

# ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE** hosted at Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar on Tuesday 23 June 2020 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors DAVID FAIRWEATHER, BETH WHITESIDE, BILL DUFF, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, RICHARD MOORE, MARK SALMOND and DEREK WANN.

Councillor FAIRWEATHER, Convener, in the Chair.

## 1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Lynne Devine, Councillor Beth Whiteside substituting.

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Duff declared a non-financial interest in Report No 151/20 in that he was a Council-appointed Director of ANGUSalive. He indicated that he would not participate in discussion of, or voting on, this item. He also declared a non-financial interest in Report 174/20 but would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

*In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 11(1) the Committee resolved that the order of business proceed in the following order.*

*As the undernoted deputation related to Report 151/20, Councillor Duff left the Meeting at this point.*

## 3. REQUEST FOR A DEPUTATION

The Council resolved to receive a deputation from Mr Mark Anderson on behalf on behalf of Skilz Academy in relation to a Community Asset transfer application (CAT) (Report 151/20) which was to be considered by the Committee (Article 4 below).

Mr Anderson addressed the Committee, dealing with various issues, including working with the Council and AngusAlive; the renewal of the playing surface over a 3 week period, most likely during the school summer holiday period in 2021 to minimise disruption; introduction of a charging regime fair and inclusive to all and offering best value; the intention to consult with all relevant parties to ensure that the new pricing system was flexible and took into account the needs of the community as a whole, so helping to reduce inequalities; after school-hours, Active Schools Volunteer-led physical activities as a key priority; recognition that some flexibility in opening times would be required to accommodate individual events taking place throughout the year outwith the regular times; energy supply arrangements; provision of new changing facilities, including toilets, through the Scottish Football Partnership; the applicant's willingness to match the current School/AngusAlive Service Level Agreement for a minimum 3 year period; access points; replacing the astroturf surface; possible rugby use of the new surface; drainage of the astroturf; financial allowance for lower usage (eg: during pandemics); and financial provision for sustainable renewal of the astroturf without recourse to public funding. He also answered questions from Councillor Whiteside. Councillor Wann advised that while he had prepared questions to put to Mr Anderson, the presentation had provided him with all the information he required.

Thereafter, Mr Anderson thanked the Committee for hearing the deputation.

## 4. CAT DECISION – SKILZ ACADEMY, ASTROTURF PITCH AND GROUND, ARBROATH SPORTS CENTRE, KEPTIE ROAD, ARBROATH

With reference to Article 15 of the minute of the previous meeting of this Committee, there was re- submitted Report No 151/20 which sought the Committee's views on a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) application relating to a Council asset, namely the Astroturf Pitch and Ground at Arbroath Sports Centre, Arbroath.

The applicant's Business Plan had also been made available to elected members via sharepoint as additional background to the application, and giving an indication as to their plans for the future.

Having previously heard the Deputation, the Committee agreed to hear Colin Knight of AngusAlive and Beth Reader, Education Service.

Colin Knight advised that Angus Alive currently worked in partnership with Angus Council with one of their licences being to occupy and operate the playing surface at Arbroath Sports Centre. Angus Alive wished to retain the facility within its portfolio, while acknowledging that the pitch did require investment. Angus Alive wished to take forward the replacement of the current playing surface, which initial work had indicated would cost some £220,000. If this work was done, Mr Knight was confident that local community clubs across various sports would wish to access to deliver their services to the local community. Mr Knight also confirmed the current very good working relationship between Angus Alive and Arbroath High School, with the changing village currently being installed at the school, funded through Angus Council. This demonstrated the long term will to invest in the Sports Centre owned by the Council and operated on its behalf by Angus Alive. Angus Alive also operated with various groups including Skilz Academy, with whom they had a positive working relationship, planning the programming of football in the area utilising a number of Council-owned sites. Angus Alive was keen to see that relationship continue, including on the refurbishment of the High School playing surface, and on Arbroath Community Sports Hub. Angus Alive and the Council were currently in a 4 year partnership agreement with Sports Scotland. This gave access to other bodies including Scottish Rugby and the Scottish Football Association who might be involved in developing funding packages for the refurbishment of the playing surface at Arbroath High School. Through this link, Angus Alive had been advised that the SFA had not been contacted about the present CAT application. The site of the current playing surface was understood to be involved in the Schools for the Future strategy of Angus Council; there was also the potential that the site might be developed as an athletics arena.

