



Council Offices, Almada Street  
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Tuesday, 20 March 2018

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, 28 February 2018  
**Time:** 11:30 (or immediately following the Executive Committee, whichever is the later)  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA

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

<b>Members are reminded to bring their fully charged tablets to the meeting</b>
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Yours sincerely

**Lindsay Freeland**  
**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, 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, Sheena Wardhaugh, Jared Wark, David Watson, Josh Wilson

## **BUSINESS**

### **1 Sederunt and Declaration of Interests**

### **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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Minutes of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Council held on 6 December 2017 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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### **Item(s) for Decision**

### **3 Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee - Housing Revenue 9 - 12**

**and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019; Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019; Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019**  
Report dated 28 February 2018 by the Chief Executive. (Copy to be tabled)

### **4 Sale and Use of Single-use Plastic Items - Notice of Motion**

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 19 on 9 February 2018, proposed by Councillor McClymont, seconded by Councillor Dryburgh, as follows:-

"This motion calls on South Lanarkshire Council to end the sale and use of single-use plastic items such as cups, cutlery and plastic drinking straws across Council facilities within a year. The motion also calls on South Lanarkshire to promote South Lanarkshire Leisure and Cultural Resources to follow the Council's initiative."

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### **Urgent Business**

### **5 Urgent Business**

Any other items of business which the Provost decides are urgent.

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## SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 6 December 2017

### Chair:

Provost Ian McAllan

### Councillors Present:

Alex Allison, John Bradley, Walter Brogan, Robert Brown, Archie Buchanan, Jackie Burns, Janine Calikes, 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, Alistair Fulton, Geri Gray, George Greenshields, Lynsey Hamilton, Eric Holford, Graeme Horne, Mark Horsham, Martin Grant Hose, Ann Le Blond, Martin Lennon, Richard Lockhart, Eileen Logan, Katy Loudon, Joe Lowe, Monique McAdams, Ian McAllan, Kenny McCreary, Hugh Macdonald, Colin McGavigan, Mark McGeever, Jim McGuigan, Davie McLachlan, Julia Marrs, Gladys Miller, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson, Carol Nugent, Mo Razzaq, John Ross, Graham Scott, David Shearer, Collette Stevenson (Depute), Bert Thomson, Jim Wardhaugh, Jared Wark, David Watson, Josh Wilson

### Councillors' Apologies:

John Anderson, Stephanie Callaghan, Ian Harrow, Catherine McClymont, Margaret B Walker, 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

#### Social Work Resources

L Purdie, Head of Children and Justice Services

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### Provost's Opening Remarks

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The Provost:-

- ◆ welcomed Councillor Martin Lennon to his first Council meeting
- ◆ advised that, in terms of Standing Order No 4(c), he had an item of urgent business which would be dealt with at the appropriate point of the meeting

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### Death of Former MP, Jim Hood

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Councillor McLachlan referred to the recent death of Jim Hood, former MP for Lanark and Hamilton East. As a mark of respect, all present observed a minute's silence.

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### 1 Declaration of Interests

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No interests were declared.

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## **2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Council held on 27 September 2017 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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## **3 Recommendation Referred by the Executive Committee - Council Plan, Connect, 2017 to 2022**

A report dated 22 November 2017 by the Chief Executive was submitted on the recommendation which had been referred to the Council by the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 in relation to the new Council Plan, Connect 2017 to 2022. The recommendation was that the new Council Plan, Connect 2017 to 2022, be approved.

**The Council decided:** that the recommendation of the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 in relation to the new Council Plan, Connect 2017 to 2022, be approved.

*[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 8 November 2017 (Paragraph 15)]*

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## **4 Amendment to Standing Order No 4 - Notice of Motion**

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

“Motion to amend Standing Order No 4 by replacing “3 clear days” every time it occurs with “5 clear days” (with the exception of public holidays). Amended Standing Order No 4 to read:-

### **4 Notice of Meeting**

- a At least 5 clear days (with the exception of public holidays) before a Council meeting the following must happen.
  - The Chief Executive must publish the time and place of the meeting at the Council's offices. If the meeting is held at short notice, these will be published straight away. If the meeting is called by members of the Council, the notice must be signed by those members and must set out the business they want to deal with.
  - Every Council member must be sent an electronic summons. The summons must set out the business that will be dealt with.
- b Any summons must give a note of the business and the proposed order for dealing with business at the meeting. We cannot deal with other business unless someone brings it before us as a matter of urgency under the following paragraph. If a meeting is called by councillors, we can only deal with the business listed in the councillors' request.
- c If business has not been specified in the summons, we can only deal with any additional business at the meeting if the chairperson of the meeting rules that there are special reasons why it is urgent. We must know about the item at the start of the meeting when we decide on the order of business.
- d If a Council member does not receive a summons, the meeting will still be valid.

- e Members of the public and press can get electronic copies of the agenda for a Council meeting at least 5 clear days before the meeting (with the exception of public holidays). Hard copies will be available to view at our Council Offices, Hamilton. This will not be the case if the meeting is called at short notice. If this is the case, the public and press can get copies when the meeting is called. If an item of business is added to the agenda, the public and press can get copies at that time.

