

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held remotely on Tuesday 7 February 2023 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors BETH WHITESIDE, KENNY BRAES, CHRIS BEATTIE, LYNNE DEVINE, BRIAN BOYD, SERENA COWDY, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, IAIN GALL, TOMMY STEWART, IAN MCLAREN, GAVIN NICOL, MARK McDONALD, LOIS SPEED and RONNIE PROCTOR MBE.

Councillor WHITESIDE, Convener, in the Chair.

The Convener advised that members had been provided with an Addendum to Report No 12/23 which referenced amendments received from partners to figures contained in the Appendix to the Report. The Addendum had not been published within the required "3 clear days" by reason of special circumstance however, she had determined that in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 11(1)(vii) the item could be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency as the amendments required to be taken into consideration to allow members to consider the Report in full prior to its submission to the Angus Community Planning Partnership.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Julie Bell, David Cheape, Ross Greig, Martin Shepherd and Derek Wann, with Councillors Lynne Devine, Brian Boyd, Tommy Stewart, Mark McDonald and Ronnie Proctor MBE substituting respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

Councillor Gall declared an interest in Item 15, Report No 21/23 as he had a business interest in the Report. He indicated that he would not take part in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of the item.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 6 December 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-2030

There was submitted Report No 12/23 by the Chief Executive presenting the Angus Community Planning Partnership Plan for the period 2022 to 2030.

The plan took into account the new post Covid environment that partners were working in to deliver the Community Plan vision. The plan had been through extensive consultation and included key priorities and how the partnership would measure the impact of local activities.

The refreshed Community Plan had given partners and local communities the opportunity to shape the work of the partnership for the coming eight year period. The Plan had been developed through a number of engagement sessions and the priorities emerged as being caring for our economy; caring for our people; and caring for our place. As part of the plan there were clear outcomes and activities to help support the delivery of the priorities and therefore achieve the Angus Vision - 'Angus is a great place to live, work and visit'.

Having heard the Chief Executive answer members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the Angus Community Plan 2022–2030, a copy of which was provided in the Appendix to the Report.

5. CAPITAL MONITORING – GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME – 2022/23

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 6 December 2022, there was submitted Report No 13/23 by the Director of Finance apprising members of the capital expenditure incurred for the period from 1 April to 31 December 2022 and measuring projected capital expenditure for the year against budgeted provision.

The Report indicated that with nine months (75 per cent) of the financial year gone the actual spend levels presented in Tables 1 and 2 in the Report were low, at 42.7 per cent on a gross basis and 50.4 per cent on a net basis respectively. Up to 10 per cent of annual capital spend could come through as accruals at the year end. The value of work completed up to 31 March 2023 would be assessed as part of the year end process and expenditure accrued accordingly, hence the reason why spend could increase significantly in the final month of the year. The Report also indicated that it should also be noted that work was ongoing on a number of significant projects for which no payment had yet been made by virtue of the phasing of such projects. For information purposes, the 2021/22 actual spend outturn was 74.5 per cent (gross) and 71.7 per cent (net). The projected net expenditure of £19.328 million (reflected in Table 2 in the Report) would be indicatively funded from the sources detailed in Table 3 in the Report.

Following a number of questions and having heard from the Director of Finance in response, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the expenditure to date and projected outturn position on the General Fund capital programme as per Tables 1 and 2 in the Report and the accompanying capital monitoring statement (Appendix 1 to the Report);
- (ii) to approve a revision of the 2022/23 budget for the Arbroath Places for Everyone project (Project 59 in Appendix 1) from the original budget of £5,343,000 (gross) to a revised budget of £150,000, having noted that the change to the budget was necessary to correct an unrealistic estimate included in the Final Capital Budget Volume approved by this Committee in August 2022, as shown in Appendix 1 to the Report; and
- (iii) to approve a revision of the 2022/23 budget for the Angus Schools for the Future project (Project 90 in Appendix 1) from the original budget of £1,700,000 (gross) to a revised budget of £nil, having noted that the change to the budget was necessary to correct an unrealistic estimate included in the Final Capital Budget Volume approved by this Committee in August 2022, as shown in Appendix 1 to the Report.

6. REVENUE MONITORING 2022/23 AND RENEWAL & REPAIR FUND POSITION 2022/23

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 6 December 2022, there was submitted Report No 14/23 by the Director of Finance providing revenue performance information for the Committee to consider.

The Report detailed the latest projected year-end position for each main Council service area, gave a brief explanation of significant variances and provided an update on expenditure funded through the Council's Renewal and Repair Funds. The position within the Report was based upon actual spend and income information as at 31 December 2022.

Following a number of questions and having heard from the Director of Finance in response, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the content of the Report, in particular the comment on the Financial Implications section regarding the projected year end position;
- (ii) to note the Renewal and Repair fund position as set out in Section 4.18 of the Report; and
- (iii) to note the update in Section 5.1 of the Report with regard to Ukrainian Grant Funding that the Council was due to receive for the financial year 2022/23.

7. PROPERTY TRANSACTION – INCH PAVILION AND BOWLING GREEN, CROFT ROAD, MONTROSE

The Committee agreed to note that Report No 15/23 had been withdrawn.

8. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 28(2), 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, paragraphs 2, 6, 8 and 9.

9. PROPERTY TRANSACTION – INCH PAVILION AND BOWLING GREEN, CROFT ROAD, MONTROSE

With reference to Article 7 above, the Committee agreed to note that the Appendices had been withdrawn.

10. REPLACEMENT OF TELEPHONY AND CONTACT CENTRE SYSTEMS - PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST

There was submitted Report No 16/23 by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support seeking authority for the proposed procurement of a replacement telephony and contact centre system, where the maximum value of the contract was above the Chief Officer's delegated authority limit.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.

11. PROVISION OF LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST

There was submitted Report No 17/23 by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support recommending an award of a contract for the provision of a Learning Management System.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendation, as detailed in the Report.

12. TREASURY MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY CONTRACT 2023/2026 - PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST

There was submitted Report No 18/23 by the Director of Finance seeking authority for the proposed procurement where the maximum value of the contract was above the Chief Officer's delegated authority limit.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.

13. PROVISION OF SECURE/CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT SHREDDING - PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST

There was submitted Report No 19/23 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services seeking approval for the Council to undertake an open market tender for the award of a contract for the Provision of Secure/Confidential Document Shredding and uplift.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendation, as detailed in the Report.

14. UPDATE ON THE GABLES CARE HOME REPLACEMENT

There was submitted Report No 20/23 by the Chief Integration Officer seeking feedback from Angus Council, a key stakeholder, as part of the consultation process.

The Committee agreed, having considered the information provided, that Option 2A was the preferred option and that this be put forward to the Integration Joint Board.

Having declared an interest at Article 2 above, Councillor Gall left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

15. BIOMASS BOILERS – OPERATING, SERVICING & MAINTENANCE OF BIOMASS BOILERS INCLUDING PROVISION AND SUPPLY OF FUEL - PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST

There was submitted Report No 21/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment seeking authority for the proposed procurement where the maximum value of the contract was above the Chief Officer's delegated authority limit.

The Committee agreed to approve the recommendations, as detailed in the Report.