

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of the Special MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 16 February 2017 at 11.00am.

Present: Provost ALEX KING, Depute Provost BRIAN BOYD, Councillors BILL BOWLES, COLIN BROWN, DAVID CHEAPE, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, 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, MARGARET THOMSON, PAUL VALENTINE and SHEENA WELSH.

PROVOST ALEX KING, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Glennis Middleton, David May and Jim Houston each declared an interest in item 5(g) as Council appointed members of the Angus Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board. Whilst they had a general dispensation they would not make any comments in relation to those elements of the budget that related to the Integrated Joint Board, at this time, given that the IJB had yet to meet to discuss these issues.

Councillors Bill Duff, Jeanette Gaul, Colin Brown and Paul Valentine each declared an interest in item 5(h) as Council appointed directors of Angus Alive. They indicated that they had a general dispensation and would take part in any discussion and voting on this item.

3. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

The Provost intimated that a deputation request had been received from Helen Meldrum of GMB.

Standing Order 12(5) stated that "no deputation from a party will be considered on an item related to tenders or staffing conditions of service".

The Provost thereafter ruled that the deputation was not in accordance with Standing Orders as it related to staffing matters and other avenues were available to Trade Unions to bring forward their concerns, in particular the Central Consultative Committee.

4. REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2016/17

(a) Revenue Capital Outturn 2016/17 – Latest Positions

The Council resolved to note that the latest positions had been reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 31 January 2017 (Report Nos 38/17 and 39/17 refer).

(b) Revenue Monitoring Projected Outturn 2016/17 – Revenue Budget 100% Carry Forward Requests

There was submitted Report No 48/17 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance seeking approval of requests from Council Directorates to carry forward projected underspends of 2016/17 revenue budgets to the next financial year.

The Report proposed utilising a total of £3.174 million of the projected underspend for 2016/17 to be carried forward on a 100% basis into 2017/18 (with £2.993 million requiring approval and £0.181 million under delegated authority).

The Council resolved:-

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

5. PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2017/2018 AND BEYOND AND SETTING OF THE 2017/2018 COUNCIL TAX AND RELATED ISSUES

At this point in the meeting, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised members that the meeting of the Central Consultative Committee called for 16 February 2017 had failed to be convened as the Convener designate had not been in attendance.

The Council resolved to note the position.

Thereafter, there were submitted the following Reports.

- (a) Review of Charges 2017-2018 (being Report No 49/17)
- (b) Review of Fees and Allowances within the Children and Learning Directorate – Children’s Services 2017-2018 (being Report No 50/17)
- (c) Review of Non-Residential Fees 2017/18 (being Report No 52/17)
- (d) Review of Civic Licensing Fee Structure 2017-2018 (being Report No 53/17)
- (e) Review of Miscellaneous Liquor Licensing Fees 2017-2018 (being Report No 54/17)
- (f) Review of Fees and Charges for Legal and Democratic Services 2017-2018 (being Report No 55/17)
- (g) Health and Social Care Integration – Devolved Budget to Angus Integrated Joint Board 2017/18 (being Report No 56/17)
- (h) Angus Alive Budget Settlement 2017/18 (being Joint Report No 57/17)
- (i) Provisional Revenue and Capital Budgets – Background Report (being Report No 58/17)
- (j) Provisional Revenue Budget and Savings Proposals (being Report No 59/17)
- (k) Provisional Capital Budgets (being Report No 60/17)
- (l) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2017/2018 – Setting of the Council Tax (being Report No 61/17)
- (m) Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Financial Plan (being Report No 62/17); and
- (n) Setting of Prudential Indicators for 2017/2018 Budget Process being Report No 63/17)

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

- 1. Notes the latest 2016/17 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 31 January 2017 and as set out in Report Nos 38/17 and 39/17;

2. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report No 48/17, as submitted by the Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance, relating to Revenue Monitoring Projected Outturn 2016/17 – Revenues Budget 100% Carry Forward Requests;
3. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report No 49/17 as submitted by the Strategic Director – Communities relating to the 2017/18 Communities review of fees & charges;
4. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report No 50/17 as submitted by the Strategic Director – Children & Learning relating to the 2017/18 review of fees and allowances within Children & Learning;
5. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report No 52/17 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus IJB relating to the 2017/18 review of Non-Residential Fees;
6. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report No 53/17 as submitted by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services relating to the 2017/18 review of Civic Licensing Fees;
7. Notes the recommendations as set out in Report No 54/17 as submitted by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services relating to the 2017/18 review of Miscellaneous Liquor Licensing Fees;
8. Approves the recommendations as set out in Report No 55/17 as submitted by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services relating to the 2017/18 review of Fees and Charges for Legal & Democratic Services;
9. Notes the recommendations as set out in Report No 56/17 as submitted by the Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance relating to Health & Social Care Integration – Devolved Budget to Angus Integrated Joint Board 2017/18;
10. Approves the recommendations as set out in Joint Report No 57/17 as submitted by the Head of Corporate Improvement & Finance and the Head of Regulatory & Protective Services relating to Angus Alive Budget Settlement 2017/18;
11. Approves the provisional base revenue budget submissions for each directorate for 2017/18 in Report No 59/17;
12. Approves the investment bids totalling £0.837 million (all ongoing) to be added to directorate base budgets, as set out in Report No 59/17;
13. Approves the budget savings proposals for 2017/18, as outlined in the 2017/18 Provisional Revenue Budget & Savings Proposals Volume (Report No 59/17), these savings having 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 2017/18;
14. Approves that: the provision for Surplus Local Tax & MOD Council Tax Income be £0.200 million; the Capital Financing Costs budget be £14.104 million; the Corporate Insurance budget saving be £0.222 million; the provision for pay awards be £2.650 million; the provision for the Apprenticeship Levy be £0.735 million; all of which were detailed on page 3 of Report No 59/17);
15. Approves the provisional base revenue budget submission (excluding Loan Charges) for 2017/18 for the Tayside Valuation (Assessors) Board £0.736 million as detailed on page 56 of Report No 59/17, while noting that the finalised budget submission for 2017/18 of the Tayside Valuation Joint Board had been agreed at a meeting of the Board in January 2017;
16. Approves the provisional base revenue budget surplus for 2017/18 of the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement of £0.300 million, as detailed on page 56 of Report No 59/17, noting that the budget estimate for the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement had yet to be formally approved by the Joint Committee;

17. Approves the proposed £0.580 million of net contributions to the Council's Special Funds, and the drawdown of £2.102 million from General Fund Balances as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report No 58/17;
18. Approves the total revised estimated net revenue expenditure for 2017/18 as detailed in pages 6 to 56 (Report No 59/17) of £248.655 million for Angus Council, as shown in Appendix 1 of Report 58/17;
19. Approves the individual directorate capital budgets which gave a total estimated net capital expenditure for 2017/18 of £32.610 million for Angus Council as detailed on page 4 of Report No 60/17;
20. Notes that the proposed revenue and capital budgets for 2017/18 included £5.000 million of additional spending power provided through the Council's Special Funds strategy;
21. Notes the commentary set out in Appendix 3 to Report No 58/17, on the extent to which the 2017/18 budget proposals delivered on the Priority Based Budgeting principles agreed by the Council;
22. Notes the impact of the revised Council Tax multipliers imposed by the Scottish Government, and the 3% increase in Council Tax which was required to deliver a balanced budget in 2017/18 as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report No 61/17;
23. Notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals in this motion, as detailed in Appendix 3 to Report No 61/17;
24. Approves the proposed 2% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2017/18 which would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 45,864 (as detailed in Statement 1 circulated with this motion);
25. Approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompassed all of the appropriate elements of this motion (as detailed in Statement 2 circulated with this motion);
26. Agrees that the Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2017/18 be as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D)	£ 1,104.16
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27. Approves the recommendations of Report No 62/17 regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Financial Plan; and
28. Approves the recommendations of Report No 63/17 regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2017/18 budget process.

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

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 16(11)(ii) Councillors May, Myles, Fairweather, Bowles, Thomson, Proctor and Geddes requested that their dissent be recorded from the foregoing decision.