

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 27 February 2025 at 1.00pm.

Present: Provost LINDA CLARK, Depute Provost DAVID CHEAPE, Councillors CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, BRIAN BOYD, KENNY BRAES, SERENA COWDY, JACK CRUICKSHANKS, LYNNE DEVINE, HEATHER DORAN, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GALL, ROSS GREIG, 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 CLARK, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies intimated.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

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

3. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET OUTTURN 2024/25

The Council resolved to note the latest positions were reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 28 January 2025 (Reports 19/25 and 20/25 respectively).

4. COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2025/26

There was submitted Report No 49/25 by the Chief Executive which presented the draft Council delivery plan for 2025/26, outlining Angus Council's proposed service delivery over the forthcoming financial year, highlighting the key commitments within the overall financial envelope available.

The Chief Executive provided an overview of the Report and commended the Report to members.

5. PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2025/26 AND BEYOND

(a) Verbal update on the outcome of the meeting of the Central Consultative Committee held on 27 February 2025

The Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT and Business Support reported on the discussions that had taken place at the meeting of the Central Consultative Committee held earlier in the day.

Thereafter, there was submitted the following:-

- (i) Report No 50/25 by the Director of Finance providing the results of the first stage of the Council's 2025/26 Plans and Budgets Consultation and updating members on the results of the second stage of this consultation;
- (ii) Joint Report No 51/25 by the Acting Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate for 2025/26;
- (iii) Joint Report No 52/25 by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Infrastructure & Environment Directorate for 2025/26;
- (iv) Joint Report No 53/25 by the Acting Director Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Legal, Governance & Change Directorate for 2025/26;

- (v) Joint Report No 54/25 by the Director of Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth, the Acting Depute Chief Executive and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate for 2025/26;
- (vi) Report No 55/25 by the Chief Officer, Angus Health and Social Care Partnership, setting out proposals to revise Support and Care and Residential fees for services provided by Angus Health and Social Care Partnership through Angus Council with effect from 7 April 2025;
- (vii) Report No 56/25 by the Director of Finance summarising the proposed revenue budget being devolved to the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board for 2025/26 which had responsibility for the delivery of Adult Care Services;
- (viii) Joint Report No 57/25 by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance presenting the proposed 2025/26 budget settlement between Angus Council and ANGUSalve together with a review of ANGUSalve charges for services;
- (ix) Report No 58/25 by the Director of Finance apprising members of the background to setting the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2025/26 and setting out the summary position of the 2025/26 Provisional Revenue Budget and the 2024/2029 Capital Plan. The report also apprised members of the further steps that were required with regard to the setting of the Council Tax for 2025/26;
- (x) Report No 59/25 by the Director of Finance presenting the overall assessment of the Council's 2025/26 Revenue and Capital Budgets covering Equalities, Human Rights, Fairer Scotland Duties and Children's Rights & Wellbeing Duties;;
- (xi) Report No 60/25 by the Director of Finance presenting the proposed revenue budget for 2025/26 incorporating draft base budgets, budget issues and savings for 2025/26;
- (xii) Report No 61/25 by the Director of Finance apprising members of the background to the setting of and the summary position of the Capital Budgets for 2025/26 and the 2024/2029 Capital Plan.
- (xiii) Report No 62/25 by the Director of Finance updating members on the General Fund Reserve position post that reported in the Council's 2023/24 Audited Annual Accounts. The Report and setting out a proposed budget strategy for the use of the General Fund Reserve over the 4 year period from 2025/26 to 2028/29;
- (xiv) Report No 63/25 by the Director of Finance apprising members of the 3 year revenue budget position for the council starting with the 2025/26 provisional revenue budget position plus indicative revenue budgets for 2026/27 and 2027/28;
- (xv) Report No 64/25 by the Director of Finance presenting the Capital Strategy for the financial year 2025/26;
- (xvi) Report No 65/25 by the Director of Finance summarising the outcome from an assessment of the long-term affordability of the 2024/29 Capital Plan carried out as part of the council's longer-term financial management strategy; and
- (xvii) Report No 66/25 by the Director of Finance advising members of the prudential indicators which the council was required to consider and approve as part of the budget setting process.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Beattie, moved that this Council:-