It is proposed that the implementation of this amendment will take place at the start of the financial year 2018/2019.”

In moving the motion, Councillor Ross intimated that it was similar in content to that submitted previously by Councillor S Wardhaugh and, he considered, was conducive to the Council’s commitment to openness and transparency. Councillor Craig seconded the motion.

**The Council decided:** that, with effect from 1 April 2018, Standing Order No 4 be amended, as detailed above, to replace “3 clear days” every time it occurs with “5 clear days” (with the exception of public holidays).

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## **5 Equality and Inclusivity for Young People of LGBTI+ Identities - Notice of Motion**

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

“Council affirms that all young people in South Lanarkshire and across Scotland have the right to study in a learning environment which is fully inclusive, tolerant and accepting of LGBTI+ identities, and which is free of homophobic and transphobic bullying. Council notes the contribution of the recently published Stonewall School Report, a study into the experiences of lesbian, gay, bi and trans young people in Britain’s schools in 2017.

Council resolves to work closely with external stakeholders, including equalities organisations, such as Stonewall Scotland, Tie Campaign, or LGBT Youth Scotland and the Scottish Government, to ensure that homophobic and transphobic bullying in South Lanarkshire schools is effectively tackled and that South Lanarkshire classrooms actively promote equality and inclusivity for young people of LGBTI+ identities.”

In moving the motion, Councillor Dryburgh referred to the fact that some young people who had experienced homophobic and/or transphobic bullying had taken their own lives. Councillor McAdams seconded the motion.

Councillor Loudon intimated that she welcomed the motion to tackle bullying and promote inclusive education.

Councillor J Wardhaugh advised that, while he had no issues with the motion, he considered that this Council had a long record of fighting all forms of discrimination. He, therefore, moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Cooper, that the wording of the second paragraph of the motion be amended to read as follows:-

“Council resolves to work closely with external stakeholders, including equalities organisations, such as Stonewall Scotland, Tie Campaign, or LGBT Youth Scotland and the Scottish Government, to ensure that homophobic and transphobic bullying in South Lanarkshire schools is effectively tackled. South Lanarkshire Council will continue to actively promote equality and inclusion for all young people in its schools.”

Following a full and frank exchange of views, on a vote being taken by a show of hands, 22 voted for the amendment and 33 for the motion which was declared carried.

**The Council decided:** that the terms of the motion be supported to work closely with external stakeholders, including equalities organisations, such as Stonewall Scotland, Tie Campaign, or LGBT Youth Scotland and the Scottish Government, to ensure that homophobic and transphobic bullying in South Lanarkshire schools is effectively tackled and that South Lanarkshire classrooms actively promote equality and inclusivity for young people of LGBTI+ identities.

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## **6 State Pension Arrangements for Women Born in the 1950s - Notice of Motion**

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

“South Lanarkshire Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s affected by the changes in State Pension Age and who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age with a lack of appropriate notification.

The Council fully endorses the aims of Women Against State Pension Inequality.”

Councillor Devlin moved the motion and this was seconded by Councillor Hamilton who referred to the injustice for some women losing a significant amount of money from their state pension.

Councillor Donnelly, seconded by Councillor Marrs, moved as an amendment that “UK” be inserted prior to the word “Government” in the first line of the motion. This was accepted and the motion before the meeting was duly amended. On a vote being taken by a show of hands, 45 members voted in favour of the motion as amended. The Conservative Group Leader asked that his Group’s abstention to the vote be noted.

**The Council decided:** that the terms of the motion as amended be supported to fully endorse the aims of Women Against State Pension Inequality by calling upon the UK Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s affected by the changes in State Pension Age and who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age with a lack of appropriate notification.

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## **7 Item of Urgent Business – The Royal Bank of Scotland – Proposed Branch Closures**

In terms of Standing Order No 4(c), the Provost decided that, in view of the requirement to confirm the Council’s position as soon as possible, consideration be given to the following item as a matter of urgency.

A statement by the Leader of the Council, which had cross-party agreement, was tabled in response to an announcement by the Royal Bank of Scotland of its intention to close 62 branches in Scotland which would impact on local communities, especially those in rural areas and those where there were no other bank branches.

Councillor Brown intimated that there was potential for the Council to enter into discussions with banks in relation to banking practices to assist local communities.

**The Council decided:** to support efforts to oppose the proposed Royal Bank of Scotland closures and mitigate the impact on local communities and residents.





