

## **ANGUS COUNCIL**

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 14 December 2023 at 2.00pm.

**Present:** PROVOST BRIAN BOYD, DEPUTE PROVOST LINDA CLARK, Councillors CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, SERENA COWDY, LYNNE DEVINE, HEATHER DORAN, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GALL, MARK MCDONALD, IAN MCLAREN, GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, GAVIN NICOL, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, JILL SCOTT, MARTIN SHEPHERD, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

PROVOST BOYD, in the Chair.

*The Provost advised that members had been provided with an Addendum to Report No 359/23 which referenced amendments to paragraph 5.1 of the Report summarising the changes made to the Supplementary Guidance following the consultation and now included reference to other changes that were made. The Addendum had not been published within the required "3 clear days" by reason of special circumstance however, the Provost 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 prior to adoption of the policy.*

Thereafter, the Provost paid tribute to Mrs Margo Williamson who was retiring from her position of Chief Executive with Angus Council. Mrs Williamson had worked in local government for over 40 years, the past 10 with Angus Council. The Provost, on behalf of the Council, wished Margo a long, happy and healthy retirement.

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors David Fairweather and Ross Greig.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY**

Councillor Bell made a statement of transparency in relation to Item 7 Report No 315/23 as the person who organised the petition was a constituent and friend. Councillor Bell advised that she had not signed the petition and indicated that she would take part in any discussion and voting.

Sarah Forsyth, Committee Officer declared an interest in item 7 Report No 315/23 as she had a family connection to the petitioner. She indicated that she would leave the meeting during consideration of the item and Fiona Anderson, Committee Officer would clerk the meeting for that item.

### **3. REQUEST FOR DEPUTATIONS**

The Provost intimated that a request for a deputation had been received from Mr Scott McFarlane, the petitioner in relation to Report No 315/23 – Petition – Renaming of Cumberland Close, Kirriemuir. The Council resolved to receive the deputation from Mr McFarlane.

The Provost intimated that a request for a deputation had been received from Ms Annie McLean, Business Owner trading from Cumberland Close, Kirriemuir in relation to Report No 315/23 – Petition – Renaming of Cumberland Close, Kirriemuir. The Council resolved to receive the deputation from Ms McLean.

The Provost intimated that a request for a deputation had also been received from Ms Hannah Matthew on behalf of Guild Homes in relation to Report No 359/23 – Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing Supplementary Guidance 2023. The Council resolved to receive the deputation from Ms Matthew.

#### **4. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES**

##### **(i) Minute of Council Meetings**

###### **(a) Special Angus Council**

The minute of meeting of the Special Angus Council of 19 October 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

###### **(b) Special Angus Council (Adjourned)**

The minute of meeting of the Special Angus Council (Adjourned) of 24 October 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

###### **(c) Angus Council**

The minute of meeting of Angus Council of 2 November 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

##### **(ii) Minutes of Committees**

###### **(d) Development Management Review Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Management Review Committee of 27 September 2023 was submitted and noted.

###### **(e) Development Standards Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 17 October 2023 was submitted and noted.

###### **(f) Policy & Resources Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee of 24 October 2023 was submitted and noted.

###### **(g) Scrutiny & Audit Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Scrutiny & Audit Committee of 26 October 2023 was submitted and noted.

###### **(h) Civic Licensing Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Civic Licensing Committee of 9 November 2023 was submitted and noted.

###### **(i) Development Standards Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Development Standards Committee of 14 November 2023 was submitted and noted.

###### **(j) Children & Learning Committee**

The minute of meeting of the Children & Learning Committee of 14 November 2023 was submitted and noted.

#### **5. APPOINTMENTS**

##### **(i) Children and Learning Committee**

The Council was advised that Councillor McDonald had intimated his resignation as a member of the Children and Learning Committee.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillor Clark to the Children and Learning Committee.

**(ii) Communities Committee**

The Council was advised that Councillors Clark and Meechan had intimated their resignation as members of the Communities Committee.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillors Durno and Shepherd to the Communities Committee.

