

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 21 November 2018

Chair:

Councillor John Ross (ex officio)

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor John Anderson, Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Walter Brogan, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Stephanie Callaghan (*substitute for Councillor Gladys Miller*), Councillor Graeme Campbell, Councillor Maureen Chalmers (Depute), Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Peter Craig, Councillor Fiona Dryburgh, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Alistair Fulton, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Richard Lockhart (*substitute for Councillor Richard Nelson*), Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Joe Lowe, Councillor Colin McGavigan, Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Mo Razzaq (*substitute for Councillor Davie McLachlan*), Councillor Graham Scott (*substitute for Councillor Gerry Convery*), Councillor Collette Stevenson (*substitute for Councillor David Shearer*), Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor David Shearer

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; T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; K McVeigh, Head of Personnel Services

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director; A Finnan, Head of Housing Services

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 Executive Committee held on 26 September 2018 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 8 – 1 April to 12 October 2018

A report dated 22 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the physical and financial progress at 12 October 2018 on the various capital programmes.

The General Fund Capital Programme totalled £69.646 million and the Housing Capital Programme £53.664 million. The General Fund Programme had been revised to reflect a number of adjustments which were detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

At 12 October 2018, £25.501 million had been spent on the General Fund Revenue Account Capital Programme and £24.401 million on the Housing Capital Programme.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the position on the various Capital Programmes for 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposed adjustments to the General Fund Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved; and
- (3) that the revised programmes be monitored by the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum.

[Reference: Minutes of 26 September 2018 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Revenue Budget Monitoring for Period 8 – 1 April to 12 October 2018

A report dated 22 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure against budgeted expenditure for the period ending 12 October 2018.

The figures included an underspend of £7.876 million on the General Fund 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.

At this stage in the year, it was forecast that there would be an underspend of £10.222 million at the year end. Included within the underspend, was £2.300 million and £0.188 million, which was ring-fenced for the Pupil Equity Fund and temporary homelessness respectively. In addition, the updated 2019/2020 Budget Strategy proposed that £4.000 million be used to reduce the savings requirement over the next 2 years. The remaining £3.734 million, which was uncommitted at this stage, could be considered for use in future Budget Strategies or, if required, to balance the budget following final notification of the 2019/2020 grant settlement.

There were currently reductions in the elements of work that were planned within the Property Service Trading Operation. This reflected some works on Primary Schools and Early Learning and timing of works on the Housing Programme. This was likely to result in a lower surplus than planned for the year, which would, in turn, impact on the General Fund Revenue Account. Work was ongoing to quantify the impact this position would have and this would be reported to a future meeting of this Committee.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the underspend on the General Fund Revenue Account at 12 October 2018 and forecast to 31 March 2019 be noted;

- (2) that the outturn underspend of £10.222 million and position relating to the uncommitted amount totalling £3.734 million be noted; and
- (3) that the breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account at 12 October 2018 and the forecast to 31 March 2019 of a breakeven position be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 26 September 2018 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Trading Services' Financial Performance for Period 8 – 1 April to 12 October 2018

A report dated 22 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the projected financial results for 2018/2019 for the Council's Trading Services.

The target for Trading Services' surpluses had been set at £11.466 million. In the period to 17 August 2018, this was revised to £11.941 million. In the period to 12 October 2018, the figure had been further revised to £11.934 million to reflect a transfer of budget that had taken place from the Corporate Items budget line to the Trading Operations in respect of the allocation of the 2018/2019 Rates Poundage.

At 12 October 2018, surpluses of £4.961 million had been achieved.

The Committee decided: that the surpluses achieved to 12 October 2018 of £4.961 million be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 26 September 2018 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Additional Funding from the Scottish Government and Other External Sources

A report dated 23 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on additional revenue funding totalling £0.053 million and additional capital funding of £0.089 million made available to Housing and Technical Resources and Community and Enterprise Resources, respectively, from the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and Scottish Natural Heritage to support the:-

- ◆ Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy
- ◆ Clydesdale Transportation Appraisal
- ◆ Langlands Moss Local Nature Reserve

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 26 September 2018 (Paragraph 6)]

7 Council Plan Connect 2017 to 2022 – Quarter 2 Progress Report 2018/2019

A report dated 25 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the progress of 'Connect', the Council Plan 2017 to 2022, at the Quarter 2 stage of 2018/2019, 1 April to 30 September 2018.

