



Council Offices, Almada Street
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Tuesday, 15 June 2021

Dear Councillor

South Lanarkshire Council

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the Council to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 23 June 2021

Time: 11:30 (or immediately following the Executive Committee, whichever is the later)

Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

Members

Alex Allison, John Anderson, John Bradley, Walter Brogan, Robert Brown, Archie Buchanan, Jackie Burns, Janine Calikes, Stephanie Callaghan, Graeme Campbell, Andy Carmichael, Maureen Chalmers, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Poppy Corbett, Margaret Cowie, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Mary Donnelly, Isobel Dorman, Fiona Dryburgh, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, Grant Ferguson, Alistair Fulton, Geri Gray, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Ian Harrow, Eric Holford, Graeme Horne, Mark Horsham, Martin Grant Hose, Ann Le Blond, Martin Lennon, Richard Lockhart, Eileen Logan, Katy Loudon, Joe Lowe, Hugh Macdonald, Julia Marrs, Monique McAdams, Ian McAllan, Catherine McClymont, Kenny McCreary, Colin McGavigan, Mark McGeever, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan, Gladys Miller, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, Carol Nugent, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Graham Scott, David Shearer, Collette Stevenson, Bert Thomson, Margaret B Walker, Jim Wardhaugh, Jared Wark, David Watson, Josh Wilson

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Urgent Business

- 10 Urgent Business**
Any other items of business which the Provost decides are urgent.

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Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 10 March 2021

Chair:

Provost Ian McAllan

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor John Anderson, Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Archie Buchanan, Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Janine Calikes, Councillor Stephanie Callaghan, Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Andy Carmichael, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Margaret Cowie, Councillor Peter Craig, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Isobel Dorman, Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Geri Gray, Councillor George Greenshields, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Ian Harrow, Councillor Eric Holford, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Richard Lockhart, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Catherine McClymont, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Carol Nugent, Councillor Mo Razzaq, Councillor John Ross, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Collette Stevenson (Depute), Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor Jared Wark, Councillor David Watson, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillor's Apology

Councillor Bert Thomson

Attending:

Chief Executive's Service

C Sneddon, Chief Executive

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director

Education Resources

T McDaid, Executive Director

Finance and Corporate Resources

P Manning, Executive Director; N Docherty, Administration Assistant; T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; S Somerville, Administration Manager

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director

Social Work Resources/Health and Social Care

V de Souza, Director

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Council held on 16 December 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Council decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Minutes of Special Meetings

The minutes of the special meetings of the South Lanarkshire Council held on 16 December 2020 and 24 February 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Council decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

4 Minutes of Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee held on 21 September 2020 were submitted for noting.

The Council decided: that the minutes be noted.

5 Minutes of Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee (Special)

The minutes of the special meeting of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee held on 16 November 2020 were submitted for noting.

The Council decided: that the minutes be noted.

6 Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee

A report dated 23 February 2021 by the Chief Executive was submitted on recommendations referred to the Council by the Executive Committee of 10 February 2021. The recommendations were that the Prudential Code Indicators for 2021/2022 to 2023/2024, Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/2022 and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/2022, which included the change to counterparty limits, as detailed in the report, be approved.

The Council decided: that the recommendations of the Executive Committee of 10 February 2021 in relation to Prudential Code Indicators for 2021/2022 to 2023/2024, Treasury Management Strategy for 2021/2022 and the Annual Investment Strategy for 2021/2022, which included the change to counterparty limits, as detailed in the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 10 February 2021 (Paragraph 8)]

7 Amendment to Membership of Licensing Committee

A report dated 17 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on a proposed change to the membership of the Licensing Committee.

The Council decided: that Councillor Fulton replace Councillor Loudon as a member of the Licensing Committee.

8 Notice of Motion – Benefits

In terms of Standing Order No 19, a motion proposed by Councillor Convery, seconded by Councillor Fagan, was submitted as follows:-

“This Council notes that in April this year the Government plan to cut the Benefit level for millions of claimants by ending of the time limited increase to the basic rate of Universal Credit announced by the Chancellor on the 20 March last year as part of his Pandemic response package.