Colin Knight then answered questions from Councillors Wann and Whiteside.

In response to a question from Councillor Wann, the Director of Finance confirmed that a bid from Angus Alive made around June 2019 had been put on hold pending the determination of this CAP application.

Councillor Whiteside commented on the apparent neglect of the playing surface at Arbroath High School, suggesting that had it been kept in good condition, there would not now be a CAT application. At present there was no commitment to finance the refurbishment now required, or to build up a fund for the future replacement of the current playing surface. There were no proposals for work on a new school for next 10 years at least. There were also safeguards for the Council and AA in the report. Instead of a purchase of the facility, she queried whether the proposed purchase of the playing surface could be replaced by the offer of a long term lease of say 25 years, with a 10 year break clause to enable the pitch to be replaced and to take account of any new school works?

The Director of Finance indicated in response, that the Committee could not change an application for ownership to one for lease; effectively a resubmission would be required for that to progress.

Mr Lorimer also indicated that the Report had been prepared based on the CAT application as submitted; but as members had heard from the deputation, some aspects of the application had been updated.

Beth Reader of the Education Service supported the Angus Alive position as explained by Mr Knight and advised that it was the view of the Director of the Service that approval of the CAT would not be in the best interests of the Education Service. This was also the view of the Head Teacher of Arbroath High School. She agreed that the pitch had not been well maintained and needed investment; however, it remained playable and was timetabled for use. It was seen in the best interests of the Council that the pitch remained an asset under its control.

The Director of Finance advised that if the CAT application was agreed, consequently the Council would be disposing of a piece of land at less than best consideration value – legislative requirements would then require an appraisal to be undertaken to consider the financial implications, benefits and disbenefits and that the disposal was considered by the

Council to be reasonable in the circumstances on grounds of promotion of economic development, health, social wellbeing etc. He confirmed that the appraisal formed part of the CAT assessment process and had been done.

In response to a question from Councillor Moore as to why the Council should accept a CAT application for an asset which was not surplus, the Director of Finance confirmed that in terms of legislation, an asset did not have to be surplus to be subject to such an application being made and agreed.

Councillor Fairweather indicated that he had been impressed with the applicant's business case; he understood that Skilz Academy was a very successful organisation. There had been no objections to the applications; there was very little difference in the scoring of the application as against Angus Alive in the scoring although the latter had come out higher; on operational considerations, Mr Anderson had indicated that the applicant intended to align with the current schedules.

The Committee heard further comments from Councillors Wann, Whiteside, Moore, and Fairweather.

The Committee agreed to hear once more from both Mr Knight and Mr Anderson.

Mr Knight indicated that should the CAT application be approved by the Committee, Angus Alive would like the conditions to include discussions to take place with the applicant on the potential for access to any renovated surface to enable completion of term time and holiday programmes particularly with young people in mind, and also access to potential coach education courses particularly in football as well as wider sports such as rugby if the new surface was suitable for such sports, all subject to an access / costs agreement, to the enhancement of benefit to the local community and also in upskilling of the potential workforces for local clubs and potentially beyond.

The Committee also heard again from Mr Anderson who confirmed that the Scottish Football Partnership, a branch of the SFA, in terms of community funding, and potential suppliers of the portacabin changing facilities required, had confirmed that the applicant met their criteria for assistance. The applicant had also spoken on several occasions to Andy Cummings of Scottish Rugby, who had confirmed that the length of the pitch meant that it could only be used for training matches and was too short for team matches. There were potential funding opportunities which might be open to the applicant and on which Scottish Rugby could advise. Mr Anderson emphasised that no funding commitments had yet been made, given the current stage of the application process.

Mr Anderson also confirmed the current good working relationship existing between Angus Alive and Skilz Academy. In his view, term time and holiday programmes, coach education were absolutely matters which could be discussed with a view to reaching an agreement for future working together.

Mr Ian Lorimer, Director of Finance, again addressed the Committee, noting that approval of the CAT application was only the first step in the process which had to be captured in a suitable legal agreement between Skilz Academy and the Council.

