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| Report to: | Executive Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 21 November 2018 |
| Report by: | Chief Executive |

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| Subject: | Recommendations Referred by Resource Committees |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval of the following recommendations referred to this Committee by the:-
 - ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 22 May 2018
 - ◆ Education Resources Committee of 18 September 2018
 - ◆ Social Work Resources Committee of 19 September 2018
 - ◆ Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 September 2018
 - ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 30 October 2018

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the recommendations referred by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in relation to the Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2018 to 2022 be approved;
- (2) that the recommendations referred by the Education Resources Committee, the Social Work Resources Committee and the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee in relation to their Resource Plans 2018/2019 be approved; and
- (3) that the recommendations referred by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in relation to Renewable Energy Fund and associated Funding Framework be approved.

3. Background

3.1. **Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2018 to 2022 – Extract of Minute**

A report dated 30 April 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the development of a new South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Implementation Plan for 2018 to 2022.

The South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Strategy was produced on behalf of the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Partnership and set an agreed framework for furthering the conservation of biodiversity across South Lanarkshire. The delivery of the Biodiversity Strategy was managed and monitored through the Council's Biodiversity Implementation Plan.

The current Biodiversity Strategy and Implementation Plan were due to be refreshed and a new Strategy and Implementation Plan for 2018 to 2022 had been produced. The documents had been circulated for consultation and copies made available in the members' libraries.

The Committee decided: that the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2018 to 2022 be endorsed.

The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee: that the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2018 to 2022 be approved and published on the Council's website.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee 7 March 2012 (Paragraph 15)]

3.2. **Education Resources – Resource Plan 2018/2019 – Extract of Minute**

A report dated 29 August 2018 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the Education Resource Plans 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

Details were provided on:-

- ◆ progress made in implementing the priority projects identified in the Resource Plan 2017/2018, as detailed in the Quarter 4 Progress Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report
- ◆ the Resource Plan for 2018/2019, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, which outlined the:-
 - ◆ objectives and actions for 2018/2019
 - ◆ capital and revenue resources for 2018/2019
 - ◆ organisational structure of the Resource

In line with the Council's performance management arrangements, a progress report on actions identified in the 2017/2018 Resource Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided: that the Quarter 4 Progress Report for 2017/2018, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, together with the achievements made by the Service during 2017/2018, be noted

The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee: that the Education Resource Plan for 2018/2019 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 (Paragraph 7) and South Lanarkshire Council of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 3)]

3.3 **Social Work Resources – Resource Plan 2018/2019 – Extract of Minute**

A report dated 30 August 2018 by the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted on the Social Work Resource Plan 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

Details were provided on:-

- ♦ progress made at the end of quarter 4, covering the period April 2017 to March 2018, in implementing the priority projects identified in the 2017/2018 Resource Plan
- ♦ the Resource Plan for 2018/2019, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, which outlined the:-
 - ♦ objectives and actions for 2018/2019
 - ♦ capital and revenue resources
 - ♦ organisational structure of the Resource

In line with the Council's performance management arrangements, a mid-year progress report on actions identified in the 2018/2019 Resource Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided: that the Quarter 4 Progress Report 2017/2018, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, together with achievements made by the Resource during 2017/2018, be noted.

The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee: that the Social Work Resource Plan for 2018/2019 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 (Paragraph 7) and Minutes of 7 February 2018 (Paragraph 6)]

3.4 **Finance and Corporate Resources – Resource Plan 2018/2019 – Extract of Minute**

A report dated 11 September 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the Finance and Corporate Resource Plans for 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

Details were provided on:-

- ♦ progress made in implementing the priority projects identified in the Resource Plan 2017/2018, as detailed in the Quarter 4 Progress Report, attached as Appendix 1 to the report
- ♦ the Resource Plan for 2018/2019, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, which outlined the:-
 - ♦ objectives and actions for 2018/2019
 - ♦ capital and revenue resources for 2018/2019
 - ♦ organisational structure of the Resource

In line with the Council's performance management arrangements, a mid-year progress report on actions identified in the 2018/2019 Resource Plan would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The Committee decided: that the Quarter 4 Progress Report for 2017/2018, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, together with the achievements made by the Resource during 2017/2018, be noted.

