

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 31 January 2018

**Chair:**

Councillor John Ross (ex officio)

**Councillors Present:**

Alex Allison, John Anderson, John Bradley, Walter Brogan, Robert Brown, Stephanie Callaghan (*substitute for Councillor Chalmers*), Graeme Campbell, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, Lynsey Hamilton, Graeme Horne (*substitute for Councillor Fulton*), Ann Le Blond, Eileen Logan, Katy Loudon, Joe Lowe, Catherine McClymont (*substitute for Councillor McLachlan*), Colin McGavigan, Mark McGeever, Gladys Miller, Richard Nelson, David Shearer, Collette Stevenson (*substitute for Councillor McGuigan*), Josh Wilson

**Councillors' Apologies:**

Maureen Chalmers (Depute), Alistair Fulton, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan

**Attending:**

**Chief Executive's Service**

L Freeland, Chief Executive

**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

**Health and Social Care/Social Work Resources**

L Purdie, Head of Children and Justice Services

**Housing and Technical Resources**

D Lowe, Executive Director

**Also Attending:**

**Police Scotland**

R Hay, Superintendent

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### 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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### 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 6 December 2017 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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### **3 Capital Budget Monitoring for Period 10 - 1 April to 8 December 2017**

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A report dated 27 December 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the physical and financial progress at 8 December 2017 on the various Capital Programmes.

The General Fund Capital Programme included Education Resources, Social Work Resources, Roads and Transportation and General Services. The General Fund Programme totalled £78.291 million and the Housing Programme £40.581 million. At 8 December 2017, £38.509 million had been spent on the General Fund Capital Programme and £22.687 million on the Housing Capital Programme.

The General Fund Programme had been increased from £78.047 million to £78.291 million to take account of proposed adjustments listed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Ongoing monitoring of the Capital Programmes would be undertaken by the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum and reports submitted to this Committee on a regular basis.

#### **The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the position on the various Capital Programmes for 2017/2018, as detailed in the report, be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed adjustments to the General Fund Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.

*[Reference: Minutes of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 3)]*

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### **4 Revenue Budget Monitoring for Period 10 - 1 April to 8 December 2017 and 2017/2018 Probable Outturn**

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A report dated 18 December 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure for the period ending 8 December 2017.

The figures included an underspend of £0.563 million on the General Fund Revenue Account and a breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account.

The Scottish Government had notified the Council of additional funding totalling £3.864 million for specific areas including:-

◆ Teachers' Pay	(£0.391 million)
◆ Discretionary Housing Payment (Administration Grant)	(£0.075 million)
◆ Council Tax Reduction Scheme (Administration Grant)	(£0.040 million)
◆ Temporary Homelessness	(£1.408 million)
◆ Sensory Impairment Strategy	(£0.019 million)
◆ Council Tax Reduction Scheme (10% holdback)	(£1.988 million)
◆ Building Warrant Fees (Reduction)	(£0.057 million)

A number of transfers from Reserves totalling £1.829 million had been actioned and had been added to Resource budgets to meet specific Resource commitments in 2017/2018.

Social Work Resources had also been advised of additional funding totalling £0.108 million from the Scottish Government Employability, Innovation and Integration Fund for the Deferred Sentence Project.

A probable outturn exercise had been carried out and each of the main elements of the Council's budget were detailed. The probable outturn position at 31 March 2018 was an underspend of £22.370 million. It was proposed to transfer £11.018 million to Reserves, resulting in a remaining underspend of £11.352 million.

The remaining underspend, totalling £11.352 million, was available to meet a number of future demands and budget pressures and it was proposed that £10.852 million be allocated as follows:-

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| ♦ transfer to Insurance Fund          | (£1.700 million) |
| ♦ transfer to Winter Maintenance Fund | (£1.000 million) |
| ♦ transfer to IT Development Fund     | (£1.000 million) |
| ♦ transfer to Earmarked General Fund  | (£7.152 million) |

It was also proposed to allocate the remaining £0.500 million to the Uncommitted General Fund.

