

## **ANGUS COUNCIL**

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held remotely on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors BETH WHITESIDE, KENNY BRAES, CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, DAVID CHEAPE, SERENA COWDY, LYNNE DEVINE, BRENDA DURNO, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, IAIN GALL, ROSS GREIG, IAN MCLAREN, GAVIN NICOL, MARTIN SHEPHERD, LOIS SPEED and CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM

Councillor WHITESIDE, Convener, in the Chair.

The Convener intimated that a deputation request had been received from Mr Ken Tosh and Mr Tom Coull, representing Abbey Bowling Club, Arbroath in relation to item 6 and that a deputation request had been received from Mr Ben Nicol, Vice Chair of Monifieth Community Council in relation to Item 13.

The Committee agreed to hear both deputations.

### **1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Bill Duff, David Fairweather and Derek Wann, with Councillors Lynne Devine, Ronnie Proctor MBE and Craig Fotheringham substituting respectively.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Speed declared an interest in Item 6 in relation to the Arbroath Trust Community application as she was a member of the Trust as a resident. She indicated that she would not take part in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of this item.

### **3. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee noted that the membership was as agreed at the meeting of the Council on 26 May 2022 and as shown on the covering letter to the agenda.

### **4. REMIT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Committee agreed to note the remit of the Policy and Resources Committee as detailed on pages 34- 40 below:-

<https://www.angus.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2022-02/Standing%20Orders.pdf>

### **5. MINUTES**

#### **(a) Previous Meeting**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 8 March 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

#### **(b) Appeals Sub-Committee**

The minutes of meetings of the Appeals Sub-Committee of 4 February and 16 March 2022, copies of which are appended hereto, were submitted and noted (**APPENDIX I & II**).

#### **(c) Central Consultative Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Central Consultative Committee of 3 March 2022, a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX III**).

## **DEPUTATION 1**

Mr Nicol, Vice Chair of Monifieth Community Council addressed the meeting in relation to Item 13 in support of the new build at Monifieth High School (Monifieth Learning Campus). Mr Nicol suggested that the plans as put forward did not meet the requirements of the community and the pupils. Mr Nicol also indicated that there was a feeling that there had been a lack of consultation on these proposals asked for an increased level of consultation.

Following a number of questions from members, Mr Nicol was thanked for his deputation.

## **DEPUTATION 2**

Mr Ken Tosh and Mr Tom Coull, representing Abbey Bowling Club, Arbroath addressed the meeting in relation to Item 6 and in support of the proposal to grant a rent-free period for a period equivalent to the cost of the replacement boiler.

Following a number of questions from members, Mr Tosh and Mr Coull were thanked for their deputation.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 37(2), the Committee agreed that the business of the meeting proceed in the following order.

Councillor Speed, having declared an interest at Item 2 above left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

## **6. COMMON GOOD APPROVALS**

There was submitted Report No 150/22 by the Director of Infrastructure seeking approval for Common Good property maintenance and improvement projects as well as community based applications and seeking approval for these projects to be funded from the respective Common Good funds in 2022/23.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to approve the requested funding for the projects from Arbroath, Brechin and Forfar Common Good Funds, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (ii) to note the correction set out in paragraph 4.3 of the Report; and
- (iii) to note the change of circumstances for Montrose Play House as per paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 in the Report.

## **7. APPOINTMENTS TO SUB COMMITTEES AND AD HOC GROUPS**

There was submitted Report No 145/22 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in relation to the appointment of members to various sub committees and associated Groups.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to appoint Cllrs Whiteside, Braes and Fairweather to the Personnel Appeals Sub Committee and to appoint Cllr Whiteside as Convener and Cllr Braes as Vice Convener;
- (iii) to appoint Cllrs Whiteside, Duff and Wann to the Executive Sub Committee and to appoint Cllr Whiteside as Convener and Cllr Duff as Vice Convener;
- (iv) to appoint Cllrs Whiteside, Braes, Duff, Fairweather, McLaren and Speed to the Special Sub Committee and to appoint Cllr Whiteside as Convener and Cllr Duff as Vice Convener;
- (v) to appoint Cllrs Whiteside and Braes (as Convener and Vice Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee and Cllrs Devine and Cllr Shepherd as Convener and Vice

Convener of Children and Learning Committee) and to appoint Cllrs Greig and Louise Nicol to the Central Consultative Committee;

- (vi) to appoint Cllrs Duff, Cheape and Gall to the Capital Programme Monitoring Group and to appoint Cllr Duff as Chair of the Group; and
- (vii) to appoint Cllrs Braes, Duff, Devine, Fairweather, Speed and Wann to the Governance Review Group and to appoint the Director of Legal and Democratic Services as Chair of the Group.

## **8. FREE PERIOD ANGUS**

There was submitted Report No 146/22 by the Chief Executive presenting the Free Period Angus Statement on Exercise of Functions under the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021.

The Report indicated that Free Period Angus had and continued to be used throughout Scotland as a model of good practice. Through the survey results and continued engagement work the aim was to build on the work done to date and work towards a sustainable model of product distribution. -

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the Statement of Community-Based Provision for the 'Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021 attached as Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (ii) to note the proposed forward plan for delivery across Tayside.