The Committee agreed: -

- (i) to note the background to Community Asset Transfer (CAT) and the Council's policy and method of assessing applications as set out in Report 105/18;
- (ii) to note the summary information on this CAT application and the outcome of the assessment process contained in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (iii) to note the summary information on the existing use of the asset and the outcome of the assessment process as contained in Appendix 2 to the Report;
- (iv) to note the other factors relevant to the CAT application including the financial implications and risks outlined in the Report;
- (v) to note the views, recommendations and suggested options from the Community Asset Transfer Officer Group (CATG) as outlined in Section 7 of this Report regarding this CAT application;

- (vi) that, having heard the intentions of the applicant in terms of the deputation today and based upon the information contained in the applicant's Business Case as contained in the papers before the Committee, the supportive views of local members, and the information and advice contained within this Report, including the options recommended by the CATG, to agree Option 2, and approve the application, subject to conditions 1-7 as set out in Paragraph 7.4 of the Report, and also the additional Conditions (vii) and (viii) below;
- (vii) that the applicant must reach agreement with Angus Alive and Angus Council on the question of, and terms and conditions of, public access and school access as required to the new proposed facility on an equivalent basis of current usage including provision of term time and holiday coaching courses;
- (viii) toilet facilities, including suitable disabled access, are to be provided by the applicant as agreed with Angus Council in accordance with the phases of the applicant's business plan; and
- (ix) that formal legal agreements be concluded with the applicants before the transfer formally took place and that terms and conditions in line with the Council's agreed CAT policy would apply.

*At this point, the Deputation left the meeting.*

*Councillor Duff re-entered the meeting.*

## **5. MOTION BY COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER**

There was unanimously agreed the Motion proposed by Councillor Fairweather, and seconded by Councillor Duff, that Officers be remitted to explore the possibility of granting one day of special leave for Angus Council employees in recognition of the amazing work they have undertaken throughout the pandemic.

## **6. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 May 2020 was submitted.

With reference to Article 7, Councillor Devine noted that she had expressed her concern at that time at the lack of representation of the SNP Group in the short life Economic Recovery Member/Officer Working Group, and asked that that be reflected in the minute.

Under the same Article, Councillor Whiteside advised that the correct name of the organisation referred to therein, was the Monifieth Community Resource Group, and not as shown.

With those alterations, the Committee approved the Minute as a correct record, and it was signed by the Convener.

## **7. ANGUS COUNCIL COVID-19 DASHBOARD DEVELOPMENT**

There was submitted Report No 172/20 by the Chief Executive, advising members as to the extent to which coronavirus (COVID-19) had affected key areas of work in the Council, the local economy and vulnerable people. Over the last 10 weeks, a significant amount of data has been sought by, and provided to, Scottish Government. CoSLA and other professional organisations. To assist with this ongoing requirement to be able to supply such data promptly and efficiently, a streamlined visual data dashboard had been devised, outlining the trends and responses within the Council's various areas of responsibility.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the progress made on reporting a large number of performance measures

which had been developed into a visual data dashboard for the benefit of varying audiences, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Report, and that the dashboard was still under development and designed to be improved to meet the needs of council officers, partners, elected members and the public; and

- (ii) to note the key issues that were emerging from the initial presentation of the data dashboard, which were continuing to be addressed by strategic working groups across Angus.

## **8. FINANCIAL RESILIENCE AND POLICY SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE, BUSINESSES AND KEY SUPPLIERS – PROPOSED REVISIONS**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of the Special Meeting of Angus Council of 3 April 2020, there was submitted Report No 173/20 by the Director of Finance, which set out proposed revisions to the Council's financial resilience support measures for local people and businesses, while striking an appropriate balance between continuing such support, and taking appropriate steps to collect monies due to the Council, so reducing the risks to the Council's own financial sustainability. The support measures put in place at the start of the COVID-19 emergency were proposed to continue. The one exception was to end suspension of formal recovery of debts owing to the Council – to continue this would cause significant financial damage to the Council. Accordingly, this suspension would end with effect from 1 July 2020. The report also considered extending the Council's key supplier support arrangements.

