

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 17 October 2019 at 2.00pm.

**Present:** Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost COLIN BROWN BEM, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGAM, SHEILA HANDS, BEN LAWRIE, DAVID LUMGAIR, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, MARK McDONALD, IAN McLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, GAVIN NICOL, MARK SALMOND, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

PROVOST RONNIE PROCTOR, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David Cheape, Alex King and Bob Myles.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bell declared a non-financial interest in Item 6 in that she was a member of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board and associated partnerships. She indicated that she had a general dispensation which allowed her to participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Speed declared a financial interest in Item 6 in that she was the Chair of the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board. She indicated that she had a general dispensation which allowed her to participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Duff declared a non-financial interest in Item 11 in that he was a Councillor appointed members of the Tay Cities Region Deal Joint Committee. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

### 3. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

#### (i) Minutes of Council Meeting

##### (a) Angus Council

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 5 September 2019 was approved as a correct record, subject to an amendment on page 10 of the Agenda papers, Item 10 – 'Town Centre Fund 2019/20 – Proposed Projects', Arbroath Projects, G1 - delete the word "and" replace with "to".

#### (ii) Minutes of Committees

##### (b) (Special) Civic Licensing Committee

The minute of the special meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 5 September 2019 was submitted and noted.

##### (c) (Special) Children and Learning Committee

The minute of the special meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 5 September 2019 was submitted and noted.

##### (d) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 10 September 2019 was submitted and noted.

**(e) Civic Licensing Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 12 September 2019 was submitted and noted, and in terms of Article 6 of that minute, the Council agreed that the Scheme of Delegation to Officers be amended to:-'authorise the Director of Communities to, *inter alia*, grant applications for temporary caravan site licences where the duration of the licence was twenty eight days or less, appropriate planning consents were in place and to determine what, if any, conditions to attach to a site licence, to have regard to the relevant Model Standards for Caravan Sites produced by the Scottish Government.'

**(f) Children and Learning Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 17 September 2019 was submitted and noted.

**(g) Scrutiny and Audit Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 24 September 2019 was submitted and noted.

**(h) Communities Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 24 September 2019 was submitted and noted.

**(i) Development Management Review Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 26 September 2019 was submitted and noted.

**(j) (Special) Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of the special meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 26 September 2019 was submitted and noted.

**(k) Development Standards Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 8 October 2019 was submitted and noted.

**(l) Policy and Resources Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 October 2019 was submitted and noted.

**4. MOTIONS IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 25(1)**

**(i) 20 mph Speed Limit in Edzell**

Councillor Braes had submitted the following motion:-

'Following a survey by Inveresk Community Council which produced 336 responses with 78% of the respondents agreeing that a 20mph speed limit should be introduced for the village of Edzell, I am moving that officers prepare a Report for the consideration of the Road Safety Working Group detailing both the feasibility of the introduction of such a speed limit as a pilot and the likely financial implications.'

The Council heard Councillor Braes explaining his reasons for bringing forward this motion, which was designed to address a long standing issue for Edzell and which represented a significant change in the relevant policy.

Having heard Councillor Salmond state that, along with Councillor Stewart, he had met Councillor Braes and given an assurance that this matter would be put to a meeting of the Road Safety Member/Officer Working Group within the next two weeks, and that this matter would be considered as a priority item by that MOWG.

In the light of this information, Councillor Braes withdrew his motion.

**(ii) Family Leave Guidance**

Councillor Davy, seconded by Councillor Lawrie, moved that:-

- (i) the Council asks that the Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support bring a formal report to full Council on 5 December 2019 on the Family Leave Guidance that has been created as part of the work undertaken by CoSLA's Barriers to Elected Office Special Interest Group on Family Leave, outlining any financial, legal or other implications;
- (ii) the Council notes that currently elected members have no legal right to parental leave, and notes the guidance is optional across Scottish Local Authorities and aims to reduce barriers for members of the public to stand or re-stand for election;
- (iii) the Council notes the objective of this policy is to ensure that, insofar as possible, elected members can take appropriate leave at the time of birth or adoption, and that both parents are able to take leave and that reasonable and adequate arrangements are in place; and
- (iv) the motion believes Angus Council should be a welcoming local authority for all, and commit to removing barriers for members of the public to stand for election and for elected members to re-stand in the future.

Having heard from Councillors Davy, Lawrie, Hands, Bell, Boyd and Speed, and the Chief Executive giving an assurance that she would look in to the question of how many Council policies applying to staff would also be applicable to Elected Members, the Council approved the motion and it was resolved accordingly.

