

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held remotely on Thursday 4 November 2021 at 1.00 pm.

Present: Provost RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, Depute Provost CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, Councillors JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, COLIN BROWN BEM, DAVID CHEAPE, BRADEN DAVY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, 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, TOMMY STEWART, RON STURROCK, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

Provost PROCTOR, in the Chair.

Prior to commencing the business, the Provost intimated that the emergency motion submitted by Councillor Whiteside, which had been circulated to members, had been withdrawn and would be considered at a future meeting.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bell declared an interest in Item 5, Report No 336/21, as she was a non-executive Director of Public Health Scotland. She indicated that she had a specific exclusion in terms of the Code of Conduct and that she would therefore participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor McMillian Douglas declared an interest in Report No 335/21 and Exempt Appendix to Report No 335/21, as over the last number of months he had met with Mr Guild on a number of occasions. He indicated that he felt some people may perceive this as too close to Mr Guild to discuss Inglis Court in an unbiased way. Therefore, he indicated that he would not participate in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of these items.

Councillor Nicol declared an interest in Report No 335/21 as he had previously declared an interest in relation to the item at a recent Development Standards Committee and as he had also made comment in the press. He indicated that he would not take part in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

Councillors Devine, Duff and Proctor each declared an interest in Report No 341/21 as Council appointed Directors of ANGUSALive. Each indicated that they had a specific exclusion in terms of the Code of Conduct and that they would therefore participate in any discussion and voting on that item.

Councillor Braes declared an interest in Report No 335/21 and Exempt Appendix to Report No 335/21, as he had received numerous correspondence on the matter and had taken part in a number of meetings. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor Myles declared an interest in Report No 335/21 and Exempt Appendix to Report No 335/21, as he had received numerous correspondence in relation to the matter and had various conversations with a number locals. However, he had made no public statement on the matter and indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on this item.

Councillor Cheape declared an interest in Report No 335/21 and Exempt Appendix to Report No 335/21, as he had been copied into many of the emails and correspondence on Inglis Court. He indicated that he would participate in any discussion and voting on the item.

At this stage in the meeting, the Provost determined that the Addendums to Report Nos 334/21 and 335/21 be considered as a matter of urgency due to ongoing finalisation of the Community Plan and the Options Appraisal for Inglis Court which had led to late modifications being required.

Councillors McMillan Douglas and Nicol having declared an interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting prior to consideration of the requests for deputations in relation to Inglis Court.

3. REQUEST FOR DEPUTATIONS

The Provost intimated that four deputation requests had been received as follows: -

Mrs Sarah Turner in relation to Report No 335/21 - Inglis Court, Edzell
Mr Mark Guild in relation to Report No 335/21 - Inglis Court, Edzell
Mrs Maureen Fagan in relation to Report No 336/21 – Public Bodies Climate Change Duties
Mr Tom O'Brien & Mrs Patricia Small in relation to Report No 343/21 – Participatory Budgeting

The Council resolved to receive the deputations from Mrs Turner, Mrs Fagan, Mr O'Brien and Mrs Small.

The Council also resolved that as Mr Guild had already been heard on the matter of Inglis Court, the deputation request be refused.

Thereafter, the Council resolved to hear the deputations prior to consideration of each of the items.

Councillors MacMillan Douglas and Nicol re-joined the meeting.

4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(i) Minute of Council Meetings

(a) Angus Council

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 9 September 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(b) Angus Council (Adjourned Meeting)

The minute of meeting of Angus Council (Adjourned Meeting) of 17 September 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(c) Angus Council (Adjourned Meeting)

The minute of meeting of Angus Council (Adjourned Meeting) of 24 September 2021 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

(ii) Minutes of Committees

(d) Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 31 August 2021 was submitted and noted.

(e) Development Management Review Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 14 September 2021 was submitted and noted.

(f) Civic Licensing Committee

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 16 September 2021 was submitted and noted.

(g) Children and Learning Committee

The minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 21 September 2021 was submitted and noted.

(h) Scrutiny and Audit Committee

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 23 September 2021 was submitted and noted.

(i) Communities Committee

The minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 28 September 2021 was submitted and noted.

(j) Policy and Resources Committee (Special)

The minute of the meeting of the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 29 September 2021 was submitted and noted.

(k) Development Standards Committee

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 19 October 2021 was submitted and noted.

At this stage in the meeting, the Council resolved to hear the deputation from Mrs Fagan as she required to leave the meeting due to another appointment.

Deputation

Mrs Fagan addressed the meeting on behalf of the Greener Practice Tayside Group in support of climate mitigation for public health.

