

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors BETH WHITESIDE, KENNY BRAES, CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, DAVID CHEAPE, SERENA COWDY, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, IAIN GALL, ROSS GREIG, IAN McLAREN, GAVIN NICOL, LYNNE DEVINE, LOIS SPEED and DEREK WANN.

Councillor WHITESIDE, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David Fairweather and Martin Shepherd with Councillors Ronnie Proctor MBE and Lynne Devine substituting, respectively.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

3. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 May 2023 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

(b) Special Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Special Sub-Committee of 28 November 2022, a copy of which is appended hereto, was submitted and noted (**APPENDIX I**).

4. MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 25(1)

Councillor Proctor, seconded by Councillor Gavin Nicol, moved the following motion:-

'Requests the Chief Executive of Angus Council to write to the Chief Executive of Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SEN), copied to all MPs and MSPs (including List MSPs), representing parts of Angus, asking SEN to extend the current consultation period for their East Coast 400kV Phase 2 Project, for some 4 months, whilst proper communication about the project and consultation on the alternative ways of meeting the objectives of the project are carried out.'

The Committee agreed to approve the motion.

5. ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN 2022-2030

With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 7 February 2023, there was submitted Report No 163/23 by the Chief Executive presenting an amended Angus Community Planning Partnership Plan for the period 2022 to 2030 for approval following a decision to amend the governance structure of the partnership by the Angus Community Planning Board on 15 February 2023.

At this stage in the meeting the Convener determined, in terms of Standing Order 26(2), there had been a material change of circumstances within 6 months of consideration of Report No 12/23 presented to Policy and Resources Committee on 15 February 2023 as a result of the amendment to the governance structure, and that it was appropriate for the issue to be re-considered in terms of recommendation (iii) contained within Report No 163/23.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the previous decision of this Committee following consideration of Report Number 12/23 on 7 February 2023 to approve the Angus Community Plan 2022 – 2030;

- (ii) to note the subsequent decision of the Community Planning Board on 15 February 2023 to amend the governance structure;
- (iii) to note that the decision of the Community Planning Board referred to in (ii) above constituted a material change of circumstances within 6 months of the Angus Community Plan 2022 – 2030 being agreed by Committee in Report Number 12/23 on 7 February 2023 to the extent it was appropriate for the issue to be reconsidered; and
- (iv) to approve the amendment to the governance arrangements to have one Angus Community Planning Partnership Board that also considered the delivery of the Angus Community Plan 2022 – 2030, and the consequent changes to the Plan.

6. COMMON GOOD FUND – PROJECT APPROVAL

With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 2 May 2023, there was submitted Report No 164/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment advising members of a Common Good funding application received to undertake flood prevention works to the Pavilion at the Crickety, Brechin and seeking approval to fund the project from the Brechin Common Good Fund in 2023/24.

The Committee agreed to fund the additional 2023/24 project from the Brechin Common Good Fund as outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report.

7. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND UPDATE

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 21 June 2022, there was submitted Report No 165/23 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth providing an update on the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and Investment Plan for Angus and revisions to the financial profile, and set out the approach to the allocation of funds. The Report also sought approval to delegate signing and issue of sub-agreement to project partners to the Director of Vibrant Community and Sustainable Growth following consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

The Report indicated that the revised spending profile, taking account of the Year 1 carry over, across the relevant priorities were set out in Section 5 of the Report. The Investment Plan reporting was focused on the interventions rather than the specific projects that contributed to the relevant outcomes and outputs; with some detail required to support the allocations and credibility of plans to deliver spend in Year 2.

Following a number of questions and comments, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the updated profile of spend, incorporating the Year 1 underspend, against the priorities and interventions as set out in Section 5 of the Report, subject to agreement from UK Government;
- (ii) to note the approach to the allocation of funds set out in the Investment Plan included in the Report and Appendix to the Report; and
- (iii) to delegate the signing and issue of sub-agreements to project partners to the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth following consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services.

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 item 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 8.

9. DIRECT AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN ELECTRONIC CARE MONITORING SYSTEM

With reference to Article 15 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 26 October 2021, there was submitted Report No 166/23 by the Chief Integration Officer advising of a direct award of the contract for the provision and maintenance of an electronic care monitoring system until 30 April 2024.

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