

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of Special MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 11.00 am.

Present: Provost HELEN OSWALD, Depute Provost ALEX KING, Councillors BILL BOWLES, BRIAN BOYD, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GAUL, JEANETTE GAUL, MARTYN GEDDES, SHEILA HANDS, JIM HOUSTON, DAVID LUMGAIR, DAVID MAY, IAN MCLAREN, GLENNIS MIDDLETON, DONALD MORRISON, ROB MURRAY, BOB MYLES, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, MARK SALMOND, EWAN SMITH, BOB SPINK, MARGARET THOMSON and PAUL VALENTINE.

PROVOST HELEN OSWALD, in the Chair.

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. **DIRECTORATE IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2015/2018**

There was submitted Report No 55/15 by the Chief Executive appending a copy of the Directorate Improvement Plans for 2015-2018 in respect of the Communities Directorate, People Directorate and Resources Directorate. These plans set out the ambitions and priorities the Council had for Angus to deliver the opportunities and outcomes and were aligned to the Council Plan.

The Council resolved to note and approve the Directorate Improvement Plans 2015-2018 for the Communities, People and Resources Directorates.

4. **REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2014/2015**

The Council resolved to note that the latest positions in respect of the Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2014/2015 had been reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 3 February 2015 (Report Nos 44/15 and 45/15 refer respectively).

5. **PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2015/2016 AND BEYOND**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services reported to members on the discussions that had taken place at the meeting of the Central Consultative Committee held earlier today.

This was noted.

Thereafter, there were submitted the following Reports:-

- (a) Review of Charges for 2015-2016 by the Strategic Director – Communities (Report No 56/15);
- (b) Review of Non-Residential Fees and Charges by the Head of Adult Services (Report No 57/15);
- (c) Review of Fees and Allowances within Children's Services 2015-2016 (Report No 58/15);
- (d) Provisional Revenue and Capital Budgets – Background Report by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 59/15)

In connection with this, there was tabled supplementary information on teacher numbers and Scottish Government grant position by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance;

- (e) Provisional Revenue Budget and Savings Proposals Volume by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 60/15);
- (f) Provisional Capital Budgets Volume by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 61/15);
- (g) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2015/2016 on setting of the Council Tax by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 62/15);
- (h) Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Financial Plan by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 63/15); and
- (i) Setting of Prudential Indicators for 2015/2016 Budget Process by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 64/15).

Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Duff, moved that this Council:-

1. Notes the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today;
2. Notes the latest 2014/15 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 3 February 2015, as set out in Reports 44/15 & 45/15;
3. Notes the paper from the Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance providing Supplementary Information on Teacher Numbers & the Scottish Government Grant Position in respect of Report 59/15 and approves the recommendations therein;
4. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report 56/15 as submitted by the Strategic Director – Communities relating to the 2015/16 Communities Review of Fees & Charges;
5. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report 57/15 as submitted by the Head of Adult Services relating to the Review of Non-Residential Fees and Charges;
6. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report 58/15 as submitted by the Strategic Director – People relating to the 2015/16 Review of Fees and Allowances within Children's Services;
7. Approves the provisional base revenue budget submissions for each directorate for 2015/16 as set out in Report 60/15;
8. Approves the investment bids totalling £7.007 million (£6.438 million ongoing and £0.569 million one-off) to be added to directorate base budgets as set out in Report 60/15;
9. Approves the review of charges proposals as detailed in Report 59/15 (Appendix 3);
10. Notes that the savings for 2015/16 and 2016/17 shaded in grey and marked with an asterisk in the Provisional Revenue Budget & Savings Proposals Volume (Report 60/15), previously approved in Report 84/14 to the Special Meeting of the Council on 13 February 2014, required to be amended/rephased or were no longer considered deliverable;
11. Notes that the savings for 2015/16 and 2016/17 which were not shaded and marked with an asterisk in the Provisional Revenue Budget & Savings Proposals Volume (Report 60/15) were those which were previously approved in Report 84/14 and remained unchanged;
12. Approves the budget savings proposals for 2015/16 outlined in the 2015/16 Provisional Revenue Budget & Savings Proposals Volume (Report 60/15) which had replaced

those savings no longer considered deliverable and had been prepared on a basis which would allow Angus Council to set a balanced and sustainable revenue budget in line with the level of resources expected to be available in 2015/16;

13. Approves the budget savings proposals for 2016/17 outlined in the Provisional Revenue Budget & Savings Proposals Volume (Report 60/15) which had replaced those savings no longer considered deliverable in accordance with the approach set out in sections 6 and 7 of Report 59/15;
14. Approves that: the provision for Surplus Local Tax Income would be £0.050 million; the revenue contribution to capital expenditure would be £0.700 million; the Capital Financing Costs budget would be £13.885 million; the provision for pay awards would be £2.355 million; the provision for Energy cost inflation would be £0.175 million and the provision for non domestic rates inflation would be £0.100 million; all of which were shown on page 3 of Report 60/15);
15. Approves the provisional base revenue budget submission (excluding Loan Charges) for 2015/16 for the Tayside Valuation (Assessors) Board £0.757 million as shown on page 124 of Report 60/15, noting that this finalised budget submission for 2015/16 of the Tayside Valuation Joint Board had been agreed at a meeting of the Board in January 2015;
16. Approves the provisional base revenue budget surplus for 2015/16 of the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement of £218,000, as shown on page 124 of Report 60/15, noting that the budget estimate for the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement had yet to be formally approved by the Joint Committee;
17. Approves the total revised estimated net revenue expenditure for 2015/16 resulting from 6 to 13 of £242.187 million for Angus Council as shown in Appendix 1 to Report 62/15;
18. Approves the Provisional Common Good Fund budgets for 2015/16 which incorporated the bids detailed in Report 59/15 (Appendix 2) as detailed in pages 125 to 130 of Report 60/15;
19. Approves the individual directorate capital budgets which gave a total estimated net capital expenditure for 2015/16 of £45.757 million for Angus Council as shown on page 5 of Report 61/15;
20. Approves the proposed additional item of expenditure totalling £340,000 as detailed in Statement 1 circulated with this motion;
21. Approves: -
 - The proposed £5.950 million of contributions to the Council's Special Funds as detailed in Statement 2 circulated with this motion;
 - The additional £3.750 million of capital expenditure to be undertaken in 2015/16 over and above the £45.757 million shown in Report 61/15, as outlined in Statement 2.
22. Notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this motion, as detailed in Statement 3 circulated with this motion;
23. Notes the Summary of Additional Spending Power for Investment in Council Assets arising from the Contributions to Special Funds and additional capital expenditure proposed in this motion, as detailed in Statement 4 circulated with this motion;
24. Approves the proposed 2% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2015/16, which would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 43,715 as detailed in Statement 5 circulated with this motion;
25. Approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement as tabled, which encompassed all of the appropriate elements of this motion, as detailed in Statement 6 circulated with this motion;

26. Agrees that the Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2015/16 be as follows: -
Council Tax (Band D) £ 1,072.00
27. Approves the recommendations of Report 63/15 regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Financial Plan; and
28. Approves the recommendations of Report 64/15 regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2015/16 budget process as amended to take account of the changes to the revenue and capital budgets outlined above, as detailed in Statement 7 circulated with this motion.

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

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 15(11)(ii) Councillors Myles, Fairweather, Salmond, Thomson, Geddes, May, Bowles and Brown requested that their dissent be recorded from the foregoing decision.