'Connect' detailed the Council's vision, objectives and priorities to be delivered in the 5 year period from 2017 to 2022. Progress made on key priorities and objectives was summarised in the report. Of the 218 measures contained in the Plan:-

- ◆ 169 had been achieved or were on course to be achieved with no issues anticipated
- ◆ 11 were on course to be achieved but might be the subject of some minor slippage
- ◆ 0 measures were not on course to be achieved or were subject to considerable slippage
- ◆ 38 measures would be reported at a later stage

The 'Connect' Performance Report for Quarter 2, 2018/2019, covering the period to the end of September 2018, was attached as an appendix to the report. Measures which were categorised as not on course to achieve, would be considered in detail in the appropriate Quarter 2 Resource Plan Reports to be submitted to individual Resource Committees in the forthcoming cycle of meetings.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 8 November 2017 (Paragraph 7)]

8 Revenue Budget Strategy 2019/2020 and Savings Proposals

A report dated 29 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the 2019/2020 Revenue Budget Strategy and a prioritised package of savings required in preparation of the 2019/2020 revenue budget.

At its meeting on 27 June 2018, the Committee had approved the Council's Revenue Budget Strategy for 2019/2020. Based on a number of assumptions, a requirement for savings totalling £18.283 million had been identified for 2019/2020.

An update on strategy assumptions in relation to teachers' pensions and job evaluations was provided in the report.

A number of corporate solutions had been identified to minimise the level of savings required in 2019/2020, resulting in a revised savings requirement of £13.004 million, including:-

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| ◆ annual payment to Police Scotland | £0.502 million |
| ◆ council tax collected from new properties | £0.527 million |
| ◆ council tax collected from long-term empty properties | £0.250 million |
| ◆ use of anticipated 2018/2019 underspends | £2.000 million |
| ◆ Loan Charges | £2.000 million |

In 2018/2019, the Council had approved a 3% increase to all Council Tax Bands. If a similar 3% increase was applied in 2019/2020, this could generate £3.792 million of additional Council Tax income which would result in a revised savings requirement in the 2019/2020 budget of £9.212 million.

A package of savings totalling £13.181 million had been developed and was detailed in the appendix to the report. The savings had been broken down into the following categories:-

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| ◆ savings previously approved | £0.140 million |
| ◆ efficiency and outturn | £11.894 million |
| ◆ charging | £0.332 million |
| ◆ service impact | £0.815 million |

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

The proposed savings relating to Social Work Resources were included as part of the Council's overall savings package for approval. In approving those savings, there would be a reduction in the allocation of funds to the Integrated Joint Board. The proposed savings were in relation to efficiencies.

Contained in the 2019/2020 savings proposals, was a number of savings and corporate solutions which were of a temporary nature. In 2020/2021, the Council would require to include an additional £5.022 million within the revenue budget to address this.

The Council would not receive confirmation of its final grant figures until week commencing 17 December 2018 and an updated position would be provided to this Committee when confirmation of the figures from the Scottish Government had been received.

The Committee decided: that consideration of the Revenue Budget and savings proposals for 2019/2020 be continued until the Council's grant figures from the Scottish Government had been confirmed.

9 Future Capital Investment Strategy

A report dated 30 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted detailing the basis for a medium term Capital Investment Strategy, covering a period of 10 years, to assist in shaping future capital programmes from 2020 onwards.

Following the publication of the revised Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities 2017, there was a new requirement for councils to produce a Capital Strategy.