The £20 a week boost reflected the reality that the level of benefits were not adequate to protect the swiftly increasing number of households relying on them as the crisis hit.

Exactly because that increase was a very significant and welcome move to bolster low and middle income families’ living standards, its removal will be a huge loss.

Pressing ahead would see the level of unemployment support fall to its lowest real- terms level since 1990-1991, and its lowest ever relative to average earnings. Indeed the basic level of out-of-work support prior to the March boost was at £73 a week (£3,800 a year), less than half the absolute poverty line.

The increase in benefits have had a positive effect on the lives of thousands of local claimants who are better able to pay for life’s essentials such as food, clothing and utilities.

The local economy has also benefited from the increase in benefit levels as claimants spend their money locally thereby supporting local businesses and jobs.

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Resolves to

Write to the Chancellor, Mr Rishi Sunak, and to the Prime Minister, Mr Boris Johnson, asking that the £20 increase to Universal Credit is made permanent and extended to claimants on legacy benefits.

Work with other like minded organisations to form a coalition to pressure the Government to make the £20 increase to Universal Credit permanent.”

In moving his motion, Councillor Convery advised of a minor change as, since its submission, the Chancellor had announced an extension to retain the level of benefits until September 2021. He referred to the positive action taken by the Chancellor but asked for cross-party support in seeking to make the £20 a week boost permanent as it would, in turn, result in a cash injection to the Council’s economy of approximately £595,000 per year. Councillor Fagan seconded the motion.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Gray, moved the following as an amendment:-

“Remove ‘April’ from first line and insert ‘October’.

Insert after legacy benefits:

We also demand that the Government end the 5-week wait, scrap the 2 child cap, and match the ‘game-changing’ Scottish Child Payment.”

This was accepted by Councillor Convery.

Councillor Allison, seconded by Councillor Nelson, moved as a further amendment that the Council write to the UK Government and congratulate it for the support offered to communities and businesses throughout the pandemic.

Following discussion, on a vote being taken by roll call, members voted as follows:-

Motion (as amended)

John Anderson, John Bradley, Walter Brogan, Robert Brown, Archie Buchanan, Jackie Burns, Janine Calikes, Stephanie Callaghan, Andy Carmichael, Maureen Chalmers, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Margaret Cowie, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Mary Donnelly, Isobel Dorman, Fiona Dryburgh, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, Grant Ferguson, Alistair Fulton, Geri Gray, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Graeme Horne, Mark Horsham, Martin Lennon, Eileen Logan, Katy Loudon, Joe Lowe, Hugh Macdonald, Julia Marrs, Monique McAdams, Ian McAllan, Catherine McClymont, Mark McGeever, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan, Galdys Miller, Carol Nugent, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Graham Scott, David Shearer, Collette Stevenson, Margaret B Walker, Jim Wardhaugh, David Watson, Josh Wilson

Amendment

Alex Allison, Graeme Campbell, Poppy Corbett, Ian Harrow, Eric Holford, Martin Grant Hose, Ann Le Blond, Richard Lockhart, Kenny McCreary, Colin McGavigan, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, Jared Wark

50 members voted for the motion (as amended) and 13 for the amendment. The motion (as amended) was declared carried.

The Council decided:

that the terms of the motion, as amended, be supported and that the Council:-

- ◆ write to the Chancellor, Mr Rishi Sunak, and to the Prime Minister, Mr Boris Johnson, asking that the £20 increase to Universal Credit be made permanent and extended to claimants on legacy benefits and demand that the Government end the 5-week wait, scrap the 2 child cap and match the 'game changing' Scottish Child Payment
- ◆ work with other like minded organisations to form a coalition to pressure the Government to make the £20 increase to Universal Credit permanent

9 Notice of Motion – Cycle Hire

In terms of Standing Order No 19, a motion proposed by Councillor Lennon, seconded by Councillor Fagan, was submitted as follows:-

“South Lanarkshire Council notes the success of public bicycle-sharing schemes in towns and cities across the UK, Europe and the world.