1. notes the latest 2024/25 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 28 January 2025 as set out in Reports 19/25 and 20/25, respectively;
2. has due regard to the public sector equality duty and the detail provided in the equalities impact assessments and the Fairer Scotland Duty, and the detail provided in the relative assessments related to reducing inequalities of outcome caused by

socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions, all accompanying the reports for Agenda Items 3 to 6 for this meeting;

3. notes and approve the Council Delivery Plan as set out in Report 49/25 as submitted by the Chief Executive **as amended by Report 67/25, the Administration Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
4. notes the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support;
5. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 50/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the 2025/26 Plans and Budget Consultation – Results from Phases 1 and 2;
6. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 51/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate;
7. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 52/25 as submitted jointly by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Infrastructure & Environment Directorate;
8. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 53/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Legal, Governance & Change Directorate;
9. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 54/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate;
10. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 55/25 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus Integrated Joint Board, relating to the Review of Angus Council Charges for Support and Care Services and Residential Fees 2025/26;
11. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 56/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Devolved Budget to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board for 2025/26;
12. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 57/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to ANGUSalve Charges Review & Budget Settlement 2025/26;
13. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Reports 58/25, 60/25 and 61/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional Revenue & Capital Budget – Background Report and Setting of the 2025/26 Council Tax; the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume and the 2024/2029 Capital Plan & Provisional Capital Budget 2025/26 respectively **as amended by Report 67/25, the Administration Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
14. notes the total net revenue expenditure to be met from Council Tax / Reserves for 2025/26 of £74.481 million **as set out in Report 67/25, the Administration Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
15. approves the proposed 1.75% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2025/26 as set out in Report 58/25. This would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 48,542 as set out in **Statement 1;**
16. notes and has due regard to the public sector equality duty, the Fairer Scotland Duty and the Children's Rights & Wellbeing duty in terms of the detail provided in Report 59/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Equality Impact

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17. approves the drawdown of £0.958 million from Council Reserves to fund one off Budget Issues, as set out in Report 62/25 and adjusted for the proposals set out in Report 67/25 as shown in **Statement 2**, noting this will be funded from the uncommitted General Fund Reserve;
18. approves the use of £2.802 million of Council Reserves which, along with the proposed increase in Council Tax, will enable delivery of a balanced budget in 2025/26 as set out in **Statement 2**;
19. approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompasses all of the appropriate elements of this Motion as set out in **Statement 2**;
20. agrees an Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2025/26 as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D)	£1,461.52 (as set out in Statement 2)
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21. notes the Council Tax for 2025/26 for each valuation band as set out in **Statement 3**;
22. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 62/25, as submitted by the Director of Finance, relating to an Update on the General Fund Reserve and the Proposed Budget Strategy for the Use of the Reserve Balance over the Period 2025/26 – 2028/29 **as amended in Statements 4a & 4b**;
23. notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this Motion, as detailed in **Statement 5**;
24. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 63/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional 3 Year Revenue Budget Position for 2025/26 and Indicative Revenue Budgets for 2026/27 and 2027/28 **as amended in Statements 6a & 6b**;
25. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 64/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Capital Strategy 2025/26;
26. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 65/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Long-Term Affordability of the General Fund Capital Plan **as amended by Report 67/25, the Administration Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4**; and
27. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 66/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2025/26 Budget Process **as amended by Report 67/25, the Administration Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4**.