Details of the key areas which would impact on the capital outlook over the medium term for the Council included:-

- ◆ identification of major capital investment requirements
- ◆ potential sources of capital funding
- ◆ key issues and risks that would impact on the delivery of the Capital Investment Strategy and other long-term liabilities
- ◆ the alignment of the Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy, including the governance arrangements in place
- ◆ the governance framework required to ensure the Capital Investment Strategy was delivered
- ◆ the skills and knowledge of employees responsible for delivering capital and treasury management

The Council's proposed future Capital Investment Strategy to 2027/2028 was detailed in an appendix to the report.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Chalmers, moved that the recommendation contained in the report be approved. Councillor Fagan, seconded by Councillor Brogan, moved as an amendment that consideration of the report be continued until the next meeting of South Lanarkshire Council.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 14 members voted for the amendment and 14 for the motion. On the casting vote of the Chair, the motion was declared carried.

The Committee decided: that the Capital Investment Strategy, as detailed in the report, be approved.

10 Capital Programme 2019/2020 Update

A report dated 1 November 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on an updated General Services' Capital Programme for 2019/2020.

General Services' Capital Programme for the 3 financial years 2017/2018 to 2019/2020 had been approved by this Committee on 16 February 2017.

The approved Programme for 2019/2020 totalled £53.284 million.

As part of the work to develop a longer term Capital Strategy, a number of key areas of spend had been identified which would impact on General Services' Capital Programme for 2019/2020 as follows:-

◆ Roads - Carriageway Investment	£4.000 million
◆ Roads - Other Roads Infrastructure Works	£2.400 million
◆ Roads - Bridges	£6.000 million
◆ Schools' Growth and Capacities	£0.650 million
◆ Primary Schools' Modernisation Programme	£1.527 million
◆ Early Years – 1140 Hours	£4.680 million

Taking account of those adjustments, totalling £19.257 million, resulted in a revised General Services' Capital Budget for 2019/2020 totalling £72.541 million.

Details of the revised General Services' Capital Programme 2019/2020 were given in the appendices to the report.

The Committee decided: that the proposed additions to General Services' Capital Programme 2019/2020 totalling £19.257 million, as detailed in the report, be approved.

11 Council Tax – Long-term Empty Properties

A report dated 2 November 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted:-

- ◆ detailing the powers available to vary council tax on long-term empty dwellings
- ◆ on proposals to implement changes in the current arrangements from 1 April 2019

The Council had discretionary powers, introduced by Regulations in 2013, to implement a 100% council tax levy on long-term empty properties. This related to unoccupied dwellings not being marketed for sale or rent that had been continuously unoccupied for more than 12 months.

Currently, there were 495 domestic properties in South Lanarkshire that were categorised as long-term empty in the council tax system. Those properties currently received a 10% empty and unfurnished discount to an annual value of £0.050 million.

It was proposed that the Council exercise its discretionary powers contained in the Regulations to implement a 100% surcharge on long-term empty properties effective from 1 April 2019. The increased charge did not apply to water and wastewater charges, with long-term defined as being greater than 12 months.

In cases of new ownership, and to give the new owner the opportunity to bring the property back into use, a 90% charge could be applied for a maximum period of 12 months. Consideration of entitlement and duration would be made on a case by case basis, with responsibility delegated to the Head of Finance (Transactions) to determine applications.

Existing staff within the Benefits and Revenue Service and Housing and Technical Resources would work with owners to give support to bring properties back into use by providing advice and assistance on all options available to them.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Council implement a 100% council tax levy on long-term empty properties from 1 April 2019; and
- (2) that discretion to not apply the levy be restricted to cases of new ownership and that powers be delegated to the Head of Finance (Transactions) to consider applications on a case by case basis.

12 Council Charging Policy and Proposals

A report dated 2 November 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the implementation of a Council-wide Charging Policy.

The Council currently charged for a number of services delivered across South Lanarkshire and it was considered that a Council-wide Policy was required to set out clearly the Council's approach to charging, stating what the Council charged for and what would be considered when the Council made a charge.

