

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 2.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors IAIN GAUL, PAUL VALENTINE, BILL BOWLES, BILL DUFF, LYNNE DEVINE, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, DAVID LUMGAIR, MARTYN GEDDES, ALEX KING, IAN MCLAREN, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, BOB MYLES, COLIN BROWN and SHEENA WELSH.

Councillor IAIN GAUL, Convener, in the Chair

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

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mairi Evans, Craig Fotheringham, and Margaret Thomson, with Councillors Lynne Devine, David Lumgair and Colin Brown substituting respectively. An apology for absence was also intimated on behalf of Councillor Bob Spink.

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

Councillors Bill Duff and Paul Valentine declared an interest in Item 10 as Governors of Dorward House (who were one of the providers mentioned in the Report). Both indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Glennis Middleton declared an interest in Items 9 and 10 as she was the Chair of the Angus Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board. As she had a general dispensation from the Standards Commission she would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor David Fairweather declared an interest in Item 7 as he was a volunteer for Arbroath Festival of Heroes. 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 26 April 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### 4. **INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 12 APRIL TO 23 MAY 2016**

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 April 2016, there was submitted and noted Report No 233/16 by the Chief Executive providing information to members with regard to services in the Chief Executive's Unit for the period 12 April to 23 May 2016.

### 5. **INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2015 TO 31 MARCH 2016**

There was submitted and noted Report No 234/16 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance providing information to members with regard to services in the Corporate Improvement and Finance Division for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

### 6. **INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2015 TO 31 MARCH 2016**

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 1 December 2015, there was submitted and noted Report No 235/16 by the Strategic Director – Resources providing information to members with regard to services in the Resources Directorate for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

## 7. ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 April 2016, there was submitted Report No 236/16 by the Chief Executive informing the Committee of applications to Angus Council in 2016/17 of £1,000 or less submitted and/or approved since 26 April 2016 and also seeking approval of grant applications of over £1,000 recommended for approval since 26 April 2016.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the grant awards for 2016/17 of £1,000 or less approved since 26 April 2016;
- (ii) to note the grant awards for 2016/17 to the Architecture, Innovation & Design fund, approved since 26 April 2016; and
- (iii) to approve the grant applications of over £1,000 as detailed below:-
  - Montrose Amateur Gymnastics Independent Club £4,380.00
  - STRIDE £4,993.88
  - Angus Cycle Hub £3,350.00
  - Monifieth Medieval Fair £2,992.89

## 8. REVIEW OF CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS FOR ICT SERVICES

There was submitted Report No 237/16 by the Strategic Director – Resources proposing a review of the means by which ICT projects and services were funded.

The Report indicated that the Service Manager – Information Technology had reported some delays in spending monies allocated for 2015/16 Capital Programme for IT. The growth of cloud based services would require a plan that guaranteed a stream of revenue type funding rather than traditional renewal and repair fund/capital based approach. A key aspect of this new approach would be to ensure that there was no duplication of funding provision for services such as software licensing and telephony under new budget arrangements.

It was proposed that the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance and the Service Manager – IT in consultation with services, develop a funding mechanism for ICT projects and services that would provide a sustainable future for service delivery.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to approve a review of the funding mechanisms for ICT projects and services in light of changes in the supplier market and the types of solution available; and note the grant awards for 2015/16 of £1,000 or less made since 15 March 2016; and
- (ii) to note that the outcomes from the review will be factored into the Council's budget setting process for 2017/18 and beyond.

## 9. TENDERING PROGRAMME 2014-2018 – EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Social Work and Health Committee of 12 August 2014, there was submitted Report No 238/16 by the Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership requesting approval to extend a number of contracts to facilitate the undertaking of reviews of the services for the provision of accommodation based care and support services for adults with learning disabilities and the support service for adults with mental health problems. These proposals were all contained in Appendix 1 to the Report with the Council's exemptions co-ordinator having been consulted and supportive of this proposal.

The Committee agreed to approve the proposal to extend a number of contracts currently in place to allow the undertaking of service reviews.

## **10. REVIEW OF FEES AND ADDITIONAL SERVICE CHARGES FOR CARE HOMES**

There was submitted Report No 239/16 by the Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership advising members of the revised standard fees and additional service charges which were proposed for care homes for 2016-17 and seeking approval of these revised fees and charges.

The Committee agreed to approve the revised standard fees and additional services charges for care homes.

## **11. COMMON GOOD FUNDS – PROJECTS APPROVAL**

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 April 2016, there was submitted Report No 240/16 by the Head of Technical and Property Services seeking approval of Common Good funded projects.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the requested funding from Arbroath Common Good Fund (£5,000 for repairs to Old Kirk; and £2,281 as a contribution to Witches project) as set out in the Report;
- (ii) to approve the requested funding for a project from Brechin Common Good Fund (£2,053 contribution to secure fencing at Guthrie Park) as set out in the Report;
- (iii) to approve the requested funding for projects from Forfar Common Good Fund (£3,000 Steele park footway; £15,000 Myre trip rail) as set out in the Report; and
- (iv) to refuse the requested funding for the project from Forfar Common Good Fund (Disabled access at Voluntary Action Access ) as set out in the Report.

## **12. RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 18 March 2014, there was submitted Report No 241/16 by the Service Manager – Governance and Consultancy apprising members of the proposed amendments to the Council's risk management strategy.

The Report indicated that a review had been carried out within the first two years of deployment which had now been completed. The outcome of the review was that the strategy was still very much fit for purpose and required only minimal amendment, with these proposed amendments shown as tracked changed in Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Committee agreed to approve the proposed amendments to the Council's risk management strategy.

## **13. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Council resolved in terms of Standing Order 28(2) that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act paragraphs 6, 8 and 9.

## **14. LAND ACQUISITION IN WEST ANGUS**

There was submitted Report No 242/16 by the Head of Planning and Place requesting approval for officers to make a formal offer to acquire a site in West Angus to help enable delivery of Local Housing strategy outcomes.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendation, as detailed in the Report.