An analysis of the Council's current Reserves position was detailed in the report.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the underspend of £0.563 million on the General Fund Revenue Account at 8 December 2017 be noted;
- (2) that the Additional Revenue Grant received by the Council of £3.864 million be noted;
- (3) that the proposed transfer to Reserves, totalling £11.018 million, as detailed in the report, be approved;
- (4) that the Corporate Transfers of Reserves following the Council's probable outturn position totalling £10.852 million, as detailed in the report, be approved;
- (5) that the proposed transfer of the £0.500 million remaining as the final outturn position to the Uncommitted General Fund be approved; and
- (6) that the breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account at 8 December 2017 and forecast to 31 March 2018 of a breakeven position be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 4)]*

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## **5 Trading Services' Financial Performance for Period 10 - 1 April to 8 December 2017**

A report dated 18 December 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the projected financial results for 2017/2018 for the Council's Trading Services.

In the period to 13 October 2017, the target for Trading Services' surpluses was revised to £10.043 million to reflect transfers across Trading Operations in relation to the reallocation of:-

- ♦ savings
- ♦ living wage increases
- ♦ monies for Rates increases
- ♦ budget from Facilities Trading Operation to Community and Enterprise Resources

In the period to 8 December 2017, this figure had been further revised to £9.905 million to reflect a decrease to the budgeted trading surplus of £0.138 million.

At 8 December 2017, surpluses of £6.862 million had been achieved.

Officials were working to maximise the levels of surplus using the projected figure as a minimum target.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the surpluses achieved to 8 December 2017 of £6.862 million be noted; and
- (2) that, following a probable outturn exercise, the revised forecast surplus to 31 March 2018 of £9.751 million be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 5)]*

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## **6 Additional Funding from the Scottish Government and Other External Sources**

A report dated 8 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on additional revenue funding, totalling £1.029 million, and capital funding, totalling £0.118 million, made available to the Council from the Scottish Government and other external sources to undertake various initiatives. The funding was summarised as follows:-

### **Revenue Funding**

<b>Resource</b>	<b>2017/2018 (£)</b>	<b>2018/2019 (£)</b>	<b>2019/2020 (£)</b>	<b>2020/2021 (£)</b>
<b>Education</b>	0.000	0.463	0.320	0.026
<b>Social Work</b>	0.108	0.112	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.108</b>	<b>0.575</b>	<b>0.320</b>	<b>0.026</b>

### **Capital Funding**

#### **Resource**

<b>Community and Enterprise</b>	0.118
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.118</b>

**The Committee decided:** that the report be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 6)]*

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## **7 Overall Position of Revenue Budget 2018/2019 and Savings Proposals**

A report dated 24 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ♦ updated information in relation to the level of grant funding allocated to the Council in 2018/2019
- ♦ a prioritised package of savings proposals developed in preparation for the 2018/2019 budget

Confirmation of the Council's settlement position in relation to grant income for 2018/2019, further movements in grant and updated grant figures received through tables provided by COSLA had resulted in the reduction in the Council's grant being £18.800 million less than had been assumed.

The Council was required to confirm to the Cabinet Secretary its intention not to reject the offer in principle, conditional upon obtaining committee approval as part of the Council's consideration of the 2018/2019 revenue budget. Any local authority not agreeing to the grant offer would receive a revised and less favourable settlement.

Additional costs in terms of Pay Policy (£4.200 million) and Non Domestic Rates Relief for Nurseries and Rates Poundage (£0.200 million) would reduce the overall benefit to the Council's Revenue Budget Strategy from £18.800 million to £14.400 million.

It was proposed that the Budget Strategy include an anticipated £3.800 million based on an increase in Council Tax of 3% which would benefit the Revenue Budget Strategy and result in a net improvement of £18.200 million on the previously reported position.