As well as proposing the key principles to be included in the Charging Policy, details were provided on a review carried out on the Council's current level of charges. Key areas covered in the review included:-

- ◆ areas of charging covered
- ◆ the current practice on setting charges, including guidance on charging that had influenced the development of the Council's Charging Policy
- ◆ proposals and key elements contained in the Charging Policy
- ◆ proposals for charging in 2019/2020
- ◆ the outcome of a benchmarking exercise in relation to charging

As part of the proposals for 2019/2020, a 3% inflationary increase would be implemented on all charges with the exception of parking charges and Social Work charges.

The Charging Policy document was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Council's Charging Policy, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved; and
- (2) that the proposed 3% inflationary increase in charging, as detailed in the report, be noted.

13 Proposed Shared Lanarkshire British Sign Language Plan

A report dated 18 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the content of the Shared British Sign Language (BSL) Plan which had been developed as a requirement of the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015.

The shared BSL plan for Lanarkshire, which was attached as an appendix to the report, had been developed in partnership with North and South Lanarkshire Councils and the NHS to reflect the long-term goals of Scotland's National Plan. The Plan set out a number of actions that the Council would take and how it would:-

- ◆ offer deaf and deafblind children and their families the right information and support at the right time to engage with BSL
- ◆ support children and young people to:-
 - ◆ reach their full potential at every stage of their learning
 - ◆ offer parents who used BSL the same opportunities as other parents to be fully involved in their children's education
- ◆ enable more pupils to learn BSL at school
- ◆ support BSL users to develop skills for work and progress in their chosen career
- ◆ make the Council's information and services accessible to BSL users so as they could lead informed, healthy and active lives
- ◆ contribute to making the Council's transport safe, fair and inclusive
- ◆ enable BSL users to take part in culture and the arts as participants, audience members and professionals
- ◆ actively encourage BSL users to participate in community and democratic life

Details were provided on the:-

- ◆ Council's duty under the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015
- ◆ rationale for developing a Shared British Sign Language Plan
- ◆ methodology and outcomes relating to the consultation process carried out on the Plan

Public sector organisations had published their BSL Plans in October 2018 and the Council's had been published within this timescale subject to approval by this Committee.

The Committee decided: that the shared Lanarkshire British Sign Language Plan be approved.

14 Rutherglen and Cambuslang Pathfinder Project – Care Experienced Children and Children on the Edges of Care

A joint report dated 31 October 2018 by the Executive Directors (Education Resources), (Finance and Corporate Resources) and the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted on the implementation of an alternative intervention model for care experienced children and children on the "edges of care" who were experiencing difficulty in fully accessing the school curriculum as well as fulfilling their health and wellbeing outcomes within their communities.

Following a series of meetings, it had been agreed that there was a requirement to carry out a distinct area of work in the Rutherglen/Cambuslang area in relation to outcomes for children and their families. Positive health and wellbeing was a priority for Education and Social Work Resources, however, the Rutherglen/Cambuslang area was presenting a number of unique challenges when trying to achieve positive outcomes for young people who were care experienced or on the edge of the care process.

It had been identified that there was a need to implement a targeted approach by creating a multi-disciplinary team that would work with identified groups of young people on either an individual basis or in a group setting.

It was proposed that the model adopted should be tested over a 2 year period while considering the opportunities to upscale the model across the Council.

The multi-disciplinary team would be employed, with a temporary location, for an initial period of 2 years in keeping with the Pathfinder Initiative. The team would consist of:-

- ◆ 1 post of Team Leader at Grade 3, Level 4, SCP 70 to 74 (£32,249 to £35,311)
- ◆ 6 posts of Youth Family and Community Learning Worker at Grade 2, Level 1, SCP 33 to 35 (£19,307 to £19,909)
- ◆ 1 post of Clerical Assistant at Grade 1, Level 1 to 3, SCP 20 to 27 (£15,949 to £17,683)

The cost of the pilot would be met using funding streams from Education, Social Work and Finance and Corporate Resources, with some additional funding from the Scottish Government's Scottish Attainment Challenge Fund.

