2019, there was submitted Report No 85/19 by the Head of Infrastructure detailing a project proposal for funding from Montrose Common Good.

The Committee agreed to refuse the requested funding from Angus Alive “Exploring Ancient Egypt at Montrose Museum” in the sum of £2,445.00 towards the project cost of £7,695.00 as a contribution towards the cost of a display case along with supporting material.

11. ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP – STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING PLAN 2019-2020 CONSULTATION

There was submitted Report No 86/19 by the Chief Executive setting out the Council’s response to the consultation by the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership (AHSCP) in relation to the draft Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019/2020.

The Report indicated that the principles included in the document were considered to be robust, representing a position which was strategically aligned with the Council’s strategic direction as set out in the Council’s Plan, Financial Plan and Workforce Plan. The final version of the Plan would be considered for approval at the AHSCP Board meeting on 24 April 2019.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the draft Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019-2020, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (ii) to note the scope of the consultation and that all Angus Council elected members were contacted by e-mail in order that they could contribute to the online consultation which had concluded on 7 March 2019; and
- (iii) to authorise the Chief Executive to respond to the consultation representing the corporate position of Angus Council, reflecting the principles set out in Section 5 of the Report.