Mrs Fagan highlighted the importance of these public health issues and requested that the Council make a commitment to prioritise clean air, access to green and blue space, infrastructure for safe walking, cycling, running and wheeling and partnership working to help protect the health of our people.

Following a number of questions, Mrs Fagan was thanked for her excellent presentation.

At this stage in the meeting, and in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 11(1) the Council resolved that the order of business be varied and it was considered in the following order.

5. PUBLIC BODIES CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES: ANGUS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 5 November 2020, there was submitted Report No 336/21 by the Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth giving an overview of Angus Council's compliance with its climate change duties, with measures to improve performance relating to sustainability and climate change.

The Report indicated that Angus Council had duties under Section 44 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 to contribute to reducing Scotland's greenhouse gas emissions; to contribute to helping Scotland adapt to a changing climate; and to act in the way that it considered most sustainable. The Act gave the Scottish Ministers powers to require public bodies to report on their compliance with these duties, using a standardised on-line report template to ensure consistency between bodies and over time. Angus Council had submitted its first mandatory report in November 2016, covering the period 2015/16.

The Report template covered the following mandatory topics: profile of reporting body; governance, management and strategy; emissions, targets and projects; adaptation; procurement; validation. Recommended topics relating to wider influence across the Council area were wider impact and influence on greenhouse gas emissions and other notable

reportable activity. The Report was largely retrospective, scrutinising performance over the period 2020/21.

Having heard from a number of members who welcomed the Report and the work that had been done, 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;
- (ii) to agree the content of the Report as detailed in Appendix 1, for submission to the Scottish Government and to note the progress that the Council had made in embedding climate change and sustainability into its policy and operations; and
- (iii) to approve the annual production of a Public Bodies Duty Report summary report, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the Report, to be housed on the Angus Council website and used for wider communication purposes.

6. APPOINTMENTS

(a) Appointments Sub Committee Membership

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 9 September 2021, the Council noted the appointments of Councillor Salmond and Councillor Whiteside to the Appointments Sub-Committee and the removal of Councillors Bell and Devine.

The Appointments Sub Committee membership was therefore as follows: -

Councillor Fairweather
Councillor Macmillan Douglas
Councillor Salmond
Councillor Duff
Councillor Whiteside
Councillor Boyd

(b) Children and Learning Committee Vice-Convenor

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 9 September 2021, and the appointment of Councillor Sturrock to the position of Convenor of the Children and Learning Committee, it was noted that the Council required to fill the resultant vacancy of Vice-Convenor.

COUNCILLOR FAIRWEATHER, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MACMILLAN DOUGLAS, MOVED THAT THIS COUNCIL APPOINTS COUNCILLOR BROWN AS THE VICE-CONVENOR OF THE CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE.

Councillor Lawrie, seconded by Councillor Whiteside, moved as an amendment, that this Council appoints Councillor Speed as the Vice-Convenor of the Children and Learning Committee.

On a vote being taken, the members voted: -

For the motion: -

Provost Ronnie Proctor, Depute Provost Craig Fotheringham, Councillors, Brown, Davy, Fairweather, Lumgair, MacMillan Douglas, McLaren, Moore, Myles, Nicol, Salmond, Stewart, Sturrock and Wann (15).

For the amendment:

Councillors Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cheape, Devine, Duff, Durno, Hands, King, Lawrie, McDonald, Speed and Whiteside (13).

The motion was declared carried, resulting in Councillor Brown being appointed as the Vice-Convenor of the Children Learning Committee.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 16(11)(ii), Councillors Boyd, Cheape and Hands requested that their dissent be recorded in relation to the foregoing decision.

(c) Ian McIntosh Memorial Trust (formerly Montrose Air Station Museum Trust)

The Council noted that Councillor Sturrock had resigned as the Council appointed Trustee of the Ian McIntosh Memorial Trust and thereafter resolved to appoint Councillor Ronnie Proctor to fill the vacancy.

7. ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 5 November 2020, there was submitted Report No 334/21 by the Chief Executive, together with addendum, presenting the Angus Community Plan Annual Performance Report for 2020-2021, and highlighting the wealth of activity delivered to achieve the Community Planning vision to make 'Angus a great place to live, work and visit'.

The Angus Community Planning Partnership had changed significantly over the past 12 months due to a new approach to developing services and the COVID-19 pandemic. A lot of work had been done to align local strategies and plans with the Community Plan providing an overarching direction of travel for partners and services. The recent strategies which had been aligned included:

- Angus Local Child Poverty Action Report 2019/2020
- Angus Health and Social Care Partnership strategic progress and performance report
- Angus Cultural Strategy
- Angus Food Growing Strategy
- Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families
- Community Justice Partnership Framework

A significant amount of work had been undertaken by the partners and a number of key highlights were detailed in the Report.