**(iii) Policy & Resources Committee**

The Council was advised that Councillors Durno and Shepherd had intimated their resignation as members of the Policy and Resources Committee.

The Council resolved to appoint Councillors McDonald and Meechan as members of the Policy and Resources Committee.

**(iv) Citizens Advice Bureau**

The Council was advised that Councillor Shepherd had intimated his resignation from the Citizens Advice Bureau with effect from 22 November 2023.

The Director of Legal, Governance & Change intimated that as a result of changes to the governance arrangements within the Citizens Advice Bureau, there was no requirement to fill the vacancy.

**6. MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 25(1)**

**Fast-Track Cities**

Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Melville, moved the following motion: -

“Council notes that World AIDS Day 2023 took place on December 1<sup>st</sup>, and that we wish to support people living with HIV and AIDS; that we wish to tackle stigma around HIV and AIDS; and that we work towards reducing and eradicating transmissions.

To that end, this motion requests that Angus Council, within its legitimate role as a local authority, supports the implementation of Fast Track Cities, which is a global partnership and initiative, focusing on developing a network of cities and communities pledged to achieve the commitments in the Paris Declaration on HIV prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

The Paris Declaration commitments are: -

**(a) 95-95-95 targets: -**

- To ensure that 95% of people living with HIV know their status;
- To improve access to antiretroviral treatment for people living with HIV to 95%;
- To increase the proportion of people living with HIV on ART with an undetectable viral load to at least 95%.

**(b) To reduce stigma and discrimination related to HIV to zero with long term goals by 2030: -**

- Zero new HIV transmissions;
- Zero HIV-related deaths;
- Zero HIV-related stigma.

I am asking Angus Council (and separately, Angus Integration Joint Board) to agree to collaborate to the extent possible within the Council’s remit, with Tayside partners, NHS Tayside and Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils as part of Fast Track Cities Tayside, to endeavour to achieve the Paris Declaration to meet the 95-95-95 work to reach the 2030 goals across Tayside.

Council, I therefore ask that Angus Council supports the implementation of the Paris Declaration.”

The Council resolved to approve the motion.

*Having declared an interest at Article 2 above, Sarah Forsyth, Committee Officer, left the meeting prior to the deputations and consideration of the following item.*

### **Deputation**

Mr Scott McFarlane addressed the meeting and provided background information on his involvement with the petition headed "Renaming of Cumberland Close, Kirriemuir DD8 4EF" which sought permission to re-name Cumberland Close, Visocchi's Close. He advised that his online petition had gathered 956 signatures and had been submitted to the Director of Legal, Governance and Change on 17 August 2023 demanding a name change to Cumberland Close. He had also submitted a covering letter with the petition giving details of its rationale and included background information.

He advised members that Cumberland Close took its name from Augustus, Duke of Cumberland and that he had been sent to crush the Jacobite uprising as England's leading general of the era. He had reportedly stayed in Kirriemuir during the 18<sup>th</sup> century military campaign and Mr McFarlane banded him a "disgrace of a man" as he claimed that he had been responsible for many murders and rapes and was also a torturer.

He advised members that he had received further information backing up his claims from Professor Murray Pittock, Vice Principal, Glasgow University and read out the contents of an email received from him.

He also informed members that he had received the sum of £500 from an anonymous doner towards the cost of new signage should the Council agree to a name change for Cumberland Close.

Following a number of questions from members to Mr McFarlane, the Provost thanked Mr McFarlane for his presentation.

### **Deputation**

Ms Anne McLean addressed the meeting and advised members that she was a business owner who operated from Cumberland Close, Kirriemuir and urged members to "let history inform the future". She spoke of the costly practical considerations that her small Art business may have to endure should this name change take place as she would require to change all her signage, stationery, some goods etc. She would also have to inform customers, HMRC and her bank of the address change should the re-naming of the Close take place.

