

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of the Special MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 18 February 2016 at 11.00am.

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, MARGARET THOMSON, PAUL VALENTINE and SHEENA WELSH.

PROVOST HELEN OSWALD, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Bob Spink.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. DIRECTORATE IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2016-2019

There was submitted Report No 53/16 by the Chief Executive appending a copy of the Directorate Improvement Plans for 2016-2019 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 2016-2019 for the Communities, People and Resources Directorates.

4. REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2015/2016

The Council resolved to note that the latest positions in respect of the Revenue and Capital Outturn for 2015/2016 had been reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 2 February 2016 (Report Nos 40/16 and 41/16 refer respectively).

5. REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2016/17

At this point, 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 in the day.

This was noted.

Thereafter, there were submitted the following Reports:-

- (a) Review of Charges for 2016-2017 by the Strategic Director – Communities (Report No 54/16);
- (b) Review of Fees and Allowances within the Children and Learning Directorate Children's Services 2016-2017 by the Strategic Director – People (Report No 55/16);
- (c) Review of Non Residential Fees and Contributions by the Strategic Director – People (Report No 66/16);
- (d) Review of Civic Licensing Fees Structure 2016-2017 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Report No 56/16);

- (e) Review of Miscellaneous Liquor Licensing Fees 2016-2017 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Report No 57/16);
- (f) Review of Fees and Charges Legal and Democratic Services 2016-2017 by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Report No 58/16); and
- (g) Health and Social Care Integration – Devolved Budget to Angus Integrated Joint Board 2016/17 Joint Report by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance and the Strategic Director – People and the Integration Joint Board Chief Officer (Report No 59/16);

The Council resolved to note and approve Report Nos 54/16, 55/16,66/16,56/16,57/16,58/16 and 59/16.

6. PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2016/2017 AND BEYOND

There were submitted the following Reports:-

- (a) Provisional Revenue and Capital Budgets – Background Report by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 60/16);
- (b) Provisional Revenue Budget and Savings Proposals Volume by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 61/16);
- (c) Provisional Capital Budgets Volume by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 62/16);
- (d) Revenue and Capital Budgets 2016/2017 – Setting of the Council Tax by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 63/16);
- (e) Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Financial Plan by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 64/16); and
- (f) Setting of Prudential Indicators for 2016/2017 Budget Process by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance (Report No 65/16).

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

1. approves the provisional base revenue budget submissions for each directorate for 2016/17 as set out in Report 60/16;
2. approves the investment bids totalling £3.850 million (£3.765 million ongoing and £0.085 million one-off) to be added to directorate base budgets as set out in Report 60/16;
3. approves the proposed amendment/alternative budget savings proposals for 2016/17 which had replaced those savings no longer considered deliverable, and the additional 1% budget savings proposals for 2016/17, as outlined in the 2016/17 Provisional Revenue Budget & Savings Proposals Volume (Report 61/16). 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 2016/17;
4. approves that: the provision for Surplus Local Tax Income be £0.050 million; the Capital Financing Costs budget be £13.963 million; the provision for pay awards be £2.195 million; the reduction in the budget for Energy costs be £0.481 million; the provision for the end of Contracted Out Pensions be £2.800 million; all of which were shown on page 3 of Report 61/16);
5. approves the provisional base revenue budget submission (excluding Loan Charges) for 2016/17 for the Tayside Valuation (Assessors) Board £0.750 million as shown on page 58 of Report 61/16, noting that this finalised budget submission for 2016/17 of the Tayside Valuation Joint Board had been agreed at a meeting of the Board in January 2016;

6. approves the provisional base revenue budget surplus for 2016/17 of the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement of £218,000, as shown on page 58 of Report 61/16, noting that the budget estimate for the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement had yet to be formally approved by the Joint Committee;
7. approves the total revised estimated net revenue expenditure for 2016/17 resulting from pages 7 to 58 of £246.748 million for Angus Council as shown in Appendix 1 to Report 61/16;
8. approves the Provisional Common Good Fund budgets for 2016/17 which incorporated the bids detailed in Report 60/16 (Appendix 3) as detailed in pages 59 to 64 of Report 61/16;
9. approves the individual directorate capital budgets which gave a total estimated net capital expenditure for 2016/17 of £28.560 million for Angus Council as shown on page 4 of Report 62/16;
10. approves the proposed additional item of expenditure totalling £375,000;
11. approves: -
 - The proposed £6.100 million of contributions to the Council's Special Funds;
 - The additional £4.125 million of capital expenditure to be undertaken in 2016/17 over and above the £28.560 million shown in Report 62/16, as outlined in Statement 1, appended to the tabled motion
12. notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this motion;
13. 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;
14. approves the proposed 2% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2016/17, which would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 44,050;
15. approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement as appended to the motion, which encompassed all of the appropriate elements of the motion;
16. agrees that the Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2016/17 be as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D)	£ 1,072.00
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17. approves the recommendations of Report 64/16 regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Financial Plan; and.
18. approves the recommendations of Report 65/16 regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2016/17 budget process as amended to take account of the changes to the revenue and capital budgets outlined above.

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 Myles, May, Thomson, Salmond, Fairweather, Lumgair, Fotheringham, Geddes, Bowles and Brown requested that their dissent be recorded from the foregoing decision.