Councillor Gall, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved as an amendment that this Council:-

1. notes the latest 2024/25 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 28 January 2025 as set out in Reports 19/25 and 20/25, respectively;
2. has due regard to the public sector equality duty and the detail provided in the equalities impact assessments and the Fairer Scotland Duty, and the detail provided in the relative assessments related to reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions, all accompanying the reports for Agenda Items 3 to 5 and 7 for this meeting;
3. notes and approves the Council Delivery Plan as set out in Report 49/25 as submitted by the Chief Executive **as amended by Report 68/25, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4**;

4. note the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support;
5. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 50/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the 2025/26 Plans and Budget Consultation – Results from Phases 1 and 2;
6. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 51/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate **as amended by Report 68/25, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
7. note and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 52/25 as submitted jointly by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Infrastructure & Environment Directorate **as amended by Report 68/25, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
8. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 53/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Legal, Governance & Change Directorate **as amended by Report 68/25, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
9. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 54/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Depute Chief Executive and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate **as amended by Report 68/25, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
10. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 55/25 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus Integrated Joint Board relating to the Review of Angus Council Charges for Support and Care Services and Residential Fees 2025/26;
11. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 56/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Devolved Budget to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board for 2025/26;
12. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 57/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to ANGUSalve Charges Review & Budget Settlement 2025/26;
13. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Reports 58/25, 60/25 and 61/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional Revenue & Capital Budget – Background Report & Setting of the 2025/26 Council Tax; the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume and the 2024/2029 Capital Plan & Provisional Capital Budget 2025/26 respectively **as amended by Report 68/25, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
14. notes the total net revenue expenditure to be met from Council Tax / Reserves for 2025/26 of £73.753 million **as set out in Report 68/25, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
15. approves the proposed 1.75% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2025/26 as set out in Report 58/25. This would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 48,542 as set out in **Statement 1;**
16. notes and has due regard to the public sector equality duty, the Fairer Scotland Duty and the Children's Rights & Wellbeing duty in terms of the detail provided in Report 59/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Equality Impact

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17. approves the drawdown of £2.002 million from Council Reserves to fund One-Off Budget Issues and Change Programme Savings Deferrals as set out in Report 62/25 and adjusted for the proposals set out in Report 68/25 as shown in **Statement 2**, noting this will be funded from the uncommitted General Fund Reserve;
18. approves the use of £1.893 million of Council Reserves which, along with the proposed increase in Council Tax, will enable delivery of a balanced budget in 2025/26 as set out in **Statement 2**;
19. approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompasses all the appropriate elements of this Amendment as set out in **Statement 2**;
20. agrees an Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2025/26 as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D)	£1,441.76 (as set out in Statement 2)
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21. notes the Council Tax for 2025/26 for each valuation band as set out in **Statement 3**;
22. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 62/25, as submitted by the Director of Finance, relating to an Update on the General Fund Reserve and the Proposed Budget Strategy for the Use of the Reserve Balance over the Period 2025/26 – 2028/29, **as amended in Statements 4a & 4b**;
23. notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this Amendment, as detailed in **Statement 5**;
24. notes and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 63/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional 3 Year Revenue Budget Position for 2025/26 and Indicative Revenue Budgets for 2026/27 and 2027/28 **as amended in Statements 6a & 6b**;
25. notes and approve the recommendations as set out in Report 64/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Capital Strategy 2025/26;
26. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 65/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Long-Term Affordability of the General Fund Capital Plan; and
27. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 66/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2025/26 Budget Process

The Council resolved to adjourn for 30 minutes to allow the opportunity for members to consider the contents of both the motion and the amendment.

The meeting resumed at 2.16pm.

Members took the opportunity to ask questions and make comment in relation to both the motion and the amendment.

Councillor Duff then summed up.

At this stage in the meeting, and prior to the vote, Councillor Scott gave notice of a further amendment.

Thereafter, the members voted:-

For the motion by Councillor Duff:-

Provost Clark, Depute Provost Cheape, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Meechan, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (15).

For the amendment by Councillor Gall:-

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

No Vote:-

Councillors Doran, Scott and Speed (3).

The motion was declared carried.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 15(12), Councillors Cruickshank, Fotheringham, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Stewart and Wann requested that their dissent be recorded in relation to the foregoing decision.

