

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 11 September 2019 at 9.30am.

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

In Attendance: K Reid, Chief Executive; J Valentine, Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer; C Irons, C Mackie, L Simpson and S Walker (all Corporate and Democratic Services); S Devlin, G Boland and A Seggie (all Education and Children's Services); B Renton, S Crawford and F Crofts (all Housing and Environment) and G Paterson and J Smith (both Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership).

Apologies: Councillors A Forbes and C Shiers

Councillor M Lyle, Convener, Presiding.

432. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

433. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Parrott declared a non-financial interest in Art. 438 in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

434. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee of 12 June 2019 (Arts.300-307) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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

The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of 15 May 2019 was submitted and noted. (*Appendix I*)

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(iii) Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of 15 April 2019 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix II)**

(iv) Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Property Sub-Committee of 17 June 2019 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix III)**

(v) Provost's Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee

The minute of meeting of the Provost's Sub-Committee of 14 August 2019 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix IV)**

(vi) Appeals Sub-Committee

The minute of meeting of the Appeals Sub-Committee of 10 June 2019 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix V)**

(vii) Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee

The minute of meeting of the Corporate Health, Safety and Wellbeing Consultative Committee of 11 March 2019 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix VI)**

(viii) Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board

The minute of meeting of the Integration Joint Board of 22 March 2019 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix VII)**

(ix) Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board

The minute of meeting of the Integration Joint Board of 1 May 2019 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix VIII)**

(x) Tay Cities Region Joint Committee

The minute of meeting of the Tay Cities Region Joint Committee of 22 March 2019 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix IX)**

(xi) Perth City Development Board

The minute of meeting of the Perth City Development Board of 4 September 2018 was submitted and noted. **(Appendix X)**

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435. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2019/29 AND HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2019/24 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 1

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/245), providing a summary position to date for the 10 year Composite Capital Programme for 2019/20 to 2028/29 and the 5 year Housing Investment Programme 2019/20 to 2023/24 and seeking approval for adjustments to the programmes.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 19/245, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed budget adjustments to the 10 year Composite Capital Budget 2019/20 to 2028/29, as set out in sections 2 and 3 of and summarised at Appendices I and II to Report 19/245, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed budget adjustments to the Housing Investment Programme Budget 2019/20 to 2023/24 set out in section 4 and summarised at Appendix III to Report 19/245, be approved.

436. REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20 – MONITORING REPORT NUMBER 1

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/246) providing an update on (1) progress with the 2019/20 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the June 2019 ledger, updated for any subsequent known material movements and (2) the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

Councillor A Bailey expressed concern that, based on the current projected outturn, around a quarter of the Council's reserves may be required to support health and social care in the current financial year.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 19/246, be noted.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2019/20 Management Revenue Budget detailed in Appendices 1 to 4 and section 2 and 3 of Report 19/246, be approved.
- (iii) The 2019/20 service virements, as summarised in Appendices 2 and 6 to Report 19/246, be approved.
- (iv) The Health and Social Care projected outturn, as summarised in sections 3.3 to 3.8 and Appendix 5 to Report 19/246, be noted.
- (v) The Housing Revenue Account projected outturn, as summarised in section 4 and Appendix 6 to Report 19/246, be noted.
- (vi) To delay consideration of the Medium-Term Financial Plan by Council to 18 December 2019, be approved.

437. ANNUAL EFFICIENCY STATEMENT 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/247) presenting the Council's Annual Efficiency Statement for 2018/19 summarising the efficiency gains made by the Council during 2018/19 and describing how, in the context of a challenging financial climate, the Council may make further efficiency gains in future financial years.

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Resolved:

The annual efficiency statement, be noted.

438. BUSINESS LOAN FUNDING UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (19/248) (1) seeking approval to implement a Business Micro Credit Fund via the Perth and Kinross Credit Union; (2) providing an update on business loans approved via Business Loans Scotland and (3) seeking approval to a change in the Articles of Association of Business Loans Scotland.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Rural Micro Credit Fund as detailed in sections 2.1 and 2.2 and Appendix 1 to Report 19/248, be approved.
- (ii) The draft resolution of Business Loans Scotland, attached as Appendix 2 to Report 19/248, be approved.

439. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME 2015-2020

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer (19/249) providing (1) an update on phase four of the Transformation Programme; and (2) providing an overview of progress on the current projects.

Resolved:

The progress related to the Transformation Programme, as detailed in Report 19/249, be noted.

440. SAVINGS ARISING FROM EARLY RETIREMENT DECISIONS TAKEN IN 2018/19

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (19/250) providing information on the costs and savings arising from early retiral and redundancy decisions taken in financial year 2018/19.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 19/250, be noted.

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