Cycling is a mode of transport which is environmentally friendly, conducive to an active lifestyle and can bring great benefits to individuals and communities.

The introduction of public bike-sharing schemes has been demonstrated to encourage people to take up cycling and to create an environment on the roads which is safer for and more welcoming to new cyclists.

Key to the value of any scheme is the prevalence of places where users can start and end journeys, and the ability of users to use the scheme for journeys to work, education or leisure sites.

The council further notes that there are several funding streams for active travel projects available to Scottish local authorities, and that our neighbouring authority, Glasgow City Council, has hosted a successful and expanding bike hire scheme in partnership with the firm Next Bike.

The council resolves to instruct senior officers to undertake a feasibility study into creating a bicycle hire scheme in South Lanarkshire and/or extending the Glasgow 'Next Bike' hire scheme into South Lanarkshire. The study will report back to the relevant committees within 6 months."

In moving his motion, Councillor Lennon considered that there was a need for a bike hire scheme as the reasons people did not cycle were primarily in relation to start-up costs and the practical limitations. Councillor Fagan seconded the motion.

Councillor Loudon, seconded by Councillor Craig, moved the following as an amendment:-

"Remove the last paragraph and insert

The Council resolves to ask senior officers to bring a paper to the Climate Change Committee to update members on the work that's already been undertaken on active travel and ongoing cycling infrastructure projects, the status of the Glasgow 'Next Bike' contract and the feasibility of joining projects and suggestions for how new community consultation work on the future of cycling in South Lanarkshire could be taken forward."

Councillor Dryburgh, seconded by Councillor Brown, proposed the following as an addendum to the motion:-

"Add before the last paragraph

The Council further notes the hilly nature of much of South Lanarkshire and the progress made in supporting the use of electric bikes by Camglen Biketown and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture.

Add before the last sentence of the last paragraph

The study should also examine how availability and use of electric bikes might be significantly expanded."

Councillor Lennon confirmed that he accepted Councillor Dryburgh's addendum to his motion. Councillor Loudon also confirmed that she accepted Councillor Dryburgh's addendum to her amendment.

Following discussion, on a vote being taken by roll call, members voted as follows:-

Motion (with inclusion of addendum)

Walter Brogan, Robert Brown, Andy Carmichael, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Margaret Cowie, Maureen Devlin, Fiona Dryburgh, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Ian Harrow, Martin Lennon, Eileen Logan, Joe Lowe, Monique McAdams, Catherine McClymont, Mark McGeever, Davie McLachlan, Mo Razzaq, Graham Scott, Margaret B Walker, Jim Wardhaugh, David Watson

Amendment (with inclusion of addendum)

Alex Allison, John Anderson, John Bradley, Archie Buchanan, Janine Calikes, Stephanie Callaghan, Graeme Campbell, Maureen Chalmers, Poppy Corbett, Peter Craig, Mary Donnelly, Isobel Dorman, Grant Ferguson, Alistair Fulton, Geri Gray, Eric Holford, Graeme Horne, Mark Horsham, Martin Grant Hose, Ann Le Blond, Richard Lockhart, Katy Loudon, Hugh Macdonald, Julia Marrs, Ian McAllan, Kenny McCreary, Colin McGavigan, Jim McGuigan, Gladys Miller, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, Carol Nugent, John Ross, David Shearer, Collette Stevenson, Jared Wark, Josh Wilson

25 members voted for the motion and 37 for the amendment which was declared carried.