Ms McLean suggested that she would not be opposed to an information board being erected within Cumberland Close advising of the history behind the naming of the Close as she felt that history should not be erased and should be learned from.

Following a number of questions from members to Ms McLean, the Provost thanked Ms McLean for her presentation.

## **7. PETITION – RENAMING OF CUMBERLAND CLOSE, KIRRIEMUIR**

With reference Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 26 October 2023, there was submitted Report No 315/23 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change providing details of a petition submitted in connection with the re-naming of Cumberland Close, Kirriemuir DD8 4EF and the subsequent decision of the Scrutiny & Audit Committee to refer the matter to Council for debate.

The Petition sought permission to re-name Cumberland Close, Visocchi's Close, and a copy of the covering letter submitted with the petition along with details of its rationale which was also submitted with the petition were attached as Appendix 1 to the Report. Background information was also submitted with the petition.

The Report indicated that officers of the Council had requested that Angus Archives carry out some background research into this matter and their findings were detailed in Appendix 2 of the Report. Beyond this detail provided by Angus Archives, officers were unable to verify the accuracy of the information contained in the petition or the veracity of any of the allegations

made. Members were also advised that there was a contrary petition on the matter headed "Save our history - Don't change our street names". The contrary petition currently had 86 signatories and had not been submitted to the Council.

At this point in the meeting, Councillor Whiteside seconded by Councillor Meechan gave notice of an amendment, a copy of which was circulated to all members.

*The Council resolved to adjourn for a 10 minute period to allow members to consider the contents of the amendment.*

The meeting resumed at 3.04pm.

Discussion then took place during which a number of members expressed their views on the matter.

Councillor Proctor, seconded by Councillor Fotheringham, moved that the Council resolves to note receipt of the petition and takes no further action.

COUNCILLOR WHITESIDE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MEECHAN, MOVED AS AN AMENDMENT, THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVES: -

- (I) TO NOTE THE DETAIL OF THE PETITION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF CUMBERLAND CLOSE AND THE DETAIL IN THE COUNCIL REPORT;
- (II) TO NOTE THE STRENGTH OF FEELING IN KIRRIEMUIR AROUND THE ISSUE;
- (III) TO AGREE THAT THE RESIDENTS OF KIRRIEMUIR SHOULD MAKE THE DECISION AROUND ANY CHANGE OF NAME;
- (IV) TO AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO CONSIDER A CHANGE OF NAME; AND
- (V) TO INSTRUCT THE DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT TO CARRY OUT A CONSULTATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF KIRRIEMUIR TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO CHANGE THE NAME OF CUMBERLAND CLOSE, AND IF SO, WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE TO (I) VISOCCHI CLOSE, (II) LINDSAY CLOSE, (III) MILLAR LANE OR (IV) SOME OTHER NAME AND THEREAFTER, TO COLLATE THE RESPONSES AND BRING BACK A REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE OUTCOME OF THAT CONSULTATION.

On a vote being taken, the members voted: -

For the motion: -

Councillors Fotheringham, Gall, McLaren, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Scott, Speed, Stewart and Wann (10).

For the amendment: -

Provost, Depute Provost, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Braes, Devine, Doran, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Meechan, Melville, and Whiteside (13).

No vote: -

Councillors Cheape, Cowdy, and Shepherd (3).

The amendment was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

Sarah Forsyth, Committee Officer re-joined the meeting at this stage.

## **8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2023/24 MID-YEAR REVIEW**

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 16 March 2023, there was submitted Report No 352/23 by the Director of Finance requesting members to review Angus Council's treasury management arrangements, activities and performance for the period 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023.

The Report advised that during the first 6 months of 2023/24 there had been a number of significant issues which had affected the economy including the Bank of England Base Rate which increased from 4.25% to 5.25%; CPI inflation which fell from 8.7% in April to 6.7% in August and core CPI inflation which fell from 7.1% in April to 6.2% in August.