## **9. ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE DRAFT INTEGRATION SCHEME**

There was submitted Report No 147/22 by the Chief Executive providing information on the outcome of public consultation on a draft revised Integration Scheme for Angus Integration Joint Board and seeking approval of the revised Integration Scheme for Angus to allow submission for final approval by Scottish Ministers as required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

The draft revised Angus Integration Scheme had been the subject of discussion and development between partners since July 2021. The draft document, which would also be used by Dundee IJB and Perth & Kinross IJB, had been informed and iteratively developed via a range of inputs from key staff from NHS Tayside, Angus Council, Dundee City Council and Perth & Kinross Council and a wide public consultation undertaken jointly with the Dundee Integration Scheme.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note and have regard to the Consultation Summary and the follow-up actions that had been addressed;
- (ii) to approve the final Angus revised Integration Scheme, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report, for submission to Scottish Ministers (subject to a reciprocal approval by NHS Tayside Board); and
- (iii) to note that further technical changes may be required by the Scottish Government prior to approval by Scottish Ministers, and therefore to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to address any such changes, in conjunction with the Chief Executive of NHS Tayside, before publication of the final Integration Scheme.

## **10. ANGUS HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP WORKFORCE PLAN 2022 -2025**

There was submitted Report No 148/22 by the Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership indicating the Scottish Government required Health and Social Care Partnerships to have a three-year Workforce Plan commencing in 2022. Workforce Plans required to be submitted to Scottish Government by 31 July 2022. An analysis and feedback process would

then be undertaken, following which Health and Social Care Partnerships should have their plans published on their websites by 31 October 2022.

The Report provided an overview of the Partnership's approach to Workforce Planning in line with the new Scottish Government guidance, highlighting the main workforce and inviting feedback on the Workforce Plan.

The Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.

## **11. CHANGES TO DIRECTOR PORTFOLIOS**

There was submitted Report No 149/22 by the Chief Executive advising members of proposed changes to Director portfolios to ensure that the Council was structured in the most appropriate way to maximise opportunities and deal with known challenges over the next 3 – 5 years.

The proposals for Director portfolio changes detailed in the Report contributed to the delivery of the Council's objectives and would assist in moving forward change and improvement both within the Council and also with the work the Council did with partners and other key stakeholders.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note that the Chief Executive had brought this Report to Committee in terms of her role as Head of Paid Service under section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 as it detailed matters relating to the manner in which the discharge by the authority of their different functions was co-ordinated;
- (ii) to note that it was the duty of the Committee to consider the Report;
- (iii) to note the content of the Report and the review of Director portfolios that had been undertaken; and
- (iv) to note the proposed changes to current Director portfolios and teams as detailed in Section 5 of the Report and that the Chief Executive would implement these changes in accordance with relevant Council policies.

## **12. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - ANGUS INVESTMENT PLAN**

There was submitted Report No 151/22 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth providing an overview of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and conditional financial allocation for Angus. The Report also set out the approach to the preparation of an Investment Plan and sought approval for delegated authority to the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth to submit the Plan to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund by the required deadline.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the preparation of an Investment Plan for Angus, in conjunction with partners and stakeholders, and to delegate authority to the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth to submit the Plan to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022; and
- (ii) to note that the specific projects within the Investment Plan would be reported back to future meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee.

## **13. MONIFIETH LEARNING CAMPUS – COSTINGS UPDATE**

With reference to Article 15 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 31 August 2021, there was submitted Joint Report No 152/22 by the Director of Infrastructure and the Director of Finance advising members of the latest position on the Monifieth Learning Campus project and providing an update on its estimated costs which had risen significantly in comparison to the budget available. In light of these developments the Report sought a decision on whether to proceed to the next stage with the project as

originally intended or adopt a different option.

Having heard the Depute Chief Executive, clarify a number of points in relation to Mr Nicol's comments in relation to the consultation arrangements and the capacity of the school and having heard from a number of members, the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the update provided in the Report including the options appraisal (Appendix 2);
- (ii) to note the financial implications (Section 6 and Appendix 4 (exempt)) including the commentary on project affordability in the context of the council's wider financial challenges;
- (iii) to note the risks and issues as outlined in Section 7 and Appendix 4 (exempt);
- (iv) to note that officers continued to discuss project funding with the Scottish Futures Trust to try to ensure the project cost was shared on the equal basis envisaged in the Learning Estate Investment Programme;
- (v) to note the shortlisted options set out in the Report, noting that officers considered only two of those options to be suitable to recommend to members as options to pursue; and
- (vi) to continue to the next stage of the previously agreed new build project for replacing the current Monifieth High School and approve the increase in the budget for the project on the basis proposed in paragraphs 6.8 to 6.19 of the Report by agreeing the adjustments to the Council's 2021-26 Capital Plan as outlined in Appendix 3.

(The meeting concluded at this point without the need for the Committee to take the exempt Appendix in private)