The Council decided:

that the terms of the amendment be supported and that a report be brought to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee to update members on:-

- ◆ the work that had already been undertaken on active travel and ongoing cycling infrastructure projects
- ◆ the status of the Glasgow 'Next Bike' contract and the feasibility of joining projects
- ◆ suggestions for how new community consultation work on the future of cycling in South Lanarkshire could be taken forward
- ◆ how availability and use of electric bikes might be significantly expanded

10 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

RISK AND AUDIT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 9 December 2020

Chair:

Councillor Graeme Campbell

Councillors Present:

Councillor Mary Donnelly, Councillor Grant Ferguson, Councillor Julia Marrs, Councillor Carol Nugent, Councillor Jared Wark

Councillor Also Present:

Councillor John Ross (for item 4)

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Martin Lennon, Councillor Davie McLachlan

Attending:

Chief Executive's Service

C Sneddon, Chief Executive (for item 4)

Finance and Corporate Resources

P Manning, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources); Y Douglas, Audit and Compliance Manager; S Dunsmore, Insurance and Risk Manager; T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; E-A McGonigle, Administration Officer

Also Attending:

Audit Scotland

D Richardson, External Auditor

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee held on 21 September 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Minutes of Special Meeting

The minutes of the special meeting of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee held on 16 November 2020 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

4 Good Governance Update

A report dated 11 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Council's governance arrangements.

Each year, the Council undertook a comprehensive review of the governance arrangements required to support its financial and operational controls. The annual review of governance arrangements informed the Governance Statement which was included within the Council's Annual Accounts. As part of this annual review, the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance was reviewed, updated and republished. Compliance with the Code was also reviewed on an annual basis. Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the Council's compliance with the Code.

An annual review of the Code had also been undertaken and the amendments to the Code following the review were detailed in the report. The revised Code was attached as Appendix 2 to the report. Progress on the significant governance areas from April to September 2020 was detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

Officers were commended on the format and clarity of the report and associated appendices.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the findings from the annual compliance check against the Local Code of Corporate Governance be noted;
- (2) that the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance be approved; and
- (3) that progress against the significant governance areas identified within the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 18 June 2020 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Internal Audit Activity as at 20 November 2020

A report dated 24 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on work completed by Internal Audit during the period 29 August to 20 November 2020.

Standard performance management processes had been suspended since the start of 2020/2021 with individual tasks having specific target dates for completion, agreed at the outset and then used for monitoring purposes. At its meeting on 21 September 2020, the Committee noted the temporary performance management arrangements that had been put in place and that standard performance indicators would be used to monitor delivery of the Audit Plan through to 31 March 2021.

As at 20 November 2020, 57% of planned assignments in the 2020/2021 Audit Plan were in progress. Details of assignments completed in the period were given in Appendix 1 to the report. Work plans were in place to conclude those and the remainder of the assignments in the Plan by 31 March 2021. In conjunction with delivering allocated assignments, Internal Audit would continue to check and facilitate payment of COVID-19 support grants.

It was noted that future activity reports would set out 'key messages' for a larger number of completed assignments and add further detail on the context and nature of findings that were being reported. For relevant audit assignments, the activity report would also set out key areas of assurance that members should consider alongside a summary of the extent to which highlighted risks were being managed and mitigated.

Work to prepare the 2021/2022 Internal Audit Plan would commence in early course and members of the Committee were invited to offer ideas and suggestions for inclusion in the Plan. Those should focus on specific risk areas where there were known control weaknesses.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 21 September 2020 (Paragraph 4)]

6 Review of Council's Top Risks/Year End Risk Management Report

A report dated 9 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on:-

- ◆ the Council's top risk register following the annual review and consultation process
- ◆ progress with risk management activity undertaken during 2019/2020

Details were given on the process for and results of the 2020 review of the Council's top risks. On the whole, the risks from the previous year's review, as detailed in the report to this Committee on 27 November 2019, were still deemed to be valid, however, the majority of those risks had been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Details were given on the main changes to the top risks as follows:-