In terms of governance, an annual report would be submitted to the Education Resources Committee in relation to progress and developments.

The Committee decided: that the Pathfinder Initiative for care experienced children and children on the "edge" of care in the Rutherglen/Cambuslang area and the establishment of the multi-disciplinary team to support the Initiative, as detailed in the report, be approved.

15 Glasgow City Region City Deal – Hamilton Community Growth Area, Highstonehall Road Improvements – Full Business Case

A report dated 12 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ the Final Business Case for the Highstonehall Road, Hamilton Improvement element of the Hamilton Community Growth Area (CGA) City Deal project
- ◆ the next steps in delivering the project

The Full Business Case, which was summarised in an appendix to the report, had been produced for the Highstonehall Road element of the Hamilton CGA and had continued to make the case for the project in terms of:-

- ◆ strategic fit
- ◆ commercial case
- ◆ economic case
- ◆ financial case
- ◆ management case

The production of a Full Business Case was the final City Deal approval milestone for this element of the Hamilton CGA project and provided details of the delivery and construction of the school extension.

Approval of the Full Business Case would release funds to meet the cost of construction work which would complete by April 2019.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Highstonehall Road, Hamilton Improvements Full Business Case be approved; and
- (2) that grant funding be requested, in accordance with the City Deal distribution process outlined in the Assurance Framework, in relation to the delivery of the project, with the detailed arrangements to be approved by the City Deal Chief Executive's Group and City Deal Cabinet.

16 Glasgow City Region City Deal – Newton Community Growth Area, Westburn Road Roundabout – Full Business Case

A report dated 12 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ the Final Business Case for the Westburn Roundabout element of the Newton Community Growth (CGA) Area City Deal project
- ◆ the next steps in delivering the project

The Full Business Case, which was summarised in an appendix to the report and which had been produced for the Westburn Roundabout element of the Newton CGA, had continued to make the case for the project in terms of:-

- ◆ strategic fit
- ◆ commercial case
- ◆ economic case
- ◆ financial case
- ◆ management case

The production of a Full Business Case was the final City Deal approval milestone for this element of the Newton CGA project and provided details of the delivery and construction of the school extension.

Approval of the Full Business Case would release funds to meet the cost of construction work which would commence by March 2019.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Westburn Roundabout Improvement element of the Newton CGA Full Business Case be approved; and
- (2) that grant funding be requested, in accordance with the City Deal distribution process outlined in the Assurance Framework, in relation to the delivery of the project, with the detailed arrangements to be approved by the City Deal Chief Executive's Group and City Deal Cabinet.

17 Sustainable Development Update – Statutory Climate Change Duties Report 2017/2018

A report dated 16 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Council's Statutory Climate Change Duties Report for 2017/2018.

The Council's Climate Change Duties Report 2017/2018, which was the second report submitted under the statutory reporting requirements, was set out in 2 sections, including the "required" section and the "recommended" section. Details of what was included in both of the sections, together with key achievements and highlights in 2017/2018, were summarised in the report and detailed in the appendices to the report.

The Committee decided: that the Council's Climate Change Duties Report 2017/2018, as detailed in the appendices to the report, be approved and submitted to the Scottish Government by the due date of 30 November 2018.

[Reference: Minutes of 16 November 2017 (Paragraph 11)]

18 Amendments to Membership of Committees and Outside Bodies

A report dated 9 November 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on proposals to amend the positions of Chair and Depute Chair on the East Kilbride Area Committee.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that Councillor Watson be replaced by Councillor Buchanan as Chair of the East Kilbride Area Committee; and
- (2) that Councillor Buchanan be replaced by Councillor Dorman as Depute Chair of the East Kilbride Area Committee.