As part of the recently completed probable outturn exercise, there were 2 areas including the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the collection of Council Tax arrears that would provide the Council with a further £2.000 million, resulting in an improvement of £20.200 million on the previously reported position.

To reflect the improved position, it was proposed that the savings package be reduced by £6.855 million to reflect a number of proposed savings reductions and to reflect a maximum 3% increase in the level of Council charges.

It was proposed that £0.685 million be used to invest in new initiatives around the following areas:-

- ◆ free breakfast clubs
- ◆ holiday lunch clubs
- ◆ activities relating to the Year of Young People
- ◆ free lets to Parent Councils and Parent Teachers' Associations for fundraising events
- ◆ extending free access for under 16 clubs
- ◆ uplift in grants to third sector organisations

Those reductions in savings would result in the impact on the Budget Strategy of £12.700 million, after grant settlement and Council Tax increases.

It was proposed that the £12.700 million improvement in the strategy position be used to remove the need to reinstate Reserves into 2019/2020 by allocating £10.500 million to Reserves, leaving a balance of £2.200 million. The £2.200 million would be used to assist the Council in terms of allocating an agreed sum of £5.300 million to a Reserve Fund to be used towards reducing savings each year until 2021/2022.

A package of savings totalling £16.674 million had been developed and was detailed in the appendices to the report. The package of savings had been amended to reflect the removal/amendments to savings totalling £6.855 million. The savings had been broken down into the following categories:-

◆ savings previously approved	£0.234 million
◆ efficiency and outturn	£8.694 million
◆ charging	£0.274 million
◆ service impact	£7.472 million

The savings previously approved totalling £0.234 million were those where the Council had taken a decision to implement the strategy/principle within the proposed savings.

The allocation of General Capital Grant for 2018/2019 totalling £27.607 million had been confirmed. The approved Capital Budget for 2018/2019 had been based on an estimate of £24.000 million, therefore, there was an additional £3.600 million of General Capital Grant for use in 2018/2019. It was proposed that £3.000 million of this funding be allocated to the improvement of footways (£1.000 million) and carriageways (£2.000 million) to mitigate the impact of the Roads Carriageway savings contained in the overall savings package.

In terms of the savings requirement beyond 2018/2019, those would continue to present a considerable challenge and would require further consideration of areas of service delivery.

A separate report had been issued to all members summarising the outcome of a wide-ranging consultation exercise carried out during December 2017.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the Council accept the draft Finance Settlement and confirm this position to the Cabinet Secretary;
- (2) that the grant settlement for 2018/2019, the potential changes to that settlement and the impact on the Council's Revenue Budget Strategy for 2018/2019 be noted;
- (3) that consideration of any increase to the level of Council Tax as part of the budget strategy be continued to the next meeting of this Committee to be held on 28 February 2018;
- (4) that the intention to utilise additional budget identified as part of the 2017/2018 probable outturn exercise as part of the budget solutions for 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be approved;
- (5) that consideration of the new initiatives, as detailed in section 12 of the report, be continued to the next meeting of this Committee to be held on 28 February 2018;
- (6) that the package of savings previously approved totalling £0.234 million be noted;
- (7) that consideration of the remaining package of savings totalling £16.440 million, detailed in the appendices to the report, be continued to the next meeting of this Committee to be held on 28 February 2018; and
- (8) that the additional General Capital Grant allocated to the Council totalling £3.607 million be noted and that consideration of proposals to allocate £3.000 million from this additional allocation to footpaths and roads carriageways, as detailed in the report, be continued to the next meeting of this Committee to be held on 28 February 2018.

*[Reference: Minute of 6 December 2017 (Paragraph 8)]*

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## **8 South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme Amendment**

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A report dated 22 December 2017 by the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted on amendments to the South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme to reflect the requirements of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.