**5. ANGUS COUNCIL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/2019**

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 21 February 2019, there was submitted Report No 348/19 by the Chief Executive presenting the Angus Council Plan Annual Performance Report for 2018/2019. Previous editions of the Plan had demonstrated the link between the Council's priorities and its resources. The Council's Workforce Plan had also been updated to demonstrate alignment to the future operating model and the Council Plan had also been developed to integrate the Council's Programme for Change, its priorities, investment services 2019/2020, and future plans for change. Various strategies and plans had been developed by the Council to support and complement its Council Plan, including a workforce plan 2018/2021 and the Angus Child Poverty Local Action Report and other national strategies including Fairer Scotland Duty and Local Strategies including the Angus Youth Engagement Strategy. The Plan had also been aligned with the priorities and outcomes in the Angus Community Planning Partnership Community Plan (formerly known as the Local Outcome Implementation Plan (LOIP)).

Members generally welcomed the Plan and what was seen as an excellent Report, especially when set against the challenging financial conditions the Council faced.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the Angus Council Plan Annual Performance Report 2018-2019; and
- (ii) to note that a Council Plan refresh would be brought to Committee in February 2020.

## **6. ANGUS CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT 2018 TO 2019**

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 18 October 2018, there was submitted Report No 349/19 by the Chief Social Work Officer, Angus Council, presenting the Annual Chief Social Work Officer Report 2018 to 2019, being an annual evaluation report of Social Work Services, including Commissioned Services for 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019; detailing some of the main successes within Social Work Services between 2018/19 and reporting on a range of performance including Partnership Working, the Social Services Delivery Landscape, Finance, Service Quality and Performance including delivery of statutory functions; and Workforce.

The Report indicated that the Council continued to provide high quality and flexible services to vulnerable children young people and adults throughout the 2018/19 period and within the continuing challenging financial environment.

Having heard from Councillors Speed, Devine and Duff, the Council resolved to note and endorse the contents of the Chief Social Work Annual Report 2018 to 2019, as appended to Report No 349/19.

## **7. ANGUS COUNCIL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2018/2019 AND ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT TO MEMBERS**

With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 24 September 2019, there was submitted Joint Report No 313/19 by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance, providing Audit Scotland's Annual Audit Report to members on the 2018/2019 Audit of Angus Council, Robert & William Strang Mortification and Angus Council Charitable Trust, and requesting the Council review the content of Audit Scotland's Annual Audit Report to Members attached to the Report at Appendices 1A and 1B.

The Council resolved to note the contents of Audit Scotland's Annual Audit Report to members, attached as Appendices 1A and 1B to the Report.

## **8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19**

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 24 September 2019, there was submitted Report No 314/19 by the Director of Finance detailing the Council's treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during that year, and appending the Council's Treasury Management Annual Report 2018/19.

The Report indicated that in summary, as a result of sound treasury management activity, the Council was able to meet all of its financial obligations and cashflow requirements during the financial year, without encountering any liquidity problems.

The Council resolved to note the annual Report on the 2018/19 treasury management activities for Angus Council attached as Appendix 1 to the Report.

## **9. PUBLIC BODIES' CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES: ANGUS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT**

There was submitted Report No 336/19 by the Director of Communities, giving an overview of Angus Council's compliance with its climate change duties, over the period 2018/19, with measures taken to improve performance relating to sustainability and climate change.

After due consideration, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the contents of the Report in accordance with the Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) Scotland) Order 2015; and
- (ii) to agree the content of the Report for submission to the Scottish Government and notes the progress that the Council had made in embedding climate change and sustainability into its policies and operations.

**10. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Council resolved, in terms of Standing Order 28(2) that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following two items, so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Part 1 of Schedule 7A, paragraph 6.

**11. TAY CITIES REGION DEAL**

There was submitted Report No 351/19 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector Reform, presenting the Tay Cities Region Deal document for the Council's consideration of the Deal for approval, and of the implementation and governance arrangements.

The Council resolved to approve the recommendations as detailed in the Report and authorise the Council's involvement as outlined.

**12. SEEMIS NEXT GENERATION – PHASE 2 BORROWING**

There was submitted Joint Report No 350/19 by the Depute Chief Executive and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, seeking approval for amendments to the current SEEMis (Education Management System) Members' Agreement.

After consideration, the Council resolved to approve the recommendations as detailed in the Report.