The Annual Performance Report set the scene for the proposed Community Plan review which would be carried out in 2022. This review was aligned to the requirements in the Community Empowerment Act and would present a lot of opportunities for our communities to help shape the future direction of Community Planning in Angus 2022-2030.

Having heard a number of members welcome the excellent report and plan and praise the staff and partnership working, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the Community Plan Annual Performance Report for 2020-2021; and
- (ii) to note the Community Plan would be reviewed in 2022 to cover the period 2022-2030.

Councillors McMillan Douglas and Nicol having declared an interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting prior to hearing from the deputation and thereafter consideration of Report No 335/21.

Deputation

Mrs Turner addressed the meeting and advised that she was representing the people that had responded to the public survey, had taken part in the demonstration, and had signed the petition. She advised that of the 208 responses received 94% of the respondents felt that they had not been consulted on the future of Inglis Court and 95% did not wish to see it demolished and wished to see it retained as sheltered housing. She advised that Edzell village had a higher than normal population and it was extraordinary that this building was closed. She felt that some parts of the Report were misleading, and she only wanted the best solution for the elderly within the local community.

The Provost thanked Mrs Turner for her presentation.

8. INGLIS COURT, EDZELL

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 9 September 2021, there was submitted Report No 335/21 by the Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth, together with addendum, which provided six options for consideration so that the Council could determine the future use of the building/site at Inglis Court, Edzell.

Councillor Salmond advised members that as Convener of Communities, with an oversight for social housing in Angus, he was moving option 1 within the Report which would see Inglis Court demolished and redeveloped as per the existing Strategic Housing Investment Plan and approved planning permission. He advised that following an internal site visit he was of the view that the building was no longer fit for purpose.

Much discussion took place and a number of questions were asked. Mr Balfour, Service Leader, Assets and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services clarified a number of points. Councillor Cheape expressed his concerns and questioned if option 1 represented best value for money.

Thereafter, having heard from a number of members, the Council resolved to demolish Inglis Court, Edzell and redevelop as per the existing Strategic Housing Investment Plan and approved planning permission.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 16(11)(ii), Councillor Cheape requested that his dissent be recorded in relation to the foregoing decision.

Councillors MacMillian Douglas and Nicol re-joined the meeting.

At this stage in the meeting, and in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 11(1) the Council resolved that the order of business be further varied to allow the deputation for Participatory Budgeting item to take place and it was considered in the following order.

Deputation

Mr Tom O'Brien and Ms Patricia Small addressed the meeting on behalf of the members of the short life working group who had been responsible for compiling a menu of Participatory Budgeting applications for approval by Council. They explained the process which had taken place and agreed that the current process was flawed and required to be significantly improved. It was hoped that the community would be able to shape the process for the future and help reduce inequalities.

Following a number of questions from members the Provost thanked them for their informative presentation.

At this point in the meeting, (the time being 3.57pm) the Council resolved, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(8), that the meeting continue until 6pm when a further review of the business to be concluded would take place. In addition, the Council resolved to have a 15 minute "comfort break".

The meeting resumed at 4.14pm. at which point it was noted that Councillor Bell was having connection issues.

9. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 9 September 2021, there was submitted Report No 343/21 by the Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth which provided information on the proposals received in the 2020/21 round of Participatory Budgeting in Angus and sought approval of the recommended proposals to progress to the public vote.

It was noted that a total of 92 proposals had been received totalling £878,784.56 and members were reminded that £260,000 was available - £65,000 for each of the four localities. Projects totalling more than that sum would go forward to the public vote however, monies would be allocated according to the results of the vote only, up to a total of £65,000 per locality.

The Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth advised that as a result of the assessment process, a total of 68 projects had been recommended for approval to progress to the final vote which would be held from 15-21 November 2021. To help minimise barriers to inclusion, the Vibrant Communities team would promote opportunities for the public to access online voting and work with partners to utilise any events as well as buildings and the mobile libraries within the more rural communities to ensure access to digital devices.

Having heard from a number of members in relation to the process, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the work on Participatory Budgeting to date; the work carried out by the Short Life Working Group (SLWG), the diverse range of proposals submitted in each locality and subsequently recommended by the SLWG to progress for consideration by members; and
- (ii) to approve the final list of proposals to progress to the public vote from 15 - 21 November 2021.

10. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (SECAP) & STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEA)

With reference to Article 8 of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 29 September 2020, there was submitted Report No 337/21 by the Interim Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth which updated members on the development of the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) for Angus and associated Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and recommended that these documents be approved and adopted as Angus Council policy documents.

The overall objective of the SECAP was to support Angus in its commitment to sustainable development, environmental management and the transition to a low-carbon economy. The SECAP would cover the entire county and provide a roadmap demonstrating how Angus could meet its climate commitments. The SECAP would concentrate on measures to reduce Green House Gas emissions, potential adaptation actions in response to the impacts of climate change and measures to provide sustainable, affordable and secure access to energy.

The SECAP set out a series of concrete, deliverable actions with clear timelines and responsibilities and would be arranged according to six key sectors including Buildings; Energy; Transport; Land Use & Forestry; Agriculture & Food and Waste, as well as Governance and Process actions.

Having heard a number of members welcome the timely Report, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and to adopt these as policy documents for Angus Council;
- (ii) to approve the establishment of a SECAP Steering Group to replace the Climate Change Member Officer Working Group (MOG) as well as a Community Climate Forum to work in partnership with local communities; and
- (iii) to agree Angus Council's Priority Action List for implementation.

11. OPTIONS APPRAISAL GUIDANCE

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 18 March 2021, there was submitted Report No 338/21 by the Director of Finance seeking approval to introduce Options Appraisal Guidance to strengthen the Council's approach to managing change and the decision-making process.

The Director of Finance provided an overview of the Report and it was noted that the guidance attached as Appendix 3 to the Report sought to promote a consistent approach which was integrated within a governance framework that supported varying project circumstances.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the detail within the guidance document, and specifically the roles and responsibilities of both officers and elected members; and

- (ii) to approve the Options Appraisal Guidance attached as Appendix 3 to the Report and the checklists as set out in the Guidance as Appendices 1 and 2 for application from 1 January 2022.

At this stage in the meeting, and in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 11(1) the Council resolved that the order of business be further varied and it was considered in the following order.

12. MONIFIETH LEARNING CAMPUS – PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE MONIFIETH PUBLIC LIBRARY

With reference to Article 20 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 24 June 2021, there was submitted Report No 342/21 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform which provided an update on the recent consultation exercise relating to the potential inclusion of Monifieth Public Library within the new build Monifieth Learning Campus. The Report highlighted the key themes from the consultation and recommended that an Options Appraisal exercise be undertaken by officers to identify the preferred solution.

The Report advised that the consultation, which had been available from 13-27 September 2021 had received 199 valid responses and a summary of the findings were outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report.

The Depute Provost highlighted that it was clear from the findings of the recent consultation that the local residents did not wish to see the inclusion of Monifieth Public Library within the new build Monifieth Learning Campus and that the Council should listen to their views and consult further through community groups. It was noted that there was currently £675,000 identified in the Capital Plan for planned improvements to Monifieth Public Library.

A number of local members concurred with the findings of the consultation.

The Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform responded to a number of members questions.

The Council resolved to note the outcome of the two phases of consultation to consider the inclusion of Monifieth Public Library within the new build Monifieth Learning Campus and that no further options appraisal was required.

At this stage in the meeting Councillor Speed declared an interest in the following item as a member of the Community Trust and left the meeting prior to consideration of Report No 345/21.

13. REGENERATION CAPITAL GRANT FUND – ARBROATH COURTHOUSE COMMUNITY TRUST

With reference to Article 17 & 19 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 8 June 2021, there was submitted Report No 345/21 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform which sought authorisation from the Council to act as lead applicant and to submit a stage two application to Scottish Government "Regeneration Capital Grant Fund" on behalf of Arbroath Courthouse Community Trust (ACCT).

The Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform provided an overview of the Report.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the background to the Regeneration Capital Grant fund and the specific opportunities and risks which arose from participation in the programme as set out in the Report;
- (ii) to note the position on the application covered by the Report and the specific benefits and potential risks associated with these;

- (iii) to authorise Angus Council to act as lead applicant and to submit a stage two application to Scottish Government "Regeneration Capital Grant Fund" on behalf of Arbroath Courthouse Community Trust;
- (iv) to note that by agreeing to submit a stage two application meant that the Council was supportive of the project in principle at this stage and final sign off, should Regeneration Capital Grant Fund be awarded, would be the subject of further Reports; and
- (v) to note that further satisfactory detail on future ongoing revenue streams necessary for the success of the project as well as the liability implications for Angus Council were required prior to officers being able to recommend that Angus Council supported the acceptance of a potential grant from Scottish Government, should the stage two application progress to the next stage.

Councillor Speed re-joined the meeting.