Thereafter Councillor Scott, having previously given notice of a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Doran, moved that this Council:-

1. notes the latest 2024/25 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 28 January 2025 as set out in Reports 19/25 and 20/25, respectively;
2. has due regard to the public sector equality duty and the detail provided in the equalities impact assessments and the Fairer Scotland Duty, and the detail provided in the relative assessments related to reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions, all accompanying the reports for Agenda Items 3 to 5 and 8 for this meeting;
3. notes and approves the Council Delivery Plan as set out in Report 49/25 as submitted by the Chief Executive **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
4. note the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support;
5. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 50/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the 2025/26 Plans and Budget Consultation – Results from Phases 1 and 2;
6. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 51/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
7. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 52/25 as submitted jointly by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Infrastructure & Environment Directorate **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
8. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 53/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Legal, Governance & Change Directorate **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
9. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 54/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Depute Chief Executive and the Director of Finance relating to the Review of Charges within the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth

Directorate as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;

10. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 55/25 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus Integrated Joint Board, relating to the Review of Angus Council Charges for Support and Care Services and Residential Fees 2025/26;
11. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 56/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Devolved Budget to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board for 2025/26;
12. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 57/25 as submitted jointly by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to ANGUSalve Charges Review & Budget Settlement 2025/26;
13. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Reports 58/25, 60/25 and 61/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional Revenue & Capital Budget – Background Report and Setting of the 2025/26 Council Tax; the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume and the 2024/2029 Capital Plan & Provisional Capital Budget 2025/26 respectively **as amended by Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
14. notes the total net revenue expenditure to be met from Council Tax / Reserves for 2025/26 of £73.221 million **as set out in Report 69/25, Two Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
15. approves the proposed 1.75% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2025/26 as set out in Report 58/25. This would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 48,542 as set out in **Statement 1;**
16. notes and has due regard to the public sector equality duty, the Fairer Scotland Duty and the Children's Rights & Wellbeing duty in terms of the detail provided in Report 59/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Equality Impact Assessment: Setting of the 2025/26 General Fund Revenue and Capital Budgets and Council Tax;
17. approves the drawdown of £1.733 million from Council Reserves to fund One off Budget Issues, as set out in Report 62/25 and adjusted for the proposals set out in Report 69/25 as shown in **Statement 2**, noting this will be funded from the uncommitted General Fund Reserve;
18. approves the use of £1.917 million of Council Reserves which, along with the proposed increase in Council Tax, will enable delivery of a balanced budget in 2025/26 as set out in **Statement 2;**
19. approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompasses all of the appropriate elements of this Motion as set out in **Statement 2;**
20. agrees an Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2025/26 as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D)	£1,435.19 (as set out in Statement 2);
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21. notes the Council Tax for 2025/26 for each valuation band as set out in **Statement 3;**
22. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 62/25, as submitted by the Director of Finance, relating to an Update on the General Fund Reserve and the Proposed Budget Strategy for the Use of the Reserve Balance over the Period 2025/26 – 2028/29 **as amended in Statement 4a & 4b;**
23. notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this Motion, as detailed in **Statement 5;**
24. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 63/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional 3 Year Revenue Budget Position for

2025/26 and Indicative Revenue Budgets for 2026/27 and 2027/28 **as amended in Statement 6a & 6b;**

25. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 64/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Capital Strategy 2025/26;
26. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 65/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Capital Plan; and
27. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 66/25 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2025/26 Budget Process.

The Council resolved to adjourn for 20 minutes to allow the opportunity for members to consider the content of the further amendment.

The meeting resumed at 3.25pm.

Members took the opportunity to make comment on the further amendment.

Councillor Duff then summed up.

Thereafter, members voted:-

For the motion:-

Provost Clark, Depute Provost Cheape, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Boyd, Braes, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Meechan, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (15).

For the (further) amendment:-

Councillors Doran, Scott and Stewart (3).

No vote:-

Councillor Cruickshanks, Fotheringham, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Speed, and Wann (10).

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 3.42pm.