

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of HYBRID MEETING of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Tuesday 15 May 2025 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors GEORGE MEECHAN, DEREK WANN, CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, DAVID CHEAPE, SERENA COWDY, IAIN GALL, HEATHER DORAN, BILL DUFF, MARK McDONALD, IAN McLAREN, GAVIN NICOL, LOUISE NICOL, MARTIN SHEPHERD and LOIS SPEED.

Councillor MEECHAN, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Cruickshanks, with Councillor Gall substituting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

Councillors Cowdy and Shepherd made statements of transparency in relation to Item 6, Report No 143/25 – Approach to Review of Management Agreements for Common Good Golf Courses at Arbroath and Montrose, in that they were Board Members of Arbroath Golf Links. Councillor Duff also made a statement of transparency in relation to Item 6, Report No 143/25 – Approach to Review of Management Agreements for Common Good Golf Courses at Arbroath and Montrose, in that he was a Board Member of Montrose Golf Links.

3. MINUTES

(a) Previous Meeting

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 11 March 2025 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

(b) Policy and Resources Grant Sub-Committee

The minutes of meetings of the Policy and Resources Grant Sub-Committee of 13 March and 25 March 2025, copies of which are appended hereto, were submitted and noted (**Appendix I**).

4. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee agreed, in terms of Standing Order 27(2), that the public and press be excluded during consideration of Items 6 to 15 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 8 and 9.

5. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND 2025-26 YEAR 4 PROGRAMME

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Grants Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee of 13 March 2025, there was submitted Report No 142/25 by the Service Leader, Planning and Sustainable Growth, providing an update on the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2022-25 programme, and background and proposals for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025-26 Year 4 programme. It sought approval to allocate £1,271,755 to shortlisted projects in 2025-26.

The Service Leader, Planning and Sustainable Growth introduced the Report, indicating that the projected underspend outlined in the Report was £136,788, however, reporting had now gone to UK Government and the underspend was now £39,000 for years 1 to 3 of the programme. The paper set out proposals for year four of the programme. There was a change in objectives due to a change in Government but generally the programme had been aligned with the priorities and interventions. A further Report would be brought to Committee outlining projects to utilise the remaining spend.

Following questions and comments the Committee agreed:

- (i) to note the UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2022-25 programme update, and that further detail would be provided once UK Government end of programme reporting was completed;
- (ii) to approve the allocation of £1,271,755 to projects in 2025-26 as set out in Section 6.2 and Appendix 1 of the Report;
- (iii) to delegate authority for the signing and issuing of sub-agreements with project partners allocated funding in accordance with recommendation (ii) above to the Service Leader, Planning and Sustainable Growth, following consultation with the Director of Legal, Governance and Change or their nominated representative; and
- (iv) to note that further updates would be reported back to future meetings of this Committee.

6. APPROACH TO REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS FOR COMMON GOOD GOLF COURSES AT ARBROATH AND MONTROSE

There was submitted Report No 143/25 by the Service Leader, Planning and Sustainable Growth, relating to a review of the management agreements for Arbroath and Montrose Golf Courses both of which were common good assets. The approach aimed to streamline and standardise the agreements and sought committee approval to agree the key principles for inclusion in the management agreement prior to undertaking the common good consultation process.

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

7. ARBROATH A PLACE FOR EVERYONE – PROCUREMENT OF SHRUBS AND TREES

There was submitted Report No 144/25 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, seeking retrospective approval for the procurement of plant materials required for the “Arbroath, A Place for Everyone” project soft landscaping. Orders were placed to ensure timely delivery for planting, in line with the project programme, and to prevent any delays to project completion.

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

8. LOCAL BUS SERVICE PROVISION CONTRACTS EXTENSION AND TENDER

There was submitted Report No 145/25 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, seeking authority to tender for and award replacement local bus service contracts. The report also detailed the decision of the Director of Infrastructure and Environment to extend local bus service contracts to August 2026. The forecasted 2025/26 budget included any previously unutilised budget to date and commitments approved by this Committee.

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

9. LOCAL BUS SERVICE PROVISION CONTRACTS EXTENSION AND TENDER

There was submitted Report No 146/25 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, seeking authority to tender for, and award, replacement public transport contracts from August 2025.

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

10. NEW BUILD RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FRAMEWORK ARRANGEMENT PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST

There was submitted Report No 147/25 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, seeking authority for the use of the Scotland Excel New Build Residential Construction Framework 2121 for the new build social housing projects outlined in the Report.

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

11. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST - DIRECT AWARD OF CONTRACT TO IDOX FOR PROVISION OF APPLICATIONS SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR ECP

There was submitted Joint Report No 148/25 by the Manager, Environment and Consumer Protection and the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement & IT and Business Support, 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.

12. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST - TRANSITION OF BT BROADBAND FROM ANALOGUE TO DIGITAL

There was submitted Report No 149/25 by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement & IT and Business Support, 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. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL REQUEST - REPLACEMENT OF MOBILE DEVICE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM FOR SCHOOLS

There was submitted Report No 150/25 by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement & IT and Business Support, 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.

14. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY REPORT WHOLE FAMILY WELLBEING SUPPORT SERVICE

There was submitted Report No 151/25 by the Interim Director of Children Families and Justice, outlining the procurement strategy relating to the procurement of a Whole Family Wellbeing Support Service in Angus and seeking authority for its implementation.

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

15. PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY REPORT FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE

There was submitted Report No 152/25 by the Interim Director of Children Families and Justice, outlining the procurement strategy relating to the procurement of a Family Support Service and seeking authority for its implementation.

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