The Report indicated that at its monetary policy meeting in September 2023 the Bank of England left the base rate unchanged at 5.25%, which was the highest level since the Global Financial Crisis in 2008/09. The latest forecast set out a view that short, medium and long-dated interest rates would be elevated for some time, as the Bank of England sought to squeeze inflation out of the economy. From a treasury perspective this was both good and bad news. Bad in so far as the cost of borrowing was more expensive but, more noteworthy for the Council at the moment, good in terms of the return available on the investment of temporary cash balances. This had made it difficult to justify incurring any new borrowing over the first six months of 2023/24 however, this was being kept under close review given the Council's underlying need to borrow to finance its capital expenditure plans.

Having heard from the Director of Finance, the Council having reviewed and scrutinised, resolved to note the treasury management activities for the period 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the Report.

## **9. MEDIUM TERM BUDGET STRATEGY 2024/25 TO 2026/27**

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 7 September 2023, there was submitted Report No 353/23 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 2024/25 to 2026/27. Such a strategy was critical to the council's medium term financial planning arrangements and in view of the ongoing constraints on public spending.

Following questions from members, and having heard from the Director of Finance, 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 continued significant financial challenges which the Council face;
- (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 note the commentary on the implications for the Council's financial sustainability set out in Section 6 of the Report;
- (iv) to approve the updated Medium Term Budget Strategy for the period 2024/25 to 2026/27 attached as Appendix A to the Report;
- (v) to note the central role of the Council's Change Programme in trying to address the projected funding gap and the work that was being undertaken to update the programme as outlined in section 5.14 of the report and Appendix A. This would be reported separately to members as part of the budget setting process for 2024/25;
- (vi) to note that it was essential the Council plan its budget strategy over a rolling 3 year period and make decisions to ensure savings were planned and made across that rolling 3 year period; and
- (vii) 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.

## **10. STORM BABET – FINANCIAL ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS UPDATE**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 2 November 2023, there was submitted Joint Report No 354/23 by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance providing an update on the main financial issues and implications arising from Storm Babet as they were currently known.

The Report also provided an update on additional funding being offered to the Council from the Scottish Government and sought authority to utilise funding set aside in the 2023/24 budget to assist people in need. The report indicated that this was an interim position which would need to be updated as more information became available and actual costs were confirmed. Work to assess the financial implications would continue over the next couple of months and in the lead up to the Council's 2024/25 budget setting in February/March 2024.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the update set out in the Report and the interim nature of it at the time of reporting;
- (ii) to note that work to assess the financial implications would continue over the next couple of months and in the lead up to the Council's 2024/25 budget setting in February/March 2024;
- (iii) to note that engagement with the Scottish Government at Ministerial and Official level was continuing; and
- (iv) to approve the use of £100,000 from monies allocated to the hardship fund as part of the 'Proposed Use of Uncommitted Reserve for Specific Purposes in the 2023/24 Revenue and Capital Budgets' for flood response as detailed in paragraph 3.3 of the Report.

## **11. GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

With reference to Article 7 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 11 May 2023, there was submitted Report No 355/23 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change presenting to members revised Committee Terms of Reference; a revised Scheme of Delegation to Officers; and proposed new Member Officer Relations Protocol, for consideration and approval.

The Report indicated that together with the revised Standing Orders previously approved by Council on 11 May 2023, it was proposed that these revised documents would form the governance framework of the Council ("the Scheme of Governance") and would come into effect on 1 January 2024. A refreshed Council/Committee report template was also to be used as outlined in the Report.

