

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors IAIN GAUL, PAUL VALENTINE, BILL BOWLES, BILL DUFF, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, MARTYN GEDDES, ALEX KING, IAN McLAREN, HELEN OSWALD, BOB MYLES, MARGARET THOMSON and SHEENA WELSH.

Councillor GAUL, Convener, in the Chair

1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Glennis Middleton and Bob Spink, with Councillor Helen Oswald substituting for Councillor Middleton

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. **MINUTES**

(a) **Previous Meeting**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 1 December 2015 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) **Appeals Sub-Committee**

The minutes of meetings of the Appeals Sub-Committee of 24 November and 7 December 2015, copies of which are appended hereto, were submitted and noted (**APPENDICES I and II** respectively).

4. **INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 17 NOVEMBER 2015 TO 18 JANUARY 2016**

There was submitted and noted Report No 39/16 by the Chief Executive providing information to members with regard to services in the Chief Executive's Unit for the period 17 November 2015 to 18 January 2016.

5. **INFORMATION REPORT – WORKFORCE STRATEGY ACTION PLAN**

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 1 September 2015, there was submitted and noted Report No 48/16 by the Head of HR, IT and Organisational Development in relation to the Workforce Strategy Action Plan.

6. **CAPITAL MONITORING – GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16**

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 1 December 2015, there was submitted Report No 40/16 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance apprising members of the capital expenditure incurred for the period 1 April 2015 to 30 November 2015 and measuring projected capital expenditure for the year against budgeted provision for the year.

The Report indicated that actual spend as a percentage of the budget was 58.9% on a gross basis and 62.1% on a net basis. This compared with the capital monitoring report detailing the position as at 30 November 2014 of 42.8% (gross) and 41.7% (net). With eight months (67%) of the financial year gone the actual spend levels were considered to be broadly on track.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to note the expenditure position on the General Fund Capital Programme as at 30 November 2015 as per Tables 1 and 2 within the Report and the accompanying Capital Monitoring Statement.

7. REVENUE MONITORING 2015/16 AND RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND POSITION 2015/16

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 1 December 2015, there was submitted Report No 41/16 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance apprising members of the actual revenue expenditure incurred and income received for the period 1 April to 30 November 2015 together with the anticipated year end position in respect of each Council Directorate.

The Report also gave details of the actual financial position of the Renewal and Repair Fund in respect of the Property, Information Technology, Roads & Transport, Print and Design Unit and Recreation funds as at 30 November 2015 along with the estimated closing balance at the year end.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report and in particular the comments on the Financial Implications section regarding the projected year end position;
- (ii) to note the Renewal and Repair fund position;
- (iii) to approve the virement proposed in section 4.13 of the Report; and
- (iv) to note the virements in section 4.13 that had been processed under delegated authority.

8. REVENUE MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN 2015-16 – REVENUE BUDGET 100% CARRY FORWARD REQUESTS

With reference to Article 7 above, there was submitted Report No 42/16 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance seeking approval of requests from Council Directorates to carry forward projected underspends on 2015/16 revenue budgets to next financial year.

The Report proposed utilising a total of £4.09million of the projected underspend to be carried forward on a 100% basis into 2016/17 with £3.764million requiring approval and £0.285million under delegated authority. This would result in an uncommitted projected underspend for 2015/16 of £0.047million.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed revenue budget of 100% carry forward as detailed in Appendix A to the Report;
- (ii) to approve the proposed carry forwards as detailed in Appendix B to the Report;
- (iii) to note the value of carry forwards that had been agreed under delegated authority as outlined in the Report; and
- (iv) to note that these approvals were subject to actual underspends for the year end being sufficient to accommodate these carry forward values.

9. THE SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP AT CARNOUSTIE – TOURISM PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES

There was submitted Report No 43/16 by the Chief Executive seeking support for a package of tourism opportunities for the Senior Open Championships in July 2016 at Carnoustie and significant international promotion for the Carnoustie Country golf destination brand in the run up to The Open in 2018.

The Report indicated that in view of the global profile and potential economic impact of the event to the area, added to Carnoustie's portfolio of staged golf events, it was considered that the opportunity presented would benefit Angus and further boost the profile of the Carnoustie Country Campaign in the run up to Carnoustie hosting The Open in 2018.

The Committee agreed to support the Senior Open Championship 2016 at Carnoustie, as detailed in the Report.