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

19 Recommendations Referred from Resource Committees

A report dated 5 November 2018 by the Chief Executive was submitted on recommendations which had been referred to this Committee by the:-

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

The recommendations of the Committees were as follows:-

Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 22 May 2018

- ◆ that the South Lanarkshire Biodiversity Strategy and Biodiversity Implementation Plan 2018 to 2022 be approved and published on the Council's website

[Reference: Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 22 May 2018 (Paragraph 6)]

Education Resources Committee of 18 September 2018

- ◆ that Education Resources' Resource Plan for 2018/2019 be approved

[Reference: Minutes of the Education Resources Committee of 18 September 2018 (Paragraph 6)]

Social Work Resources Committee of 19 September 2018

- ◆ that Social Work Resources' Resource Plan for 2018/2019 be approved

[Reference: Minutes of the Social Work Resources Committee of 19 September 2018 (Paragraph 6)]

Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 September 2018

- ◆ that Finance and Corporate Resources' Resource Plan for 2018/2019 be approved

[Reference: Minutes of the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee of 19 September 2018 (Paragraph 11)]

Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 30 October 2018

- ◆ that the Renewable Energy Fund Community Benefit Fund and Funding Framework be approved

[Reference: Minutes of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 30 October 2018 (Paragraph 6)]

The Committee decided:

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

20 Local Housing Strategy (LHS) Annual Review 2017/2018

A report dated 30 October 2018 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on progress achieved during 2017/2018 against delivering the agreed outcomes set out in the 5 year Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2017 to 2022.

The LHS was structured around 5 chapters and 9 priority outcomes. There were 98 measures against which the Council monitored progress, including 65 actions and 33 associated indicators. Only 1 of the 98 measures was below anticipated levels and related to advice and information provided to private home owners as part of the Council's Scheme of Assistance.

Details of performance highlights and key achievements were provided in the report together with progress made against each of the following 5 chapters:-

- ◆ housing supply, choice and affordability
- ◆ housing quality and energy efficiency
- ◆ supporting independent living and specialist provision
- ◆ addressing homelessness
- ◆ sustainable places

The Committee decided: that the progress on achieving the actions for delivering the agreed Local Housing Strategy priority outcomes be noted and published on the Council's website.

[Reference: Minutes of 30 August 2017 (Paragraph 10)]

21 Representation on South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited Board

A report dated 31 October 2018 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 an amendment to the membership of South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Board.

The Committee decided: that the 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, to replace Councillor Watson with Councillor Craig as a Council representative on the South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Board be noted.

22 Item of Urgent Business – Impact of Brexit

In terms of Standing Order No 4, the Chair decided that, in view of the requirement for the Council to consider its position in relation to the impact of Brexit on the people of South Lanarkshire, this matter be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Brown tabled a motion asking the Committee to note what he considered as the most significant implications of Brexit for the people of South Lanarkshire. He then outlined, verbally, the current position relating to the Brexit negotiations and the stance taken by the various political parties at a national level.

Councillor Brown concluded by formally moving that the Council support the call for a People's Vote on any Brexit deal with an option to remain in the EU and that the Chief Executive write to South Lanarkshire's MPs, MSPs and MEPs informing them of the Council's view and asking them to support such a People's Vote. The motion was seconded by Councillor Anderson.

Councillor Fagan, seconded by Councillor Brogan, moved as an amendment that the Council support a fresh General Election and the option for a People's Vote on any final Brexit deal with an option to remain in the EU and that the Chief Executive write to South Lanarkshire's MPs, MSPs and MEPs informing them of the Council's view.

Councillor Allison, seconded by Councillor Lockhart, moved as a second amendment that the motion be rejected.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands between the second amendment (moved by Councillor Allison and seconded by Councillor Lockhart) and the first amendment (moved by Councillor Fagan and seconded by Councillor Brogan), 5 members voted for the second amendment and 8 for the first amendment. The first amendment was declared carried and placed against the motion. On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 8 members voted for the amendment and 12 for the motion which was declared carried.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Council support the call for a People's Vote on any final Brexit deal with an option to remain in the EU; and
- (2) that the Chief Executive write to South Lanarkshire's MPs, MSPs and MEPs informing them of the Council's view and to ask them to support such a People's Vote.

Councillor Le Blond left and re-entered the meeting during this item of business.