The Council resolved: -

- (i) to note that on 11 May 2023, Council approved revised Standing Orders and agreed that the revised Standing Orders would only take effect when the related governance framework documents including the Committee Terms of Reference and the Scheme of Delegation to Officers had been considered and approved by Council;
- (ii) to note that the Standing Orders had been updated to reflect the Council decision of 11 May 2023 and were attached for information at Appendix 1;
- (iii) to approval the Committee Terms of Reference attached at Appendix 2, the proposed revised Scheme of Delegation to Officers attached at Appendix 3B, and the proposed Member Officer Relations Protocol attached at Appendix 4, for implementation in terms of the timeframe detailed at (vi) below;
- (iv) to note that a refreshed Council/Committee Report template would be introduced for all new reports drafted from 1 January 2024;
- (v) to note that proposed Procurement Standing Orders were being reported in a separate Report to Council;

- (vi) to agree that the revised Scheme of Governance (comprising the Standing Orders, Committee Terms of Reference, the Scheme of Delegation to Officers, and the Protocol For Relations Between Councillors and Employees) would come into force on 1 January 2024, with the exception of any references therein to "Procurement Standing Orders" which, if approved, will not come into force until 1 April 2024;
- (vii) to agree that relevant sections of the Financial Regulations pertaining to procurement, (namely section 16 and corresponding references in the Appendices) would remain in force until such time as the Procurement Standing Orders were approved and in place, anticipated to be 1 April 2024; and
- (viii) to agree to hold the Governance Member/Officer Working Group in abeyance for it to reconvene in order to review the changes to the Scheme of Governance after being in operation for circa 12 months.

## **12. PROPOSED NEW PROCUREMENT STANDING ORDERS**

There was submitted Report No 356/23 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change presenting to elected members proposed new "Procurement Standing Orders" for consideration and approval.

It was proposed that these would replace the provisions in the Council's Financial Regulations relating to Contracts and Procurement and would come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) having considered the proposed Procurement Standing Orders attached at Appendix 1 to the Report, to agree that these replace the provisions contained within Section 16 of the Council's Financial Regulations relating to "Procurement Arrangements";
- (ii) to note in terms of the proposed Procurement Standing Orders the process for a new upfront annual procurement workplan and its impact on committee reporting as outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the Report;
- (iii) to approve the proposed Procurement Standing Orders for implementation from 1 April 2024; and
- (iv) to delegate authority to the Director of Legal, Governance and Change, following consultation with the Director of Finance, to make the necessary changes to the Council's Financial Regulations to account for the fact that new Procurement Standing Orders are to be introduced, replacing the provisions in Section 16 of the Council's Financial Regulations relating to Contracts and Procurement, starting from 1 April 2024.

## **13. 2023 REVIEW OF UK PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCIES**

There was submitted Report No 357/23 by the Chief Executive advising members of the final recommendations of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's review of UK Parliament Constituencies and the impact of the recommendations for Angus Council.

The Parliamentary Constituencies Order 2023 came into force on 29 November 2023 giving effect to implement the recommendations of the Boundary Commission and the new parliamentary constituencies would take effect at the next UK Parliamentary General Election called after this date.

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

- (i) to note that that the Boundary Commission had carried out a review of the UK Parliament Constituencies in Scotland;
- (ii) to note the 2023 Final Recommendations for the UK Parliament Constituencies as published by the Boundary Commission for Scotland on 28 June 2023, including the impact on the Angus area;



- (iii) to note that the new boundaries would take effect at the next UK Parliamentary General Election, expected in 2024;
- (iv) to approve the amendments to the polling districts identified;
- (v) to note that the Electoral Registration Officer would make any necessary amendments to the Register of Electors; and
- (vi) to note that Angus Council would be designated to provide the Returning Officer for both the Angus and Perthshire Glens Constituency and the Arbroath and Broughty Ferry County Constituency.

#### **14. STATUTORY REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES AND POLLING DISTRICTS**

With reference to Article 16 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 12 August 2020, there was submitted Report No 358/23 by the Chief Executive and Returning Officer seeking approval for the proposed changes within the Angus local government area following the completion of a statutory review as per Section 18(c) of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Statutory reviews required to be completed every five years to ensure all electors in Angus had such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable and to ensure that, so far as is reasonable and practicable, the accessibility needs of electors with a disability had been considered when designating polling places.

