

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors IAIN GAUL, PAUL VALENTINE, BILL BOWLES, BILL DUFF, LYNNE DEVINE, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, MARTYN GEDDES, ALEX KING, IAN MCLAREN, ROB MURRAY, BOB MYLES, BOB SPINK, MARGARET THOMSON and SHEENA WELSH.

Councillor GAUL, Convener, in the Chair

Also in

Attendance: Councillors JEANETTE GAUL, JIM HOUSTON, DONALD MORRISON and RONNIE PROCTOR MBE.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Mairi Evans and Glennis Middleton, with Councillors Lynne Devine and Rob Murray substituting respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 February 2016 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 18 JANUARY TO 29 FEBRUARY 2016

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 February 2016, there was submitted and noted Report No 110/16 by the Chief Executive providing information to members with regard to services in the Chief Executive's Unit for the period 18 January to 29 February 2016.

5. CAPITAL MONITORING – GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/16

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 February 2016, there was submitted Report No 111/16 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance apprising members of the capital expenditure incurred for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 January 2016 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 71% on a gross basis and 74.2% on a net basis. This compared with the Capital Monitoring Report detailing the position as at 31 January 2015 of 55.7% (gross) and 55.4% (net). With 10 months (83%) 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 31 January 2016 as per Tables 1 and 2 within the Report and the accompanying Capital Monitoring Statement.

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

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 February 2016, there was submitted Report No 112/16 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance apprising members of the actual revenue expenditure incurred and income received for the

period 1 April 2015 to 31 January 2016 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 31 January 2016 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 in the Financial Implications section regarding the projected year end position;
- (ii) to note the Renewal and Repair fund position; and
- (iii) to note the virements in section 4.13 that had been processed under delegated authority.

7. TRANSFORMING ANGUS: PROGRAMME UPDATE

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 13 October 2015, there was submitted Report No 113/16 by the Strategic Director – Resources, providing a progress update in relation to the Council's Transforming Angus Change Programme.

The Report gave details of various aspects of the Council's Transforming Angus Change Programme including the financial update in relation to the Transforming Angus Change Fund.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.

8. ANGUS DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME – SEVENTH ANNUAL REVIEW

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 10 September 2015, there was submitted Report No 114/16 by the Head of Planning and Place, setting out for approval the seventh annual review and roll forward of the Angus Development Plan Scheme, including revisions to the timetable for preparation of the Local Development Plan for Angus.

The Report indicated that the Participation Statement, which was included in the Angus Development Plan Scheme, reinforced Angus Council's commitment to developing effective engagement with communities by encouraging consultation and engagement at various stages in the Local Development Plan process. The Participation Statement detailed the principles of community engagement undertaken for the Angus Local Development Plan which would be involved/consulted, at what stage this would take place and what approaches would be used.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the revision and roll forward of the timetable for preparation of the Angus Local Development Plan;
- (ii) to approve the revised Angus Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement set out in Appendix 1 to the Report for submission to Scottish Ministers and general publication by 31 March 2016; and
- (iii) to note that a copy of the revised Angus Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement would be placed in all Angus libraries and ACCESS Offices and made available on the Council's website.

9. DUNDEE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 AND PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2 – MAIN ISSUES REPORTS

There was submitted Report No 115/16 by the Head of Planning and Place, commenting on and providing the suggested basis for the Council's response to the Dundee and Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Reports.

The Report indicated that as a result of only minor changes being proposed to the Strategic Development Plan (TayPlan) as part of a review of that document, the main issues identified for Dundee and Perth and Kinross were limited in their significance for Angus. No change was proposed in the strategic spatial strategy of either document, and whilst changes were proposed to the overall housing land requirements in both areas in line with the proposed TayPlan SDP 2016-2036, these were not considered to have any implications for the proposed Angus Local Development Plan or land-use in Angus.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the publication of the Dundee Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Report;
- (ii) to note the publication of the Perth and Kinross Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Reports;
- (iii) that no formal representation be made by Angus Council to either Main Issues Reports; and
- (iv) that a copy of Report No 115/16 be submitted to both Dundee and Perth and Kinross Councils, for their interest.

10. THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN BYELAWS 1999

There was submitted Report No 116/16 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, seeking authority to commence the process of reviewing the Employment of Children Byelaws 1999.

The Report indicated that the Council was now required to review the existing byelaws in terms of Section 202(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. In addition, the existing byelaws were no longer consistent with the primary legislation that had been superseded. The existing byelaws therefore would require to be revoked and consideration given to the making of new byelaws. It was proposed that consultation take place with relevant bodies and organisations to identify any requirements for new byelaws in relation to the employment of children. Once this process had been completed, a further Report would be submitted with recommendations as to possible amendments to the byelaws.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (ii) to approve the review of the existing byelaws in accordance with the process outlined in paragraph 3 of the Report.

11. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved in terms of Standing Order 28(2) that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item so as to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 Part 1, Schedule 7A.

12. CITY DEAL PROGRESS

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 10 December 2015, there was submitted Report No 117/16 by the Chief Executive, providing an overview of progress in relation to the Tay Cities Deal.

Members of the Committee and other members in attendance then heard from the Chief Executive and the Head of Planning and Place in relation to an overview of the Cities Deal.

Following a number of questions, the Committee agreed to note the good progress made to date and endorse continued efforts to bring forward a Tay Cities Deal with both Scottish and UK Governments.