- ◆ the addition of a new risk in respect of COVID-19
- ◆ the addition of a new risk in respect of failure to evidence progress against Social Work Care Inspectorate Requirements
- ◆ the rescoring of risks in line with the 5x5 scoring matrix
- ◆ updated risk descriptions, controls and actions, as required, on individual risks

The revised 5x5 scoring matrix was attached as Appendix 1 to the report. The Council's revised top risks, with both the inherent and residual risk score, together with an assessment of the adequacy of controls, were detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Details were also given on top risk developments in relation to:-

- ◆ Brexit/concurrent risks
- ◆ IT service delivery

Risk Sponsors were required, on an annual basis, to assess and provide evidence of their Resource's compliance with the Risk Management Strategy. The end of year compliance statement, attached as Appendix 3 to the report, showed that Resources continued to demonstrate full compliance with the Strategy.

Performance in completing actions on the Council's top risk control plan was monitored on a quarterly basis. At 31 March 2020, 100% of actions relating to the Council's top risk register had been completed against a target of 90%.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 27 November 2019 (Paragraph 5)]

7 Audit Scotland Report – Local Government in Scotland Overview 2020

A report dated 4 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the Audit Scotland Report entitled 'Local Government in Scotland: Overview 2020' which had been published in June 2020.

The report was structured around the following 3 areas:-

- ◆ the challenges facing local government across a number of issues
- ◆ “doing things differently” where councils required to plan and implement changes to allow them to meet and improve outcomes for their communities
- ◆ Planning Services as an example of a service which had been significantly affected by reduced budgets and staffing but which provided an important service.

A number of key messages arising from the Audit Scotland report were detailed.

The Audit Scotland report outlined several recommendations for councils and those, together with an assessment of the position in South Lanarkshire Council, were detailed in the Executive Director's report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

8 Forward Programme for Future Meetings

A report dated 25 November 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the outline forward programme for the meetings of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee to 22 June 2021.

As part of future arrangements, members were invited to suggest topics for inclusion in the Committee's forward programme.

The Committee decided: that the outline forward programme for the meetings of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee to 22 June 2021 be noted.

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

Report

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Report to:	South Lanarkshire Council
Date of Meeting:	23 June 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Climate Change and Sustainability Committee - Proposed Amendment to Terms of Reference
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ seek approval for a proposed amendment to the Terms of Reference of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the proposed amendment to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee's Terms of Reference, as detailed at Section 4, be approved.

3. Background

3.1. Following endorsement by the Standards and Procedures Advisory Forum, the Terms of Reference for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee were approved by the Council at its meeting held on 26 February 2020.

3.2. At its special meeting held on 24 February 2021, the Council agreed, as part of the budget setting process, to establish a fund that would enable the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee to prioritise match funding for external funding applications specifically linked to the UK and Scottish Governments' green economy and green jobs programmes. This was linked to the Council's ambition to become a net zero carbon authority and for South Lanarkshire to be an exemplar area where renewable technologies, industries and ultimately jobs were delivered.

4. Proposed Amendment

4.1. The current Terms of Reference for the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee does not permit the committee to take decisions in terms of investment and resources, however, it can endorse and make recommendations to the Executive Committee. Following discussions at the Executive Committee held on 26 May 2021, it was proposed that, in order to expedite the decision-making process, paragraph 1.12 of the existing Terms of Reference of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee be amended to permit decisions to be taken on resources, only to the extent of that within the financial package which had previously been agreed by either the Executive Committee or the Council and through prior consultation with the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). A revised Terms of Reference, highlighting the specific changes, is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications in terms of this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications in terms of this report.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. The proposals will be beneficial in ensuring matters in relation to climate change, sustainability and the environment are dealt with expeditiously.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications in terms of risk.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There was no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment or formal consultation process.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

27 May 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- ♦ Executive Committee of 26 May 2021
- ♦ South Lanarkshire Council of 24 February 2021 and 26 February 2020

List of Background Papers

- ♦ None

Contact for Further Information

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

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Climate Change and Sustainability Committee

Purpose

The purpose of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee is to provide leadership, governance and scrutiny that will drive collaborative action across the Council in order to achieve the vision and outcomes set out in the climate change and sustainable development strategy and in becoming a net-zero Council.