14. PROPOSED USE OF COVID-19 FUNDING – TRANCHE 2

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of adjourned meeting of Angus Council of 24 September 2021, there was submitted Report No 341/21 by the Director of Finance seeking approval of Tranche 2 Funding Proposals from the funds set aside for COVID-19 response, recovery and renewal and proposing using other COVID grant funding as part of an overall package of response and funding measures.

A summary of the second tranche of proposals/projects were set out within Table 1 of the Report with further details provided within the Appendices to the Report.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the updated position regarding funds available as set out in Section 3 of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the project proposals as set out in Section 4 and Appendices 1 to 9, and the funding of these as set out in Table 2 of Section 4; and
- (iii) to note that recommendation (ii) would allocate all of the COVID-19 funding set aside but that the Council's COVID Contingency Reserve remained available to address any further needs or opportunities over the medium term.

15. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET STRATEGY 2022/23 TO 2024/25

With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 18 March 2021, there was submitted Report No 339/21 by the Director of Finance setting out an updated Medium Term Budget Strategy (MTBS) for Angus Council's General Fund Services incorporating the projected funding shortfall over the period 2022/23 to 2024/25.

It was noted that such a strategy was critical to the Council's medium term financial planning arrangements in view of the ongoing constraints on public spending. The medium term budget strategy update was broken down into 5 main sections as follows: -

- Background & Need for A Medium Term Budget Strategy
- Revenue Budget Financial Projections (2022/23 to 2024/25)
- Options and Plans for Bridging the Projected Funding Gap
- Capital Budget Financial Projections (2022/23 to 2025/26)
- Conclusions

The Council resolved: -

- (i) to note the contents of the report and in particular the need to continue to plan and deliver sustainable savings over the medium to long term to meet the significant financial challenges which the Council faced in the next few years;
- (ii) to note the severity of the challenge the Council faced to remain financially sustainable and the significant and unavoidable impact this would have on services to the public;

- (iii) to approve the updated Medium Term Budget Strategy for the period 2022/23 to 2024/25 attached as Appendix A to the Report;
- (iv) to note the central role of the Council's Change Programme in addressing the projected funding gap and the work that was being undertaken to refresh and transition the programme as outlined in Section 5.14 of the Report and Appendix A, which would be reported separately to members as part of the budget setting process for 2022/23;
- (v) to note that it was essential the Council planned its budget strategy over a rolling 3 year period and made decisions to ensure savings were planned and made across that rolling 3 year period;
- (vi) to note the intention to update the strategy annually to ensure the Council had a rolling and detailed 3 year strategy for the revenue budget and a rolling 4 year strategy for the capital budget.

16. CONSULTATION ON OUR PLANS AND BUDGETS – FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 24 June 2021, there was submitted Joint Report No 340/21 by the Director of Strategic Policy, Transformation & Public Sector Reform and the Director of Finance setting out the feedback from the consultation process on the Council's plans and budgets, detailed the next steps and lessons learned arising from this work.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the three-strand approach to consultation and engagement which had been undertaken as part of the 2022/23 planning and budgeting cycle as agreed at Angus Council on 24 June 2021 (Report 215/21);
- (ii) to note the feedback from the consultation process as set out in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (iii) to agree that the results of the consultation be given due regard as the Council developed its plans and budgets for financial year 2022/23 and ultimately approves those updated plans and budgets in February 2022;
- (iv) to note the lessons learned for future consultation exercises as set out in Section 6 of the Report.

17. HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – JUNE 2022

There was submitted Report No 344/21 by the Director of HR, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support which provided an implementation plan to allow council staff to join in the celebrations for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

It was noted that CoSLA had confirmed there would be no national position regarding the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations and that it would be for Councils to determine arrangements at a local level. In light of this and following discussions with colleagues in Dundee City Council, Perth & Kinross Council and Tayside Contracts, it was agreed it would be preferable to reach a consistent approach across Tayside and to support a four-day weekend for all staff.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the proposed implementation plan to move the May Day public holiday in 2022 only from Monday 2 May to Thursday 2 June; and
- (ii) to grant an additional day of leave for council employees on Friday 3 June 2022 in line with Scottish Government proposals.

At this stage in the meeting, the Provost proposed that there was no requirement to consider the information contained within the exempt appendices detailed at Item 18 (Regeneration

Capital Grant Fund – Arbroath Courthouse Community Trust and Item 19 (Inglis Court, Edzell) as members had taken that information into account in making their earlier decision.

The Council therefore resolved that there was now no requirement to exclude the public and press at this stage in the meeting as the Council had considered all the items as detailed on the agenda and the business had been concluded.