

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.

. **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor A Parrott declared a non-financial interest in Art. (Item 7) in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

. **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**)

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

The minute 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 Appeals 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 Boards 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)**

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.

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.

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.

Resolved:

The annual efficiency statement, be noted.

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.

. **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.

. **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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