The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 would come into effect from 1 April 2018 and would place a number of responsibilities/duties on Integration Authorities, the Council and the NHS Board to:-

- ◆ develop a new adult carer support plan with a personal outcomes focus
- ◆ develop a new young carer support plan with a personal outcomes focus
- ◆ support carers, including through the introduction of a local eligibility criteria

- ◆ prepare a local carers' strategy
- ◆ provide an information and advice service and publish a short breaks' services statement
- ◆ involve carers in the discharge from hospital of the people they care for

Following approval by both the Council and the Lanarkshire NHS Board, the revised Scheme would be forwarded to the Scottish Government by the due date of 2 March 2018.

**The Committee decided:** that the revisions to the South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme, as a result of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, be approved.

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## 9 Foundation Apprenticeships

A joint report dated 14 December 2017 by the Executive Directors (Education Resources) and (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ a successful funding bid which would allow the delivery of Foundation Apprenticeships in South Lanarkshire
- ◆ the proposed addition of 4 posts to the establishment of Education Resources to ensure effective delivery of the Apprenticeship Programme

The grant awarded by Skills Development Scotland totalled £809,478 to allow programme provision for 2 years and project staffing for 3 years.

To successfully run the programme and achieve the required outcomes, a team of 1 FTE Vocational Development Team Officer and 3 FTE Vocational Development Workers was required on a fixed term basis for 36 months as follows:-

- ◆ 1 post of Vocational Development Officer at Grade 3, Level 2, SCP 55–65 (£26,643 to £30,913)
- ◆ 3 posts of Vocational Development Assistant at Grade 2, Level 4, SCP 50–57 (£24,782 to £27,446)

The posts had been graded in line with the Council's Job Evaluation Scheme.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the proposed delivery of the Foundation Apprenticeship Programme be approved; and
- (2) that the additional posts, as detailed in the report, be added to the establishment of Education Resources on a fixed terms basis for 36 months commencing in April 2018.

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## 10 Police Scotland - Local Policing Plan 2017 to 2020

A report dated 9 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on the South Lanarkshire Local Policing Plan 2017 to 2020.

The Plan, which was attached as an appendix to the report, had been produced as part of the planning process, and took account of the Scottish Government's overarching vision for public services and the Police Scotland 10 year strategy for policing entitled "Serving a Changing Scotland", which set out a clear direction for the long-term operational and financial sustainability of the Service.

The Plan included 5 key areas of focus, which were detailed in the report, together with the following 7 key priority areas which had been identified through consultation with partners, communities and through local and national policing experience:-

- ◆ counter terrorism
- ◆ serious organised crime and drugs
- ◆ serious violent crime and public protection
- ◆ road safety
- ◆ public confidence and local engagement
- ◆ acquisitive crime
- ◆ anti-social behaviour and hate crime

Police Scotland would continue its commitment to maintain public confidence and trust and this would be underpinned by strong partnership working with Community Planning Partners in South Lanarkshire.

Monitoring and scrutiny of performance in meeting the priorities and objectives set out in the Local Policing Plan 2017 to 2020 would be undertaken by the Safer South Lanarkshire Board.

**The Committee decided:** that the South Lanarkshire Local Policing Plan 2017 to 2020 be approved.

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## **11 Representation on the Education Resources Committee - Update**

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A joint report dated 22 January 2018 by the Executive Directors (Education Resources) and (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the arrangements for the appointment of representatives other than Councillors to serve on the Education Resources Committee.

At its meeting on 30 August 2017, this Committee agreed that, following a review of current arrangements for the election/selection process for teacher representatives on the Education Resources Committee, the number of teacher representatives would remain at 2. All teachers permanently employed in educational establishments under the management of the Council and registered with the General Teaching Council were invited to apply to serve as teacher representatives.

At the closing date, 2 applications had been received from the following teachers:-

- ◆ Andy Harvey, Uddingston Grammar School
- ◆ Ann Marie Hobson, St Kenneth's Primary School, East Kilbride

Parent Councils had also been invited to submit applications to serve on the Education Resources Committee and, by the closing date, 8 applications had been received for the 2 positions available. Interviews were being arranged and the process was expected to conclude during February 2018. Details of the successful applicants would be confirmed at a future meeting of this Committee.

