ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of the Special MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** hosted at Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar and held remotely on Tuesday 15 December 2020 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN BEM, DAVID CHEAPE, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, SHEILA HANDS, ALEX KING, BEN LAWRIE, DAVID LUMGAIR, ANGUS MACMILLAN DOUGLAS OBE, MARK McDONALD, IAN McLAREN, RICHARD MOORE, BOB MYLES, GAVIN NICOL, MARK SALMOND, LOIS SPEED, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

The Chief Executive intimated that in the absence of the Provost and in light of Councillor Brown's resignation as Depute Provost, a Chair was required to preside over the meeting during consideration of the first substantive item of business on the agenda, being the appointment of a Depute Provost.

The Chief Executive then called for nominations for Interim Chair of the meeting.

Councillor Macmillan Douglas, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved the appointment of Councillor Fairweather as Interim Chair (for Item 1 only).

There being no further nominations, Councillor Fairweather took the Chair.

1. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTE PROVOST ANGUS COUNCIL

There was submitted Report No 325/20 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services advising members that Councillor Colin Brown BEM had resigned as Depute Provost of Angus Council and asking the Council to fill the resultant vacancy.

COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MACMILLAN DOUGLAS, MOVED THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM AS DEPUTE PROVOST.

Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Duff, moved the appointment of Councillor Kenny Braes as Depute Provost.

On a vote being taken, members voted:

For Councillor Fotheringham:

Councillors Fairweather, Brown, Davy, Fotheringham, Lawrie, Lumgair, Macmillan Douglas, McLaren, Moore, Myles, Nicol, Salmond, Speed, Sturrock and Wann. (15)

For Councillor Braes:

Councillors Bell, Braes, Devine, Duff, Durno, King, McDonald and Whiteside. (8)

No votes:

Councillors Cheape and Boyd. (2)

Councillor Fotheringham was therefore appointed Depute Provost.

(Councillor Hands joined the meeting at this point)

At this stage in the meeting, the Council resolved to adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow officers to apprise the Depute Provost of the business to be considered.

The meeting resumed at 2.30pm.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Provost Ronnie Proctor MBE.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

4. 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 item (including the Addendum) 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, Paragraph 6.

5. TAY CITIES REGION DEAL - UPDATE

The Depute Provost determined that there had been a "material change of circumstances" as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of Report No 324/20, to such an extent that it was appropriate for the decision taken in October 2020 to be re-considered.

The Depute Provost also agreed that the Addendum to Report No 324/20 could be considered as a matter of urgency due to the ongoing discussions regarding the financial profile of the Tay Cities Region Deal which lead to late modifications being required.

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 19 October 2020, there was submitted Report No 324/20 (and Addendum) by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation and Public Sector presenting an updated financial profile for the Tay Cities Region Deal.

The Council resolved to approve the recommendations in the Report and in the Addendum.