1 Powers and Responsibilities

- 1.1. To approve actions, measures and timescales in the sustainable development and climate change strategy's annual action plan review and ensure these are implemented.
- 1.2. To provide a forum for reporting progress and scrutiny on the climate change and sustainable development strategy's action plan.
- 1.3. To ensure the Council complies with the Public Sector Climate Change duties and the Biodiversity Duty. This includes the Council meeting statutory reporting requirements on climate change and biodiversity.
- 1.4. To ensure the Council contributes to Scotland's commitment of embracing the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals.
- 1.5. To approve the Council's carbon reduction targets in line with national targets and provide a scrutiny function on meeting these targets.
- 1.6. To support the Council's membership of the Climate Ready Clyde partnership and the development and implementation of the City Region's first Climate Change and Adaptation Strategy and associated action plan.
- 1.7. To ensure that the principles of sustainable development and tackling climate change are embedded in Council plans, policies, strategies, programmes of work, service delivery and reviews.
- 1.8. To encourage innovative carbon reduction and climate change adaptation projects.
- 1.9. To be an advocate for sustainability and climate change across the Council, its committees and in the wider community.
- 1.10 To promote a place-based, collaborative approach to tackling climate change and sustainability issues which includes working with partners, the business community, third sector, trades unions, local citizens and other interested stakeholders.
- 1.11 To ensure the implementation of Strategic Environmental Assessments across the Council.
- ~~1.12 To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on the Council's climate change and sustainability activity, including investment, such as resources for research and development in the transition to net zero, and action to tackle the effects of climate change.~~
- 1.12 To approve, within the financial package as previously agreed by either the Executive Committee or Council and through prior consultation with the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), the Council's climate change and sustainability activity, including investment, such as resources for research and development in the transition to net zero, and action to tackle the effects of climate change.
- 1.13 To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on climate change and sustainability policy issues.

2 Membership

- 2.1 28 members, 2 of whom will be the Leader of the Council and Depute Leader of the Council. Appointments will be on the following basis: 1 Leader (ex officio); 11 SNP; 7 Labour; 5 Con; 3 Ind Group; 1 Lib Dem.
- 2.2 There will be provision for individual groups to substitute up to a maximum of 4 members
- 2.3 The committee will be chaired by the Leader of the Council.
- 2.4 The Depute Chair will be the Depute Leader of the Council.
- 2.4 Quorum – 7

3 Meeting Arrangements and Practice

- 3.1 The Climate Change and Sustainability Committee will be held 4 times each financial year, immediately following the Executive Committee on the dates when there is no Council meeting scheduled.
- 3.2 Minutes of the meetings will be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of the Committee for approval as a correct record.

Submission of Motions

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 21 April 2021, proposed by Councillor Graeme Campbell, seconded by Councillor Martin Grant Hose, as follows:-

“Since the beginning of the current council in 2017, the number of motions being put to Council under Standing Order 19 have grown exponentially. In some cases, these motions have little or nothing to do with actual council business, functions or matters within the Council’s control. In far too many occasions, the desired outcome of these motions could have been easily achieved via the member(s) contacting the relevant Council Resource and working with officers to deliver their desired goal. If the matter could not be dealt with as business as usual or under delegated authority but required a decision by the Council or Committee this would allow Officers to bring a report to Council to allow elected members to make an informed decision and consequently be a more efficient and effective use of time and resources.

We would like this position to change and therefore, we are asking the council to approve this motion which seeks the following:-

- 1) To expand Standing Order 19 so that any motion brought to the full council, should relate to matters within the remit, functions, powers and therefore the authority of the council and:
- 2) If the above can be satisfied, the councillor bringing the motion to full council, should at least have attempted to resolve the matter through either the resource leadership or Chief Executive’s office first. This in effect means that motions are only brought to the full council for decision, where the councillor has failed to achieve their desired outcome through normal council channels first.”