**The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the appointment of Andy Harvey and Ann Marie Hobson as the new teacher representatives on the Education Resources Committee be approved; and
- (2) that, following the completion of the interview process, a report on the Parent Council representatives on the Education Resources Committee be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

*[Reference: Minutes of 30 August 2017 (Paragraph 11)]*



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## 12 Consultation on the Provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill

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A report dated 12 January 2018 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted on the Council's response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill.

The primary objective of the Bill was to create a school and teacher-led education system which empowered schools and school leaders to focus on the following areas:-

- ◆ The Headteachers' Charter
- ◆ parent and community engagement/pupil participation
- ◆ Regional Improvement Collaboratives
- ◆ education workforce

The consultation document included 24 specific questions and the Council's response to each of the questions was attached as an appendix to the report.

**The Committee decided:** that the Council's response to "Empowering Schools – The Scottish Government's consultation on the provisions of the Education (Scotland) Bill be approved subject to the following additional text being added to the start of the Council's response to question 13:- "No, such collaboration by the Council should not be compulsory."

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## 13 Recommendations Referred by Resource Committees

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A report dated 17 January 2018 by the Chief Executive was submitted on recommendations which had been referred to this Committee by the:-

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 12 December 2017
- ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 13 December 2017

The recommendations of the Resource Committees were as follows:-

### **Community and Enterprise Resources Committee**

- ◆ that the Community and Enterprise Resources' Resource Plan for 2017/2018 be approved

*[Reference: Minutes of Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 12 December 2017 (Paragraph 7)]*

### **Housing and Technical Resources Committee**

- ◆ that the Housing and Technical Resources' Resource Plan for 2017/2018 be approved

*[Reference: Minutes of Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 13 December 2017 (Paragraph 10)]*

**The Committee decided:** that the recommendations referred by the Community and Enterprise Resources and Housing and Technical Resources Committees in relation to Resource Plans for 2017/2018 be approved.

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## 14 Amendments to Committee, Forum and Outside Body Memberships - SNP Group

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A report dated 21 December 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted 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 amendments to Committee, Forum and outside body memberships within the SNP Group.

**The Committee decided:**

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:-

- ♦ that Councillor Nugent replace Councillor Bradley as Chair of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee and Councillor Bradley assume the position of Depute Chair
- ♦ that Councillor Bradley replace Councillor Callaghan as the Chair of the Social Work Resources Committee and that Councillor Chalmers assume the position of Depute Chair
- ♦ that Councillor Loudon replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of the Social Work Resources Committee
- ♦ that Councillor Shearer replace Councillor Loudon as a substitute member on the Social Work Resources Committee
- ♦ that Councillor Bradley replace Councillor Callaghan as a member of the Executive Committee and that Councillor Callaghan fill the resultant position as substitute member
- ♦ that Councillor Stevenson replace Councillor Loudon on the Planning Committee and that Councillor Craig fill the resultant position as substitute member
- ♦ that Councillor Callaghan replace Councillor Shearer as a substitute member on the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
- ♦ that Councillor Bradley replace Councillor Callaghan as a member on the Getting It Right for South Lanarkshire's Children's Partnership Group
- ♦ that Councillor Bradley replace Councillor Callaghan as Depute Chair of the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board
- ♦ that Councillor Bradley replace Councillor Callaghan as Chair of the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (Performance and Audit) Sub-Committee
- ♦ that Councillor Calikes replace Councillor Callaghan as a member on the South Lanarkshire Area Support Team
- ♦ that Councillor Bradley replace Councillor Callaghan as a member on the COSLA Policy Board – Health and Social Care Board
- ♦ that Councillor Chalmers replace Councillor Bradley on the Adult Protection Committee

*[Reference: Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 18 May 2017 (Paragraph 7)]*

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## 15 Amendments to Committee and Forum Memberships - Labour Group

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A report dated 7 December 2017 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted 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 amendments to Committee and Forum memberships within the Labour Group.