The Committee heard from Councillors Macmillan Douglas, and Duff, who broadly welcomed the Report as setting out useful transitional arrangements, and the provision of 'affordable' support monies of up to £100,000 as set out in Paragraph 5.5 of the Report. In response to concern from Councillor Moore regarding how the Council would deal with debtors, the Director indicated that initial contact would include a flier with contact details encouraging people struggling financially, and requiring support, to get in touch with the Council.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the content of the Report and the need to update the Council's support arrangements in light of changing circumstances;
- (ii) to approve the Revised Local Financial Resilience Support Arrangements for People set out in Appendix 1 to the Report and to delegate authority to the Director of Finance to implement such arrangements;
- (iii) to approve the Revised Local Financial Resilience Support Arrangements for Businesses as set out in Appendix 2 to the Report, and to delegate authority to the Director of Finance to implement such arrangements;
- (iv) to approve the extension of the Council's key supplier support arrangements on the basis of, and subject to, the caveats set out in Paragraphs 5.4 to 5.6, and the risks outlined in Paragraph 5.2 of the Report;
- (v) to approve the use of up to £100,000 from the Council's General Fund contingency or uncommitted balance, should that be required as outlined in paragraph 5.5; and
- (vi) to note the intention to keep the Support Arrangements in Appendices 1 and 2 under regular review and to bring updates for consideration to members when appropriate.

## **9. COVID-19 UPDATE ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND CHANGE PROGRAMME**

There was submitted Report No 174/20 by the Director of Finance, advising as to further work by officers in assessing the financial implications for both the Council's budgets and those of key partners arising from the COVID-19 emergency, and identifying challenges arising therefrom which would impact on financial planning for the remainder of the current financial year (2020/21). In answering questions from members, the Director described the background to the Report as being one of unprecedented challenges and demands on the finances of the Council. Savings could still be made, but there would be some slippage, with the target for savings remaining unaltered. Deferment of the planned special debt repayments at 31 March

2020 on the vehicle repayment programme was intended to allow the Council some financial flexibility should it prove to be required due to the escalating and ongoing costs associated with the pandemic.

Having heard Councillors Macmillan Douglas and Duff, both of whom described the report as a very useful paper, and the Director's response to questions, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the initial nature and estimated scale of financial implications arising from the updated assessment outlined in the Report;
- (ii) to note the update on the Council's Change Programme;
- (iii) to note that more detailed work to revise the Council's 2020/21 budgets would get underway shortly once the draft Annual Accounts process had concluded; and
- (iv) that special repayment of debt planned for financial year 2019/20 be deferred meantime for the reasons set out in Section 10 of the Report.

## **10. COVID-19 MEETINGS ARRANGEMENTS: UPDATE AND PROPOSED CHANGES**

With reference to Article 3 of the Minute of Special Meeting of Angus Council of 3 April 2020, here was submitted Report No 175/20 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, proposing revisions to the interim arrangements agreed at the Special Meeting. These revisions would enable all members to be involved in the political decision-making process of the Council.

In preparing this report, officers considered three options – (a) all members physically present; (b) all members attending remotely; or (c) an option for physical or remote attendance depending on each individual member's circumstances.

Members and officers had become accustomed to conducting meetings of the Council (a special meeting on 3 April 2020), and meetings of the Special Arrangements Committee; Special Education Committee; Development Standards Committee and the Scrutiny and Audit Committee using the Zoom platform. Given a variety of reasons, including continued uncertainty on social distancing and its impact on available meeting room accommodation; various issues preventing for the foreseeable future, the use of Council buildings previously used for Council and committee meetings; and costs of alternative venues and of hire of sound equipment, options (a) and (c) had to be discounted.

The Committee heard from Councillors Whiteside, Moore and Duff, and the Chief Executive.

The Committee thereafter agreed:

- (i) that for the reasons set out on Paragraph 4(b) of the Report, Council and Committee meetings be held remotely as outlined in that paragraph subject to the appropriate direction of the chair of the meeting;
- (ii) that these remote arrangements would be reviewed in six months' time;
- (iii) to note that a remote meeting of the full Council would take place on Wednesday 12 August 2020 at 2.00pm;
- (iv) to note that meetings of all service committees would resume in August 2020 in accordance with the previously agreed timetable of meetings, with the consequential ceasing of meetings of the Special Arrangements Committee and the Special Education Committee; and
- (v) to note that training would be provided to all elected members to facilitate their attendance at remote meetings.

