

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, 2 Hight Street, Perth on Wednesday 1 February 2023 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors S Donaldson and G Laing, Bailies C Ahern and A Bailey and Councillors P Barrett, B Brawn (substituting for A Chan), D Cuthbert, A Forbes, D Illingworth (substituting for J Duff), I Massie (substituting for E Drysdale), Provost McDade, T McEwen, J Rebbeck, C Shiers, C Stewart and Depute Provost A Parrott.

In Attendance: T Glen, Chief Executive; S Devlin, Executive Director (Education and Children's Services); B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); C Mailer (Chief Executive's Service); J Pepper (Health and Social Care Partnership); G Boland (Education and Children's Services); S Best, L Brady, M Butterworth, B Cargill, A Clegg, F Croft, S Coyle, S D'All, P Dickson, C France, K Fraser, L Haxton, S Nicol, F Robertson, N Taylor (all Communities); K Donaldson, L Simpson, S MacKenzie, S Walker, K Molley, D Adams, J Beveridge, L Harris, J Jennings, P Johnstone, A Taylor, M Pasternak and A Brown (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Apologies: Councillors A Chan, E Drysdale and J Duff.

Councillor S Donaldson, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion on items 1-7, 9 and 10 and Vice-Convener on item 8.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies were noted above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct:

- (i) Bailie A Bailey declared a financial interest in item 9.
- (ii) Bailie A Bailey and Councillor C Stewart declared a non-financial interest in item 10.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minute of meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 30 November 2022 was submitted and approved.

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Outstanding Business Statement, be noted.
- (ii) The removal of all completed actions from the Outstanding Business Statement, be agreed.

5. REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23 – UPDATE NO.3

There was submitted a report by Head of Finance (23/30) providing an update on progress with the 2022/23 General Fund Revenue Budget based upon the November 2022 ledger, updated for any subsequent known material movements and the projected financial position of the Housing Revenue Account.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 23/30 be noted.
- (ii) The projected outturn for General Fund Services, as set out in Section 5 of Report 23/30 and Appendices 1 and 2 to this report, be noted.
- (iii) The projected outturn for Corporate Budgets, as set out in Section 6 of Report 23/30, be noted.
- (iv) The Health & Social Care projected outturn, as summarised in Section 6 of Report 23/30 and Appendix 3 to this report, be noted.
- (v) The projected outturn for the Housing Revenue Account, as summarised in Section 7 of Report 23/30 and Appendix 4 to this report, be noted.

6. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET 2022/28 & HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2022/27 – MONITORING REPORT No.3

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (23/31) providing a summary position to date for the 6-year Composite (General Fund) Capital Budget for 2022/23 to 2027/28 and the 5-year Housing Investment Programme 2022/23 to 2026/27 and seeking approval for adjustments to the programmes.

Amendment (Councillors A Forbes and C Shiers)

The Leader of the Council is instructed to write to the Scottish Government asking for a detailed schedule of funding to renew all play areas in Perth and Kinross and schedule of dates for bringing forward the funding to allow officers to plan the investment and ensure it is allocated accordingly.

After further discussions, Councillors A Forbes and C Shiers withdrew their amendment.

Amendment (Councillor C Stewart)

Instruct Officers to pause making any further commitments until the Capital Budget on 1 March 2023.

THERE WAS A 15 MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 15.30.

Councillor C Stewart withdrew his amendment.

Resolved:

- (i) The content of report 23/31, be noted
- (ii) The proposed adjustments to the six-year Composite Capital Budget 2022/23 to 2027/28, as set out in Sections 3 and 4 of Report 23/31 and summarised in Appendix I and II to the report, be approved.

- (iii) The proposed adjustments to the Housing Investment Programme Budget 2022/23 to 2026/27, as set out in Section 5 of Report 23/31 and summarised in Appendix III to the report, be approved.
- (iv) The update reports on the delivery of major Capital projects, attached at Appendix IV of Report 23/31, be noted.

7. TREASURY ACTIVITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT 2022/23 QUARTER 3

There was submitted a report by the Head of Finance (23/32) updating the Committee on Treasury Activity for the quarter ending 31 December 2022, and to report on compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement (TMPS); Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 23/32, be noted.

8. FRAMEWORK FOR MANAGING WORKFORCE CHANGE

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Human Resources Manager (23/33) seeking approval of changes to the Framework for Managing Workforce Changes.

Amendment (Baillie A Bailey)

Do not accept the recommendations in Report 23/33 and maintain the status quo.

In line with Standing Order 18.3, as no seconder to the amendment was forthcoming, the amendment subsequently fell.

Baillie Bailey asked for his dissent to the decision taken be recorded.

Resolved:

The revised provisions within the Framework for Managing Workforce Change be approved.

HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, BAILIE BAILEY LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

9. DIGITAL PERTH AND KINROSS: DIGITAL STRATEGY 2023-27

There was submitted a report by the Head of Corporate IT And Revenues (Chief Digital Officer) (23/34) introducing the refreshed Digital Strategy for the period 2023-2027.

Resolved:

- (i) The Digital Strategy 2023-2027 be approved.
- (ii) Councillor Jack Welsh be nominated as the Council's Digital Champion.

10. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND 2022/23

There was submitted a report by the Head of Culture and Community Services (23/35) informing of the funding commitments made for the 2022/23 Community Investment Fund (CIF) across the 10 ward panel areas (the 3 Perth City wards are combined into 1 for the purposes of CIF).

Resolved:

- (i) The funding decisions taken by Ward Panels for 2022/23 CIF be noted.
- (ii) The carry forward of £68,000 for disbursal to community grassroots projects in 2023/24, for use in the wards where the underspends have arisen, be approved.