

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 25 September 2019

Chair:

Councillor John Ross (ex officio)

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor John Anderson, Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Maureen Chalmers (Depute), Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Peter Craig, Councillor Isobel Dorman, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Martin Grant Hose (*substitute for Councillor Ann Le Blond*), Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Mo Razzaq (*substitute for Councillor Gerry Convery*), Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Ann Le Blond

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director

Education Resources

T McDaid, Executive Director

Finance and Corporate Resources

P Manning, Executive Director; G Bow, Administration Manager; J Burke, Administration Assistant; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director

Social Work Resources/Health and Social Care

L Purdie, Head of Children and Justice Services

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 28 August 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Capital Budget Monitoring for Period 5 – 1 April to 16 August 2019

A report dated 26 August 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the physical and financial progress at 16 August 2019 on the various capital programmes.

The General Fund Capital Programme totalled £80.513 million and the Housing Capital Programme £61.835 million. The General Fund Programme had been revised to reflect projects carried forward and adjustments to the programme, which were detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

At 16 August 2019, £16.684 million had been spent on the General Fund Capital Programme and £15.772 million had been spent on the Housing Capital Programme.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the position of the various capital programmes for 2019/2020, as detailed in the report, be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed adjustments to the General Fund Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 28 August 2019 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Revenue Budget Monitoring for Period 5 – 1 April to 16 August 2019

A report dated 26 August 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure for the period ending 16 August 2019.

The figures included an underspend of £6.346 million on the General Fund Revenue Account and a breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account.

The main factors contributing to the underspend on the General Fund Revenue Account were detailed in the report.

Additional information was provided on:-

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources' net overspend
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Trust utilities
- ◆ Social Work Resources' net overspend
- ◆ loan charges
- ◆ corporate items and the use of corporate items in the 2020/2021 budget strategy
- ◆ Education Resources and Pupil Equity Funding
- ◆ additional General Revenue Grant
- ◆ other funding

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the underspend of £6.346 million on the General Fund Revenue Account at 16 August 2019 and the forecast to 31 March 2020 of an underspend of £8.540 million be noted;
- (2) that the breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account at 16 August 2019 and forecast to 31 March 2020 of a breakeven position be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 28 August 2019 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Additional Funding from the Scottish Government and Other External Sources

A report dated 26 August 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on additional capital funding totalling £0.465 million made available from the Big Lottery Grant Fund in respect of the Springhall Urban Greenspace Development (Springhall Cage).

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 28 August 2019 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Land and Property Transfers and Disposals

A report dated 28 August 2019 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on recommendations to declare certain areas of land surplus to operational requirements.

The recommendations had been made in terms of agreed procedures for dealing with surplus land and property.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the land and property, detailed in Appendix A to the report, be transferred between Resources; and
- (2) that the land, detailed in Appendix B to the report, be declared surplus to Council requirements.

7 Recommendations Referred from Resource Committees

A report dated 5 September 2019 by the Chief Executive was submitted on recommendations referred to this Committee by the following Resource Committees:-

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 3 September 2019
- ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 4 September 2019

The recommendation of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee was as follows:-

- ◆ that the Community and Enterprise Resource Plan for 2019/2020 be approved

The recommendation of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee was as follows:-

- ◆ that the Housing and Technical Resource Plan for 2019/2020 be approved

The Committee decided: that the recommendations referred by the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee and Housing and Technical Resources Committee in relation to their respective Resource Plans for 2019/2020 be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 3 September 2019 (Paragraph 7), Minutes of Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 4 September 2019 (Paragraph 10)]

8 Children's Services Inspection 2019/2020

A joint report dated 12 September 2019 by the Director, Health and Social Care and Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted advising that the Care Inspectorate intended to inspect South Lanarkshire Children's Services in autumn 2019.

The inspection would take account of the experiences and outcomes of children and young people in need of protection and those who were subject to corporate parenting responsibilities, including those in continuing care.

The inspection team, which would be made up of approximately 12 inspectors, would be on site in the weeks beginning 28 October and 2 December 2019.

In the revised model for joint inspection of services for children and young people in need of care and protection, the Care Inspectorate had posed the following 5 inspection specific questions:-

- ◆ how good was the Partnership at recognising and responding when children and young people needed protection?
- ◆ how good was the Partnership at helping children and young people who had experienced abuse and neglect stay safe, healthy and well, and recover from their experiences?
- ◆ how good was the Partnership at maximising the wellbeing of children and young people who were looked after?
- ◆ how good was the Partnership at enabling care experienced young people to succeed in their transition to adulthood?
- ◆ how good was collaborative leadership?

Details of the inspection timetable and the range of activities to be undertaken during the inspection were provided in the report.

An Inspection Participation Group had been established from all relevant partners and a series of staff briefings were being delivered to appraise the Children's Services workforce of the forthcoming inspection.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.