Unpaid Carers Resolution

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 11 May 2021, proposed by Councillor Margaret Walker, seconded by Councillor Joe Fagan, as follows:-

“A recent research study carried out by the Charity Carers Scotland has highlighted that the majority of unpaid carers (87%) in Scotland had taken on more care since the start of the COVID19 pandemic in March 2020. The findings also indicated that the work of unpaid carers in caring for older, disabled or seriously ill relatives is worth £43billion a day during the COVID pandemic and that 77% of unpaid carers are suffering from depression, anxiety and are exhausted and worn out. These findings have been reflected in surveys carried out by the Social Care Institute for Excellence published by the Scottish Government Social Care online

The closure of Day Centre provision exacerbated this situation and we call upon the Scottish Government to ensure robust support is in place to support unpaid carers as we move out of the pandemic

The enormous contribution of unpaid carers must be recognised by the Scottish Government. Their health and wellbeing must be prioritised. Appropriate support including increased respite opportunities, greater financial support and robust community services should be made accessible and available to unpaid carers

In the longer term greater investment in services for carers will lead to a healthier and happier population that is better able to balance important aspects of their lives, including personal relationships, work and family.”

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Report to:	South Lanarkshire Council
Date of Meeting:	23 June 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Amendments to Membership of Committees, Forums, Boards and Outside Bodies
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of proposed amendments to the membership of Committees etc
- ◆ advise on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) because of the timescales involved, by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, for the reappointment of the Council's voting and substitute members of the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (IJB)

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the following membership changes are approved:-
- ◆ that Councillor Craig replace Councillor Stevenson as Depute Chair of Finance and Corporate Resources Committee
 - ◆ that Councillor Loudon replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee, with Councillor Stevenson filling the resultant place as substitute member
 - ◆ that Councillor Calikes replace Councillor Callaghan as Depute Chair of Housing and Technical Resources Committee
 - ◆ that Councillor Donnelly and Councillor Horsham replace Councillor Callaghan and Councillor Stevenson respectively on the Housing and Technical Resources Committee, with Councillors Callaghan and Stevenson filling the resultant places as substitute members
 - ◆ that Councillor Horsham replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of both the Executive Committee and the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee, with Councillor Callaghan filling the resultant places as a substitute member
 - ◆ that Councillor Ferguson replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
 - ◆ that Councillor McAllan and Councillor Anderson replace Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Callaghan respectively as members of the Planning Committee, with Councillor Stevenson and Councillor Callaghan filling the resultant places as substitute members
 - ◆ that Councillor Bradley replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of the Licensing Committee, with Councillor Callaghan filling the resultant place as a substitute member