# Report

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Report to: **South Lanarkshire Council**  
Date of Meeting: **28 February 2018**  
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee – Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019; Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019; Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

allow consideration of the recommendations of the Executive Committee of 28 February 2018 in relation to the following issues:-

- ◆ Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019
- ◆ Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019
- ◆ Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

(1) that the recommendations from the Executive Committee of 28 February 2018 in relation to the following issues be approved:-

### (a) Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be approved subject to the removal of the following items from the Housing Revenue Account savings proposals for 2018/2019 in relation to the rationalisation of services in tower blocks:-
  - ◆ removal of Greenhill Court night shift cover £0.087 million
  - ◆ reduction in communal cleaning £0.021 million
  - ◆ rationalisation of the laundry service £0.010 million
- ◆ that the weekly rent increase of 3.95% for Council houses be approved
- ◆ that the 3.95% increase also be applied to the rent of lockups, garage sites and travelling persons' sites
- ◆ that the Council's factoring fee be increased from £28.08 to £28.78 per quarter
- ◆ that the next stage of rent harmonisation be progressed as detailed in the report

- ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase of 3.95%, the 2018/2019 Housing Capital Programme of £44.935 million, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved
- ◆ that an indicative rent increase baseline of 3.95% for Council houses for financial years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 be approved

**(b) Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019**

- ◆ that the Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 be approved;
- ◆ that the budget allocations for each Resource, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved;
- ◆ that the band D Council Tax for 2018/2019 be set at a figure of £1,134;
- ◆ that the actions required to finalise the Council's detailed Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 be approved;
- ◆ that governance arrangements, incorporating the Performance and Review Scrutiny Forum, the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum and the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum, be continued.

**(c) Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019**

- ◆ that the Prudential Indicators for the period 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/2019 and the Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019 be approved

**3. Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee – Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019**

3.1. The Housing and Technical Resources Committee (Special) of 21 February 2018 had made the following recommendations to the Executive Committee:-

**Housing Revenue and Capital Account Budget 2018/2019**

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be endorsed subject to the removal of the following items from the Housing Revenue Account savings proposals for 2018/2019 in relation to the rationalisation of services in tower blocks:-
  - ◆ removal of Greenhill Court night shift cover £0.087 million
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- ◆ that the Council's factoring fee be increased from £28.08 to £28.78 per quarter
- ◆ that the next stage of rent harmonisation be progressed as detailed in the report
- ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase, the 2018/2019 Housing Capital Programme of £44.935 million, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be endorsed
- ◆ that an indicative rent increase baseline of 3.95% for Council houses in 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 be endorsed

**The Executive Committee recommended to the Council:**

- ◆ that the Revenue Estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2018/2019, as detailed in the report, be approved subject to the removal of the following items from the Housing Revenue Account savings proposals for 2018/2019 in relation to the rationalisation of services in tower blocks:-
  - ◆ removal of Greenhill Court night shift cover £0.087 million
  - ◆ reduction in communal cleaning £0.021 million

- ◆ rationalisation of the laundry service £0.010 million
- ◆ that the weekly rent increase of 3.95% for Council houses be approved
- ◆ that the 3.95% increase also be applied to the rent of lockups, garage sites and travelling persons' sites
- ◆ that the Council's factoring fee be increased from £28.08 to £28.78 per quarter
- ◆ that the next stage of rent harmonisation be progressed as detailed in the report
- ◆ that, based on the proposed rent increase of 3.95%, the 2018/2019 Housing Capital Programme of £44.935 million, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report, be approved
- ◆ that an indicative rent increase baseline of 3.95% for Council houses for financial years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 be approved

#### **4. Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee – Revenue Budget and Level of Local Taxation 2018/2019**

4.1. At its meeting held earlier today, the Executive Committee considered a report dated 21 February 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) on:-

- ◆ the outcome of the budget process and the content of the Council's Revenue Budget for 2018/2019
- ◆ the budget allocation to each Council Resource as detailed in the appendix to the report
- ◆ the proposed level of Council Tax for 2018/2019
- ◆ arrangements to monitor and review budgetary performance at Service, Resource and corporate levels

#### **The Executive Committee recommended to the Council:**

- (1) that the Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 be approved;
- (2) that the budget allocations for each Resource, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved;
- (3) that the band D Council Tax for 2018/2019 be set at a figure of £1,134;
- (4) that the actions required to finalise the Council's detailed Revenue Budget for 2018/2019 be approved;
- (5) that governance arrangements, incorporating the Performance and Review Scrutiny Forum, the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Forum and the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum, be continued.

#### **5. Recommendations Referred by Executive Committee - Prudential Indicators 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019**

5.1. At its meeting held earlier today, the Executive Committee considered a report dated 6 February 2018 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) on:-

- ◆ the Prudential Code Indicators for 2018/2019 to 2020/2021
- ◆ the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/2019
- ◆ the Annual Investment Strategy for 2018/2019.

**The Executive Committee recommended to the Council:**

- (1) that the Prudential Code Indicators for the period 2018/2019 to 2020/2021, the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/2019 and the Annual Investment Strategy 2018/2019 be approved.

**5 Employee Implications**

5.1 None.

**6. Financial Implications**

6.1 All financial implications have been highlighted as part of the original reports to the special meeting of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee and meeting of the Executive Committee.

**7. Other Implications**

7.1 Any implications have been highlighted as part of the original reports to the special meeting of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee and meeting of the Executive Committee.

**8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

8.1 No equality impact assessment or consultation is required in terms of the recommendations contained within this report.

**Lindsay Freeland**  
**Chief Executive**

28 February 2018

**Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ♦ Fair, open and sustainable
- ♦ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

**Previous References**

Executive Committee of 28 February 2018

**List of Background Papers**

None

**Contact for Further Information**

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