

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 3 February 2015 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors IAIN GAUL, PAUL VALENTINE, BILL BOWLES, BILL DUFF, MAIRI EVANS, 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.

1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Glennis Middleton with Councillor Rob Murray substituting

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 December 2014 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. **CAPITAL MONITORING – GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/2015**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 December 2014, there was submitted Report No 44/15 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance apprising members of the capital expenditure incurred for the period from 1 April 2014 to 30 November 2014 and measuring projected capital expenditure for the year against budgeted provision for the year.

The Report indicated that, as at 30 November 2013, actual expenditure as a percentage of the budget was 44.0% (on a gross basis) and 47.2% (on a net basis). This compared with the current position of 42.8% on a gross basis and 41.7% on a net basis. The projected net expenditure of £31.019 million would be indicatively funded from resources detailed in paragraph. 5.5 of the Report.

The Report also detailed areas where there was an anticipated significant under or overspend of overall gross expenditure.

The Committee agreed to note the expenditure position on the General Fund Capital Programme as at 30 November 2014 as per tables 1 and 2 within the Report and the Capital Monitoring Statement, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

5. **REVENUE MONITORING 2014/2015 AND RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND POSITION 2014/2015**

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 December 2014, there was submitted Report No 45/15 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance apprising members of the actual revenue expenditure incurred and income received for the period 1 April 2014 to 30 November 2014, together with the anticipated year-end position in respect of each Council Directorate.

In addition, the Report detailed the actual financial position of the Renewal and Repair Fund in respect of Property, Information Technology, Roads and Transport, Print and Design Unit and Recreation Funds as at 30 November 2014 and 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 approve the virements set out in section 4.12 of the Report, which were in excess of the permitted delegated authority limits, as prescribed in section 4.3 of the Financial Regulations.

6. REVENUE MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN 2014/2015 – PROPOSALS FOR REINVESTMENT/100% CARRY FORWARD OF PROJECTED UNDERSPEND – TRANCHE 2

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 11 December 2014, there was submitted Report No 46/15 by the Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance apprising members of the projected outturn position for the current financial year and seeking approval for utilising some of the underspend on service proposals on priority areas across the Council.

The Report set out proposals to utilise a further £0.989 million of the projected remaining underspend for reinvestment in the current financial year and £0.933 million to be carried forward on a 100% basis into 2015/2016 which, if approved, would result in an uncommitted projected underspend for 2014/2015 of £1.056 million.

All reinvestment/carry forward proposals would be reviewed as part of the final accounts process and any adjustments to approved carry forwards or further exceptional requests would be brought back to members for approval in the 2014/2015 Financial Outturn Report to Angus Council in June.

The Committee agreed to approve the reinvestment/100% carry forward proposals, as detailed in Appendix A of the Report.

7. TRANSFORMING ANGUS PROGRAMME UPDATE

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 8 May 2014, there was submitted Report No 47/15 by the Strategic Director – Resources, providing a progress update in relation to the Council's Transforming Angus Change Programme.

The Report also set out proposals for the commissioning of the Strategic Partner EY at a cost of £61,550 to support the Council developing an outline business case in relation to the Passenger Transport (including Green Fleet) Programme.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the update in relation to the various aspects of the Council's Transforming Angus Change Programme; and
- (ii) to approve the commissioning of EY at a cost of £61,550 to be met from the agreed Transforming Angus Change Fund budget and to support the Council in developing an outline business case in relation to the Passenger Transport (including Green Fleet) Programme.

8. TRANSFORMING ANGUS: AGILE WORKING AND ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

There was submitted Report No 48/15 by the Strategic Director – Resources, seeking approval of a strategy to progress agile working and the associated accommodation review.

Attached as Appendix 1 to the Report was the Agile Working and Estates Review Strategy which was aimed at creating a sustainable property estate, improved service delivery in the Council's organisational effectiveness, through the successful adoption of agile working practices and workplace design, phased into a programme of locations. As this was a major change project, and as the programme was progressed and further key milestone information became available, members would be updated with further specific reports at these times.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the terms of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the Agile Working and Accommodation Strategy, as appended to the Report; and
- (iii) to instruct officers to bring forward details of the implementation programme for agile working and the associated plans to secure a sustainable property estate.

9. STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY DUTY REPORT ON DELIVERY - 1 JANUARY 2012 TO 31 DECEMBER 2014

There was submitted Report No 49/15 by the Head of Planning and Place, highlighting progress made by the Council regarding its work to further the conservation of biodiversity and carry out their functions under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 on the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Act 2011.

Attached as Appendix 1 to the Report, was a report containing details of the progress being made in taking forward the Scottish Bio Diversity strategy from 2011 to 2013 and information on the trends demonstrated by a series of biodiversity state and people engagement indicators.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of this Report for submission to the Scottish Government, Directorate for Environment and Forestry (subject to changing "Boyd Park" to "Boyle Park" at page 121); and
- (ii) to approve the publication of the Report on the Angus Council website.