- ◆ that Councillor Dorman replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of the Education Resources Committee, with Councillor Callaghan filling the resultant place as a substitute member
 - ◆ that Councillor Chalmers replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of the Petitions Committee, with Councillor Callaghan filling the resultant place as a substitute member
 - ◆ that Councillor Chalmers replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of the Roads Safety Forum, with Councillor Stevenson filling the resultant place as a substitute member
 - ◆ that Councillor Calikes replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of the Employee Issues Forum, with Councillor Stevenson filling the resultant place as a substitute member
 - ◆ that Councillor Macdonald replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of the Joint Consultative Forum
 - ◆ that Councillor Macdonald replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of the Safer South Lanarkshire Board
 - ◆ that Councillor Donnelly replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of the Tackling Poverty Working Group
 - ◆ that Councillor Donnelly replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of the Equity Working Group, with Councillor Callaghan filling the resultant place as a substitute member
 - ◆ that Councillor McGuigan replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of the Education Appeals Committee
 - ◆ that Councillor Chalmers replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of the Supplier Development Programme
 - ◆ that Councillor Wilson replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of Scotland Excel Joint Board
 - ◆ that Councillor Ross replace Councillor Stevenson as Chair of the Business Gateway Steering Group
 - ◆ that Councillor Ross replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of COSLA's National Business Gateway
 - ◆ that Councillor McGuigan replace Councillor Stevenson as a substitute member of the Strathclyde Partnership for Transport Board
 - ◆ that Councillor Horne replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of the Strathclyde Pension Fund - Pension Board
 - ◆ that Councillor Craig replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of the Scottish Council's Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS)
 - ◆ that Councillor Buchanan replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of East Kilbride Fairtrade Group
 - ◆ that Councillor Wilson replace Councillor Stevenson as a member of APSE - Renewables and Energy Efficiency Group
 - ◆ that Councillor Gray replace Councillor Callaghan as a substitute member of the West of Scotland Road Safety Forum
- (2) that the following action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, be noted:-
- ◆ approval of the reappointment of Councillors John Bradley and Richard Lockhart as voting members on the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board
 - ◆ approval of the reappointment of Councillor Richard Nelson as a substitute member on the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board

3. Background

- 3.1. Following a request from the Business Manager of the Ruling Group, it is proposed that changes to the membership of committees etc, as outlined above, be implemented.
- 3.2. In terms of membership of the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board, its Standing Orders allow for the Council to appoint its voting members and substitute members to the IJB for a period of 3 years, after which they require to be reappointed.
- 3.3. Councillors John Bradley and Richard Lockhart had been due for reappointment as members and Councillor Richard Nelson was due for reappointment as a substitute member. Due to the timescales involved, this matter was progressed in terms of Standing Order No 36(c).

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. There are no employee implications in terms of this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. There are no financial implications in terms of this report.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. There are no climate change, sustainability or environmental implications in terms of this report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications in terms of risk.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There was no requirement to carry out an EIA or formal consultation process.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

8 June 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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Report to:	South Lanarkshire Council
Date of Meeting:	23 June 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Launch of Lanarkshire Firm Base Website
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the launch of Lanarkshire Firm Base website

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the launch of Lanarkshire Firm Base website be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. Firm Base was established by the Ministry of Defence to develop the delivery of policy and funding to support the military community and veterans in Scotland.
- 3.2. Following a request by the Royal Regiment of Scotland for an Armed Forces Covenant to be established, both North and South Lanarkshire Councils developed Lanarkshire Firm Base.
- 3.3. The organisation is the lead for delivering the key commitments contained in both councils' Armed Forces Community Covenants to ensure that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, are treated fairly.
- 3.4. Lanarkshire Firm Base meets 3 times a year to identify and discuss matters relevant to the community and is co-chaired by Councillors Cullen and Horsham, Veterans' Champions for North and South Lanarkshire Council respectively. It involves a number of organisations in Lanarkshire who can help support its aims.

4. Development of Website

- 4.1. As part of ongoing activity to promote the work of Lanarkshire Firm Base, a website has been created to signpost relevant information and contact details to support the military community and veterans. This will include information on employment and training, financial support, housing, education and health. Details of Lanarkshire Firm Base meetings and minutes will also be posted to the website.
- 4.2. The website will be officially launched on Saturday 19 June 2021 to coincide with the Council's Armed Forces Day and in advance of National Armed Forces week which commences on Monday 21 June 2021.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications in terms of this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications in terms of this report.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications in terms of climate change, sustainability and the environment.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications in terms of risk.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There was no requirement to carry out an Equality Impact Assessment in terms of the content of this report.
- 8.2. Volunteers from membership of Lanarkshire Firm Base were consulted on the content and accessibility of the website.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

11 June 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality, thriving and sustainable communities

Previous References

- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council of 26 June 2019 and 19 December 2018
- ◆ Executive Committee of 16 May 2018

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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