The public consultation phase of the review commenced on 2 October 2023 and concluded on 30 October 2023 with one formal representation received. The final recommendations for the designation of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Angus were contained in Appendix 2 in the Report.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the terms of the response received during the public consultation produced in Appendix 1 of the Report;
- (ii) to approve the amendments to current polling arrangements as outlined in Appendix 2 of the Report;
- (iii) to note that there are no proposed changes to current polling district boundaries; and
- (iv) to note that the Electoral Registration Officer would make any necessary amendments to the Register of Electors.

*At this stage in the meeting (4.43pm) the Council resolved, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 21(8), that the meeting continue to the conclusion of the business.*

#### **Deputation**

Ms Hannah Matthew addressed the meeting and advised the Council that whilst Guild Homes had no issues with Developer Contributions, it was felt that the proposed guidance outlined in the Report was not clear and that the wording required further clarification. She also highlighted concerns in relation to commuted sums and that in its current form, the proposals would hinder development in Angus. Ms Matthew asked that developer contributions be fair and transparent to all parties and the Report be deferred to a future meeting.

Following a question from Councillor Proctor, the Provost thanked Mrs Matthew for her presentation.

**15. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE 2023**

With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Communities Committee of 15 August 2023, there was submitted Report No 359/23 together with addendum, by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth detailing the responses received to the consultation and recommending that Council adopt the Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing Supplementary Guidance 2023. On adoption these would form part of the Angus Local Development Plan (2016).

COUNCILLOR WHITESIDE, SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MELVILLE, MOVED THAT THE COUNCIL RESOLVE: -

- (I) TO NOTE, HAVING GIVEN DUE REGARD AND CONSIDERATION TO THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED TO THE DRAFT DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE 2023, CONTAINED WITHIN APPENDIX 1, AND TO AGREE THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSE AND CHANGES MADE AS A RESULT OF THE REPRESENTATIONS;
- (II) TO AGREE TO ADOPT THE DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE 2023, FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE RELEVANT PROCEDURES; AND
- (III) TO AUTHORISE THE CHIEF PLANNER/SERVICE LEADER OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH TO MAKE ANY MINOR TECHNICAL AND TYPOGRAPHICAL CHANGES, AS WELL AS ANY PRESENTATIONAL AND GRAPHICAL CHANGES, TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE AND TO COMPLETE ALL OTHER LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADOPTION OF THE DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE 2023.

Councillor Wann, seconded by Councillor Fotheringham moved as an amendment that consideration of the Report be deferred for further consideration.

On a vote being taken, the members voted: -

For the motion: -

Provost, Depute Provost, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Braes, Cheape, Cowdy, Devine, Doran, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Meechan, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (16).

For the amendment: -

Councillors Fotheringham, Gall, McLaren, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Scott, Speed, Stewart and Wann (10).

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

**16. DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME AND PARTICIPATION STATEMENT 2023 AND PROGRESS ON THE PREPARATION OF THE NEXT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 8 September 2022, there was submitted Report No 360/23 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth seeking approval of the Development Plan Scheme 2023, which contained the timetable for the preparation and production of the next Local Development Plan (LDP) for Angus, alongside the Participation Statement outlining how and when engagement would occur during this preparation. The Report also provided an update on progress of the preparation of the Next Local Development Plan for Angus.

The Council resolved: -

- (i) to note the legislative changes made to the Development Planning system in Scotland and the update on preparation of the next Local Development Plan;

- (ii) to approve the Angus Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2023 set out in Appendix 1 to the Report, and the responses to consultation undertaken on the draft document and proposed changes as set out in Appendix 2 to the Report; and
- (iii) to authorise the Chief Planner and Service Leader – Planning and Sustainable Growth to make any minor technical and typographical changes, as well as, any presentational and graphical changes to the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2023, where required, and to complete all other legislative procedural arrangements associated with the publication of the Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2023 and submit to Scottish Ministers.