

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 13 March 2019

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 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 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 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 Bert Thomson, Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor Jared Wark, Councillor David Watson, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Jackie Burns, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor Sheena Wardhaugh

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; 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, Health and Social Care

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 19 December 2018 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Councillor McGeever referred to Item 6 and the expectation that a report, detailing options for the implementation and operation of a guaranteed interview scheme for ex-armed forces personnel, would be presented to members for consideration at this meeting of the Council. In response, the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) apologised for the delay in reporting, which was due to the time taken for ongoing engagement and collation of information from partner organisations, and advised that a report would be submitted to the Executive Committee in May 2019. Councillor McGeever intimated that, as the motion had been submitted to the full Council, his preference would be for the report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Council in June 2019.

The Council decided:

- (1) that the minutes be approved as a correct record; and
- (2) to note that a report, detailing options for the implementation and operation of a guaranteed interview scheme for ex-armed forces personnel, would be submitted to the next meeting of the Council in June 2019.

Councillors Hose, Lockhart and Wark entered the meeting during this item of business

3 Minutes of Special Meeting – 20 February 2019

The minutes of the special meeting of the South Lanarkshire Council held on 20 February 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record

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

4 Minutes of Special Meeting – 27 February 2019

The minutes of the special meeting of the South Lanarkshire Council held on 27 February 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record

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

5 Minutes of Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee

The minutes of the meeting of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee held on 14 November 2018 were submitted for noting.

The Council decided: that the minutes be noted.

6 South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board – Appointment of Chair

A report dated 20 February 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the appointment of a Chair to the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (IJB).

The Standing Orders of the IJB allowed for the Council and NHS Lanarkshire to appoint the Chair and Depute Chair of the IJB on an alternating basis. After a 3-year period, responsibility for each position transferred to the other party.

A Non Executive Director of NHS Lanarkshire currently held the position of Chair of the IJB and Councillor Bradley held the position of Depute Chair. Those appointments would expire on 31 March 2019 and responsibility for appointing the Chair of the IJB would transfer to the Council.

It was proposed that, with effect from 1 April 2019, Councillor Bradley be appointed as Chair of the South Lanarkshire IJB for a period of 3 years.

The Head of Administration and Legal Services addressed concerns raised by Councillor Falconer in respect of the process for the appointment of the Chair and Depute Chair of the IJB and any perceived conflict of interest in terms of Councillor Bradley's role on the Social Work Resources Committee.

The Council decided: that Councillor Bradley be appointed as Chair of the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board.

7 2019/2020 Revenue Budget Update – Approved Budget

A report dated 1 March 2019 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the approved 2019/2020 Revenue Budget position across Resources following the special Council meeting held on 27 February 2019.

The total budget for 2019/2020, taking into account the amendments approved by the Council, was now £720.363 million and made up as follows:-

	£ million
Government Grant	570.132
Assumed Government Funding – Teachers' Pension Contribution Rate	5.709
Debt Flexibility Reserve	5.300
Capital Fund/Receipt Reserve	4.000
Use of 2018/2019 Underspend from Reserves	3.000
Use of Reserves	0.215
Council Tax	132.007
Total funding	720.363

Details of the approved budget across Resources and the different expenditure categories were provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

On the basis that the budget decisions were conditional on receipt of the Local Government Finance (Scotland) Order 2019, the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) advised that the Order had been received on 7 March 2019 which allowed the condition to be purified. He further advised that the Order confirmed the allocation of additional ring-fenced funding totalling £5.066 million, which did not affect any decision previously taken, for Discretionary Housing Payment, 1+2 Languages, Barclay Review, Free Personal Care and the Carers Act.

The Council decided: that the report and update from the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of special meeting of 27 February 2019 (Paragraph 3)]

8 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