### **The Committee decided:**

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:-

- ◆ that Councillor Lennon replace Councillor Greenshields as a member on the:-
  - ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
  - ◆ Planning Committee
  - ◆ Licensing Committee
  - ◆ Equal Opportunities Forum
- ◆ that Councillor Lennon replace Councillor Greenshields as a substitute member on the:-
  - ◆ Planning Local Review Body
  - ◆ Roads Safety Forum
- ◆ that Councillor Scott fill the vacant substitute place on the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
- ◆ that Councillor Lennon fill the vacant substitute places on the Education Resources Committee and the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee
- ◆ that Councillor Lennon fill the vacant place on the Joint Consultative Forum
- ◆ that Councillor Lennon replace Councillor Fagan as a member of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee
- ◆ that Councillor Lennon replace Councillor Fagan as a substitute member of the Social Work Resources Committee
- ◆ that Councillor McClymont fill the vacant place as a substitute member of the Planning Committee
- ◆ that Councillor Devlin fill the vacant places as a substitute member of the Licensing Committee and the Planning Local Review Body
- ◆ that Councillor Carmichael fill the vacant place as a substitute member of the Executive Committee
- ◆ that Councillor Lennon replace Councillor Carmichael as a member of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum
- ◆ that Councillor McAdams replace Councillor Greenshields as a member of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum
- ◆ that Councillor Cowie fill the vacant place as a substitute member of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum
- ◆ that Councillor Greenshields be replaced as a substitute member on the Rural Task Force by a member of the Labour Group representing one of the 6 Rural Wards identified as Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 20

- ◆ that Councillor Lennon be appointed to the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area Committee
- ◆ that Councillor Cowie replace Councillor Hamilton as a member of the Child Protection Committee

*[Reference: Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 18 May 2017 (Paragraph 7)]*

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## **16 Urgent Business**

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There were no items of urgent business.

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## **17 Exclusion of Press and Public**

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**The Committee decided:** that, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information in terms of Paragraphs 6, 9 and 12 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act.

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## **18 Relocation of University of the West of Scotland to Eco Campus**

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A joint report dated 11 January 2018 by the Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources), (Finance and Corporate Resources) and (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on the relocation of the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) to the Eco Campus site and the associated redevelopment of the existing UWS campus site at Almada Street, Hamilton.

The Council had received notice that HBDL had sold their interest in the Eco Campus site which meant that the Campus would be leased by the new owners direct to UWS. This would result in the termination of the Council's lease agreement and any further entitlement by the Council to the full management fee.

The Council had received a portion of the management fee, giving the Council a total return of £569,870 in respect of facilitating the agreements for lease.

No detailed proposals had been received from UWS in terms of the lease of adjacent woodland to accommodate sport facilities and student residences and, accordingly, no progress in this area had been made.

The Council continued to be part of ongoing discussions in respect of the joint venture UWS site at Almada Street, Hamilton and an application for Planning Permission in Principle had been submitted by UWS in relation to the site. A report on the application would be submitted to the Council's Planning Committee on 13 February 2018.

### **The Committee decided:**

- (1) that the termination of the agreements for the lease entered into between the Council and High Blantyre Development Limited in respect of the Eco Campus, Hamilton International Technology Park, High Blantyre, be noted;
- (2) that the Council's continued participation in discussions relating to the joint venture site at the Almada Street, Hamilton campus be noted;

- (3) that the financial return of £569,870 received by the Council in consideration of its facilitation of the lease of the Eco Campus to UWS be noted; and
- (4) that the position relating to the lack of progress in respect of the adjacent woodlands area at the Eco Campus owned by the Council be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of 16 November 2016 (Paragraph 20)]*