## **11. ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 April 2020, there was submitted Report No 176/20 by the Director of Infrastructure, seeking ratification of actions taken by the Director in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Report also advised of further action taken by the Chief Executive using emergency delegated powers.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note and ratify the actions detailed in Paragraph 3.1 of the Report, taken by the Director of Infrastructure as reported to this Committee on 28 April 2020;
- (ii) to note the further action taken by the Chief Executive in response to the COVID-19 pandemic using delegated powers as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (iii) to approve the extension to officer delegation for the Director of Infrastructure as detailed in Paragraph 3.2 (i) – (iii) until such time as the Council agreed otherwise; and
- (iv) to note that until such time as the Council agreed otherwise, the Scheme of Delegation to Officers would be amended to reflect any changes agreed in terms of the Report

## **12. REPORT ON THE ANGUS ADOPTION AGENCY AND THE FOSTERING PANEL: ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 21 May 2019, there was submitted Report No 177/20 by the Director of Children, Families and Justice.

The Report highlighted the Council's ability to provide an effective service for children, foster carers, kinship carers and adoptive parents and noted the demand on the resources, as well as services provided.

The Director - Children, Families and Justice responded to a question from Councillor Whiteside.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Angus Adoption Agency and Fostering Panel Annual Report, as appended to the Report;
- (ii) to support the future plans, as detailed within the Annual Report; and
- (iii) to note that the Report would be made publicly available on the Council's Website.

## **13. FOSTER CARERS AND HOME SCHOOLING ARRANGEMENTS DURING COVID-19**

There was submitted Report No 178/20 by the Director of Children, Families and Justice, detailing proposals to pay foster carers a specific fee in light of the COVID-19 disruption to education for children. Foster carers had provided care for children at home on a full-time basis when they would not otherwise have been required to do so.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed amendment to the Skills to Foster Scheme introducing a 'COVID-19 Home-Schooling Fee' as detailed in Paragraph 4.2 of the Report; and
- (ii) to require the Director of Children, Families and Justice to apply the amendment retrospectively for the period from 23 March 2020 to eligible foster carers on an individual basis whilst the criterion remained satisfied.

#### **14. RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE - STEPS FOR ANGUS SCHOOLS**

There was submitted Report No 179/20 by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, providing an initial analysis of the steps required for Angus schools and of the ongoing and future financial implications for the Education and Learning Service arising from the initial response to COVID-19, and of the support required for families once schools re-opened in August 2020.

Members welcomed this paper, which had necessarily been prepared against an uncertain background, with the Scottish Government guidance altering frequently to meet the changing circumstances of the pandemic. The Convener emphasised that, for the avoidance of doubt, school transport was provided to those who needed it or were entitled to it; however there was concern that the Council might not be in a position to provide it to all who were entitled to receive it.

In the course of discussion, officers confirmed that there was still no indication as to the Angus share in the additional sum of £27 million announced by Scottish Government, £12.6 million of which was to enable education authorities to support continued provision of free school meals to eligible children over the summer holidays; and £15 million allocated for food support to communities.

Having heard from Councillors Wann, Macmillan Douglas and Moore, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to approve, should it be required, the alteration to how funds allocated for 'holiday food and fun' are spent, as outlined in Section 4.2, and to note the use of funding from the Scottish Government 'Food Fund' to fund the additional costs of providing free school meals during the school summer holiday period;
- (ii) to approve the repurposing of monies within the Early Learning and Childcare budget towards the cost of COVID-19 'childcare hub' provision during the summer holiday, as set out in Section 4.3;
- (iii) to note the use of funds from the Tayside Regional Improvement Collaborative, as outlined in Section 4.4;
- (iv) to authorise the recruitment of additional temporary teacher and support staff to manage the Council's response to COVID-19 fairly and equitably as outlined in Section 5, and to approve the proposed approach to funding these as set out in the Financial Implications (Section 6 of the Report); and
- (v) to note that social distancing and other measures would result in additional costs in a number of areas of the Education and Learning budget, which were currently being assessed in detail, and which would be the subject of an additional report to Committee, possibly as part of the Council's planned review of the 2020/21 budgets.

