

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 27 August 2019 at 2.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors DAVID FAIRWEATHER, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, MARK McDONALD, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, SHEILA HANDS, ALEX KING, BEN LAWRIE, IAN MCLAREN, BOB MYLES, MARK SALMOND, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

Councillor FAIRWEATHER, Convener, in the Chair

The Convener intimated that an additional exempt item had been circulated to members and that as a decision on this matter was time critical, he was satisfied to accept it as an urgent item of business.

## 1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Brian Boyd, with Councillor Mark McDonald substituting

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Devine and Duff each declared an interest in item 11 as Council appointed Directors of ANGUSAlive. They indicated that they would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

## 3. MINUTES

### (i) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 4 June 2019 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

### (ii) Executive Sub Committee

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub Committee of 15 July 2019, a copy of which is appended hereto, (**APPENDIX 1**) was submitted and noted.

## 4. PROCUREMENT SOUNDING BOARD

The Committee agreed to note that Councillor McDonald would be replacing Councillor King on the Procurement Sounding Board.

## 5. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 4 MAY – 12 AUGUST 2019

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 4 June 2019, there was submitted and noted Report No 272/19 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform providing information to members with regard to services within the Strategic Policy and Transformation Service and specifically in respect of an overview of economic development business support and investment activities.

**6. INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL – AUGUST 2019: BREXIT PREPAREDNESS**

There was submitted and noted Report No 273/19 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform providing information to members with regard to Brexit Preparedness.

**7. INFORMATION REPORTS AND SCHEDULES**

There was submitted and noted Report No 274/19 by the Depute Chief Executive providing information to members with regard to services in the Children, Families and Justice Directorate, specifically in relation to:-

- Schedule 1 Presumption Against Short Periods of Imprisonment (Scotland) Order 2019
- Schedule 2 Tay Project Funding
- Schedule 3 Additional Funding for Supervised Bail
- Schedule 4 Scottish Prison Service Throughcare Support Service

**8. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE**

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 15 July 2019, there was submitted Report No 275/19 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services proposing the establishment of a Special Sub Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee with full delegated powers to make decisions on behalf of Angus Council to deal with all matters relating to Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy Limited - Firth of Forth Offshore Wind Farm Phase 1 (Onshore Infrastructure Works) Compulsory Purchase Order 2019.

The Report indicated that in order to mitigate any potential conflict of interests which may arise, it was proposed that members involved in making the decision on the CPO matter would not be involved when considering any planning matter. Accordingly, it was suggested that the appropriate means for this to be achieved is the establishment of a special sub committee of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Having heard from Councillor Devine who highlighted the importance of having representation from South Angus on the sub committee, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the establishment of a special sub committee of Policy and Resources Committee with full delegated powers to make decisions on behalf of Angus Council to deal with all matters relating to Seagreen Alpha Wind Energy Limited - Firth of Forth Offshore Wind Farm Phase 1 (Onshore Infrastructure Works) Compulsory Purchase Order 2019; and
- (iii) that the membership of the sub committee be as follows:-  
Councillors Fairweather and Macmillan Douglas (ex officio as Convener and Vice Convener, respectively) and Councillors Lawrie, Boyd and Whiteside.

**9. REVENUE MONITORING 2019/20 AND RENEWAL AND REPAIR FUND POSITION 2019/20**

There was submitted Report No 276/19 by the Director of Finance providing revenue budget information for member's consideration; detailing the latest projected year end position for each Council Directorate and main service area; providing a brief explanation of significant variances and an update on expenditure funded through the Council's Renewal and Repair Funds.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report and in particular the comments on the Financial Implications section regarding the projected year end position; and
- (ii) to note the Renewal and Repair Fund position.

## **10. 2019/20 FINAL CAPITAL BUDGET – GENERAL FUND**

There was submitted Report No 277/19 by the Director of Finance presenting to members the updated 2018/2023 General Fund Financial Plan incorporating the 2019/20 Capital Monitoring Report.