**The Committee
recommended to the
Executive Committee:**

that the Finance and Corporate Resource Plan for 2018/2019 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 7 February 2018 (Paragraph 9)]

3.5 Community and Enterprise Resources – Renewable Energy Fund and Community Benefit Fund - Extract of Minute

A report dated 27 September 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on an amendment to the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) Community Benefit Fund and the establishment of a Funding Framework.

The Council had an established mechanism for the collection and distribution of community benefits related to the 31 wind farm developments within South Lanarkshire. However, the development of an approach to neighbourhood planning by addressing inequality in the rural area had been considered.

The purpose of the REF Community Benefit Fund criteria was to:-

- ◆ secure investment, create employment, implement training and promote or secure sustainable development
- ◆ relieve poverty, advance education and other social purposes beneficial to a community
- ◆ preserve, protect or enhance the environment or heritage of Scotland, including any building
- ◆ promote and encourage environmental improvement or enhancement, including the provision or upgrading of infrastructure
- ◆ provide or assist in the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities

The above purposes were still relevant, however, it was proposed that those be refreshed and set within a new REF Funding Framework which would aim to support community led neighbourhood planning by detailing clear themes and priorities which would provide a basis to assess project funding.

In addition, a Funding Framework, attached as an appendix to the report, had been established which aimed to deliver the following:-

- ◆ improved targeting of funds to areas of need
- ◆ support the development of community led neighbourhood planning and local strategies
- ◆ improved leverage from other funders and additional investment
- ◆ the ability to measure the outcomes and outputs of the investments made against the fund priorities

It was proposed that the:-

- ◆ amendments to the REF Community Benefit Fund, to be effective from 1 April 2019 and as detailed in the report, be approved
- ◆ Funding Framework, detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved

Following discussion in relation to the effective date for implementation of the amendments to the REF Community Benefit Fund, it was agreed that the amendments be implemented with immediate effect.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the amendments to the REF Community Benefit Fund, as detailed in the report, be endorsed;
- (2) that the establishment of a Funding Framework, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be endorsed; and
- (3) that the amendments to the REF Community Benefit Fund be implemented following approval by the Executive Committee.

The Committee recommended to the Executive Committee: that the REF Community Benefit Fund and Funding Framework be approved

[Reference: Minutes of 13 December 2017 (Paragraph 7)]

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. All employee implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to Resource Committees.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. All financial implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to Resource Committees.

6. Other Implications

- 6.1. Any risks or sustainability issues or other implications were highlighted as part of the original reports to the Resource Committees.

6.2. Links to Original Reports

<..\..\Community and Enterprise Resources\Community and Enterprise\CMiS\180522\South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Strategy and SLC Biodiversity Implementation Plan.doc>

<..\..\Education Resources\Education Resources Committee\CMiS\180918ED\Education Resource Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2017-2018 and Education Resource Plan 2018-2019.doc>

<N:\2017-2022\Social Work Resources\Social Work Resources Committee\180919\Social Work Resource Plan - Quarter 4 Progress Report 20172018 and Social Work Resource Plan 20182019.doc>

<N:\2017-2022\Finance and Corporate Resources\Finance and Corporate Resources Committee\CMiS\180919F&C\Finance and Corporate Resource Plan - Quarter 4 Progress Report 2017-18 and.doc>

<N:\2017-2022\Community and Enterprise Resources\Community and Enterprise\CMiS\181030\Renewable Energy Fund-Community Benefit Fund Proposed Update and Amendments.doc>

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1. Equality impact assessment and consultation arrangements were highlighted as part of the original reports to the Resource Committees.
- 7.2. There is no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment or consultation in terms of the proposals contained in this report.

Lindsay Freeland
Chief Executive

5 November 2018

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective and efficient

Previous References

- ◆ Minutes of Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 22 May 2018
- ◆ Minutes of Education Resources Committee of 18 September 2018
- ◆ Minutes of Social Work Resources Committee of 19 September 2018
- ◆ Minutes of Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 September 2018
- ◆ Minutes of Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 30 October 2018

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Individual reports to Resource Committees

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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