#### **15. CYCLING, WALKING AND SAFER ROUTES FUND: PROGRAMME OF WORKS**

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 12 November 2019, there was submitted Report No 180/20 by the Director of Infrastructure, updating the Committee on the delivery of the programme of projects funded in 2019/20 through the Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes Fund, and seeking approval of the programme of projects to be funded during 2020/21.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the amended programme of projects undertaken during 2019/20; and
- (ii) to approve the programme of projects to be undertaken during financial year 2020/21 and delegates authority to the Director of Infrastructure and Service Leader - Roads and Transportation to procure the construction works and any land negotiations required with support as necessary from the Director of Legal & Democratic Services.



## **16. ARBROATH (BROTHOCK WATER) FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEME UPDATE**

With reference to Article 4 (Report No 368/19 Schedule 3) of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 12 November 2019, there was submitted Report No 181/20 by the Director of Infrastructure, updating the Committee on progress with the Arbroath (Brothock Water) Flood Protection Scheme.

Following committee approval, the contract had been tendered for and evaluated. Members generally welcomed the report. although Councillor Moore cautioned against possible impact on wildlife habitats which potentially could be affected.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the results of the tendering exercise to construct the Arbroath (Brothock Water) Flood protection Scheme as detailed in Report 181/20; and
- (ii) to approve the additional funding as detailed in Report 181/20, for the Arbroath (Brothock Water) Flood Protection Scheme to make allowance for impact on construction time and cost of the coronavirus pandemic.

## **17. LAND ACQUISITION AT JUBILEE PARK, LETHAM**

There was submitted Report No 182/20 by the Director of Infrastructure, seeking approval to acquire land at Jubilee Park, Letham on behalf of the Housing Revenue Account.

Councillor Moore, as a local member, had no objections to the land acquisition, noting that the western part of the site was already under HRA ownership; and that access to the site was to be taken from the existing development at Bractullo Gardens and / or Jubilee Park through the ground in the ownership of the Council. Purchase by the HRA of the site proposed would facilitate delivery of a joined up development which met the planning brief and fitted the Letham village-scape with an appropriate mix of houses meeting the needs of local families and providing better connectivity between parts of the village and the school.

The Committee agreed to approve the acquisition of the land at Jubilee park, Letham, as detailed on the plan, Appendix 1 to Report 182/20, on behalf of the HRA for the development of affordable housing at a purchase price of £240,000.

## **18. KEY SUPPLIER SUPPORT – UPDATE**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of the special meeting of Angus Council of 3 April 2020, there was submitted Report No 183/20 by the Director of Finance, providing a detailed update on the various arrangements put in place by the Council and designed to support people, businesses and suppliers during the COVID-19 emergency, These arrangements had played an important part in response arrangements to the pandemic. The Council had also set out its offer of financial resilience support for key suppliers in Report 144/20 to this Committee

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the content of the report and its related appendices; and
- (ii) to note that further updates will be provided to an appropriate Committee in due course.

## **19. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Committee agreed that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the paragraphs detailed:

Item 20, Report 184/20 - Paragraph 9;

Item 21, Report 185/20 - Paragraphs 8 and 9; and

Item 22, Report 186/20 – Paragraph 8.

**20. PROPERTY SALE – UNIT 2, BROOMFIELD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, MONTROSE**

There was submitted Report No 184/20 by the Chief Executive, relating to the sale of a vacant commercial property, Unit 2, Broomfield Industrial Estate, Montrose.

The Committee agreed the recommendations as detailed in the Report.

**21. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY REPORT – CONTRACTS FOR THE PROVISION OF SUPPORTED ACCOMODATION FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN ANGUS**

There was submitted Report No 185/20 by the Interim Chief Officer of Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, seeking to extend various contracts for the provision of supported accommodation for people with learning disabilities in Angus for a period of three years so that the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership to carry out a comprehensive review of provision in that area.

The Committee agreed the recommendations as detailed in the Report.

**22. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY UPDATE – TERMS CONTRACT FOR A RESPONSIVE REPAIRS AND CHANGE OF TENANCY SERVICE**

There was submitted Report No 186/20 by the Director of Infrastructure advising as to certain changes in the procurement strategy for tenders for a Responsive Repairs and Change of Tenancy Services to Council Housing and seeking renewal of the procurement authority already granted.

The Committee agreed the recommendations as detailed in the Report.