The Report indicated that the 2019/20 capital monitoring budget of £25.790m was showing a net decrease of £5.761m when compared with the provisional capital budget position reflected in Report No 59/19 (£31.551m). This had been due to movements in departmental capital programmes following the comprehensive review to reflect the impact of final actuals for 2018/19 on forward years and anticipated expenditure on a number of capital projects being re-phased across the years 2019/20 to 2022/23.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the updated 2018/2023 General Fund Financial Plan (attached as Appendix 1 to the Report);
- (ii) to approve the requests for additional funding from the general capital contingency totalling £130,000 as referred in paragraph 4.2 of the Report; and
- (iii) to note that the 2019/20 capital budget represented the Council's approved budget for General Fund capital monitoring purposes.

## **11. CHANGE PROGRAMME UPDATE**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 30 April 2019, there was submitted Report No 278/19 by the Director of Finance providing a progress update in relation to the Council's Change Programme.

The Report indicated that delivering change throughout the organisation was continuing at pace with particular emphasis on securing all savings agreed for achieving the 2019/20 balanced budget position. Areas where delivery was at risk had been identified and was the focus of leadership attention to secure. Work was progressing on developing the next phase of change and savings delivery, against an ever more challenging back-drop.

The Change Programme was an intrinsic part of the Council's strategic planning and would continue to be progressed to deliver the future change and transformation required to ensure the Council was sustainable and delivering Best Value to the citizens and communities of Angus.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) note the progress update in relation to the Council's Change programme;
- (ii) to approve in principle a cost sharing arrangement on staff severance costs with Angus Alive, subject to the detailed costs being finalised and a further report with final costs and proposed share being brought back to this Committee for agreement;
- (iii) to delegate authority for the determination of any funding allocation from the Change Fund to the Director of Finance in lieu of the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform; and
- (iv) that the use of the Tay Cities Deal Fund follow the same principles as the terms of reference already established for the use of the Change Fund (Report No 254/18 refers), and to delegate authority for the determination of any funding allocation from the Tay Cities Deal Fund to the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform.

## **12. SURPLUS PROPERTIES**

There was submitted Report No 279/19 by the Director of Infrastructure seeking to declare two properties surplus to the requirements of Angus Council and to now take the sites forward for sale on terms to be approved by the Director of Infrastructure.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the redundant toilets and adjacent land shown outlined on the plan at Appendix 1 of the Report at Dall's Lane, Brechin, be declared surplus to Angus Council's requirement and be sold; and
- (ii) to approve part of the housing garage site at Cairnie Loan, Arbroath shown outlined on the plan at Appendix 2 to the Report, be declared surplus to Angus Council's requirements and marketed for sale.

## **13. PROPERTY TRANSACTION – HERCULES DEN, ARBROATH**

There was submitted Report No 280/19 by the Director of Infrastructure seeking approval of the property transaction in relation to Hercules Den, Arbroath.

The Report indicated that football pitches and changing rooms at Hercules Den were held on a 21 year lease by Arbroath Community Sports Club. The lease was due for renewal and terms had been agreed for the grant of a new 21 year lease at a rental of £3,000 per annum, subject to 3 yearly rent reviews.

Having heard from Councillors Wann and King, the Committee agreed to defer consideration of this item.

## **14. 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 items so as to avoid the possible disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 10.

## **15. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY REPORT – COLLEGE SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH A LEARNING DISABILITY**

There was submitted Report No 281/19 by the Chief Officer Angus Health and Social Care Partnership seeking approval to award a Public to Public Co-operation contract for 8 years, with the option to extend for a further year for the provision of college support for people with a learning disability.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.

## **16. LAND SALE – ORCHARDBANK BUSINESS PARK, FORFAR**

There was submitted Report No 282/19 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform relating to the freehold sale of a vacant development site at Orchardbank Loan, Orchardbank Business Park.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.

## **17. PROCESSING OF CO-MINGLED DRY RECYCLABLES CONTRACT AWARD (ADDITIONAL ITEM)**

There was submitted Report No 284/19 by the Director of Communities regarding the awarding of a new contract that would ensure there continued to be a suitable outlet for the recycling of materials collected at the kerbside from household and commercial premises.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.