

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held remotely on Tuesday 1 September 2020 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors DAVID FAIRWEATHER, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, BRIAN BOYD, 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.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

3. MINUTES

(i) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 10 March 2020 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Special Sub Committee

The minutes of meetings of the Special Sub Committee of 21 February, 21 April and 22 May 2020, copies of which are appended hereto, were submitted and noted (**Appendices I, II and III** respectively).

4. CHANGE PROGRAMME UPDATE

There was submitted Report No 208/20 by the Director of Finance providing a progress update in relation to the Council's Change Programme, including the implications for the Change Programme emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic over the 3-year planning period (2020/21 to 2022/23).

The Report indicated that work would be progressed to further develop the Change Programme for the new 3-year planning period which would be introduced shortly through the annual update to the Council's Medium-Term Budget Strategy (MTBS). This would include investigating the potential for accelerating new opportunities which had emerged from the COVID-19 crisis, and how this could be used to shift plans (e.g. greater emphasis on Digital and Agile working). It would also focus attention on how Council plans were developing in relation to the four key areas of the next phase of transformation: demand management; innovation/ commercialisation; partnership/ collaboration; and service contraction, all as set out in the Finance & Change Plan which was agreed in February 2020.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the progress update in relation to the Council's Change Programme (2020/21 to 2022/23);
- (ii) to approve the updated savings to be delivered by the Change Programme (2020/21 to 2022/23) noting the risks which still remained to the delivery of those savings due to the pandemic; and
- (iii) to note that the updated savings would be utilised in re-casting the Council's budgets when considered by the Council at its meeting on 10 September 2020.

5. URGENT REPAIRS AND JOBBING TERMS CONTRACTS MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTIES (EXCLUDING COUNCIL HOUSING) 2021-2025 PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST

There was submitted Report No 209/20 by the Director of Infrastructure seeking authority for the proposed procurement where the maximum value of the contract was above the Chief Officer's delegated authority limit.

Following a number of questions, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the indicative estimated overall cost of £16,000,000 for urgent repair and jobbing works with a contract period of four years from April 2021 to March 2025;
- (ii) to approve the procurement authority, as contained in the report, in accordance with the process stated in Section 16.8 and that contract acceptances were signed by the appropriate Council Officer in line with Section 16.15 of the Financial Regulations;
- (iii) to authorise the Service Leader Assets to negotiate with and appoint contractors from other contract Lots where a deficiency of contractors arose in a given trade package category and contract Lot due to circumstances outwith the control of the Council as noted at 5.11 in the report;
- (iv) to authorise the Director of Infrastructure, where appropriate, to recover all additional costs incurred as a result of such action from any terminated/defaulting contractor who had contributed towards such a deficiency on the understanding that the outcome of all such negotiations was subsequently reported to Committee in accordance with Financial Regulations and as noted at 5.12 of the report; and
- (v) to notes the financial implications included in Section 6 of the report.