

STRATEGIC POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 6 February 2019 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors P Barrett, C Stewart, A Bailey, K Baird (substituting for M Lyle), B Band, S Donaldson, D Doogan, J Duff, A Forbes, G Laing, R McCall, S McColl, A Parrott, C Purves and C Shiers.

In Attendance: K Reid, Chief Executive; J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer; K Fraser, S Mackenzie, C Mackie, L Simpson, E Sturgeon, S Walker and C Irons (all Corporate and Democratic Services); S Devlin and G Boland (Education and Children's Services); B Renton, N Copland, S Coyle, F Crofts, D Fraser and J McCrone (all Housing and Environment) and R Packham, Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership.

Apologies: Provost D Melloy and Councillor M Lyle.

Councillor P Barrett, Vice-Convener, Presiding.

59. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Vice-Convener Barrett welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies and substitutions were noted as above.

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

61. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 28 November 2018 (Arts.674-687) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

(ii) Appeals Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee of 10 December 2018 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

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(iii) Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee of 17 September 2018 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

(iv) Employees Joint Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Employees Joint Consultative Committee of 27 September 2018 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

(v) Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board

The minute of meeting of the Integration Joint Board of 28 September 2018 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix IV)**

(vi) Perth City Development Board

The minute of meeting of the Perth City Development Board of 14 November 2017 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix V)**

62. REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/36), providing an update (1) on progress with the 2018/19 General Fund Revenue Budget based on the November 2018 ledger, updated for subsequent known material movements; and (2) on the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 19/36 be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2018/19 Management Revenue Budget, as detailed in Appendices 1 to 6 to and Sections 2, 3 and 4 of Report 19/36, be approved.
- (iii) The 2018/19 service virements, as summarised in Appendices 2, 5 and 6 to Report 19/36, be approved.
- (iv) The Health and Social Care projected outturn, as summarised in Paragraphs 3.1 to 3.8 of and Appendix 5 to Report 19/36, be noted.
- (v) The Housing Revenue Account projected outturn summarised in Section 4 of and Appendix 6 to Report 19/36, be noted.

63. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2018/28 AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2018/23 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 3

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/37) (1) providing a summary position to date for the 10 year Composite Capital Programme for 2018/19 to 2027/28 and the 5 year Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Investment Programme 2018/19 to 2022/23; and (2) seeking approval for adjustments to the programmes.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 19/37, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the 10 year Composite Capital Budget 2018/19 to 2027/28, as set out in sections 2 and 3 of and summarised at Appendices I and II to Report 19/37, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget adjustments to the HRA Capital Investment Programme Budget 2018/19 to 2022/23, as set out in section 4 of and summarised at Appendix III to Report 19/37, be approved.
- (iv) The position for individual projects reported in sections 3 and 4 of and summarised in Appendix IV to Report 19/37, be noted.

64. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME 2015-2020

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (19/38) providing (1) an update on phase four of the Transformation Programme approved by Council on 1 July 2015; (2) providing an overview of the projects transferred to the Health and Social Care Partnership; and (3) providing an update of progress through the Can Do Challenge process.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress related to the Transformation Programme, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to Report 19/38, be noted.
- (ii) The progress with the Can Do Challenge Fund Project for Perth and Kinross Smart Energy Network project, be noted.

COUNCILLOR D DOOGAN REQUESTED THE DISSENT OF THE SNP GROUP BE RECORDED IN RELATION TO PROCEEDING WITH THE CENTRAL PROCESSING UNIT FOR SCHOOL MEALS.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

65. UPDATE ON ASSISTANCE TO SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS OCCUPATION OF KEY VACANT PROPERTY IN PERTH AND KINROSS THROUGH NON-DOMESTIC RATES RELIEF

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (19/39) providing an update on support for business occupation of key vacant property in Perth and Kinross through non-domestic rates relief.

THERE FOLLOWED A 10 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 10.35AM.

Motion (Councillors D Doogan and G Laing)

- (i) The outcome of support provided via previous targeted non-domestic rates relief assistance to key vacant properties in Perth and Kinross, be noted.

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- (ii) The provision of national schemes for rates relief assistance primarily via the Fresh Start Scheme to provide adequate support which negates the need for the Council's policy and assistance to be extended or continued at a local level, be approved.

Amendment (Councillors C Stewart and C Shiers)

- (i) **The outcome of support provided via previous targeted non-domestic rates relief assistance to key vacant properties in Perth and Kinross, be noted.**
- (ii) **The provision of national schemes for rates relief assistance primarily via the Fresh Start Scheme to provide adequate support which negates the need for the Council's policy and assistance to be extended or continued at a local level, be approved.**
- (iii) **With the end of the scheme, £38,000 within the earmarked reserve for the discretionary non-domestic rates relief scheme, referred to in paragraphs 3.13 and 3.14 of the Revenue Budget 2018/19 – Monitoring Report Number 3 (19/36) be transferred to the Rural Perth and Kinross Micro Enterprise Fund in 2018/19 which would have no impact on the level of reserves.**

In terms of Standing Order, 58, a roll call vote was taken.

7 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors A Bailey, B Band, S Donaldson, D Doogan, G Laing, S McCole and A Parrott.

8 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors K Baird, P Barrett, J Duff, A Forbes, R McCall, C Purves, C Shiers and C Stewart.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

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