

Report

Report to: **Executive Committee**
Date of Meeting: **24 June 2020**
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Recommendations Referred by Resource Committees**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval of the recommendations referred to this Committee, following decisions taken under delegated authority by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders, in respect of business submitted to the -
 - ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 31 March 2020
 - ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 1 April 2020

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that, following the decisions taken under delegated authority by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Group Leaders, the following be approved:-
- ◆ the recommendations of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in relation to the Fleet Strategy 2020 to 2025 and the Review of Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs)
 - ◆ the recommendations of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee in relation to the South Lanarkshire Council Housing Rent Management Policy, subject to the date for the implementation of the Policy being amended from 1 September 2020 to the earliest point practicable within the current financial year due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic

3. Background

3.1. **Fleet Strategy 2020 to 2025 - Extract of Note of Delegated Decision taken by the Chief Executive in respect of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee Agenda of 31 March 2020**

A report dated 3 March 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the South Lanarkshire Council Fleet Strategy for 2020 to 2025.

The Council's fleet of over 1,400 vehicles, consisted of over 40 vehicle types performing a wide range of tasks including refuse collection, mechanical sweeping, gritting, and passenger transport. In addition, over 170 mobile plants assets formed part of the fleet.

The key strategic outcomes of the Fleet Strategy were to support frontline services in that:-

- 1) The Council had an appropriately sized fleet with the right vehicles to ensure its services operated in an efficient and effective manner.
- 2) The Council maintained a safe, efficient and legally compliant fleet.
- 3) The Council had an efficient fleet service that supported operational requirements to service needs quickly and efficiently.
- 4) The impact on the environment was reduced.
- 5) The Council would have a cost effective fleet.

Decided:

- (1) that the Fleet Strategy 2020 to 2025, attached as an appendix to the report, be endorsed and referred to the Executive Committee for approval; and
- (2) that, following approval by the Executive Committee, the Strategy be launched in 2020 and implemented in 2020/2021.

3.2. Review of Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs) - Extract of Note of Delegated Decision taken by the Chief Executive in respect of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee Agenda of 31 March 2020

A report dated 3 March 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the Review of Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs).

It was agreed that the Roads Safety Forum would be the overseeing group for the RPPZ policy review and the matter had subsequently been debated in detail by the Forum.

The Forum agreed that RPPZs were an effective demand management approach to assist in minimising the impact on residents in areas of competing parking demand. RPPZs should be seen as an additional approach that the Council could use to complement existing approaches such as waiting and loading restrictions i.e. yellow lines.

The Forum agreed that RPPZs could be considered at all locations where parking pressure on residential areas was seen as a concern and not only in areas of high demand, for example, near town centres/train stations where parking was at a premium. There was also a discussion on whether there were any specific areas, not covered by existing or proposed RPPZs, where RPPZs should be seen as a priority for implementation. It was suggested that all elected members, not just those on the Forum, be consulted on this. Eleven areas were subsequently identified following feedback from elected members for potential future RPPZ assessment as follows:-

- ◆ Reid Street, Rutherglen
- ◆ Tuphall Road, Hamilton
- ◆ Abercorn Drive/Chestnut Crescent area, Hamilton
- ◆ Biggar, in the vicinity of the town centre
- ◆ Dundas Place, The Village, East Kilbride
- ◆ South Avenue, Carluke
- ◆ Fairyknowe Gardens; Bothwell
- ◆ Main Street area, Uddingston
- ◆ Craigallian Avenue, Halfway

- ◆ Westwood area, East Kilbride

The Forum supported the following conclusions and specific recommendations noting that they would be taken to the Community and Enterprise Committee for consideration and endorsement:-

- ◆ RPPZs were an effective demand management tool and should now be considered for future expansion or rolled out to new areas, subject to an appropriate assessment by officers.
- ◆ Requests for new or expanded RPPZs could be considered and an assessment would be undertaken to review the need or otherwise of any proposed RPPZs
- ◆ The introduction of new or expanded RPPZs required to balance the competing demands of residents, businesses, employers and commuters;
- ◆ The enforcement of demand management measures e.g. RPPZs and other waiting and loading restrictions required to be suitably resourced, including during the evening;
- ◆ The primary process for applying for permits should be on-line but all other existing options should remain available at this stage.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the Roads Safety Forum had concluded its review into Residents' Parking Permit Zones Policy; and
- (2) that the policy recommendations, as set out at paragraph 5.2 of the report and outlined above, be endorsed and referred to the Executive Committee for approval.

[Reference: Minutes of the Roads Safety Forum of 30 October 2020 (Paragraph 3)]

3.3. South Lanarkshire Council Housing Rent Management Policy - Extract of Note of Delegated Decision taken by the Chief Executive in respect of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee Agenda of 1 April 2020

A report dated 13 March 2020 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on the South Lanarkshire Council Housing Rent Management Policy.

The current policy relating to the management of rental income had been introduced by Housing and Technical Resources in October 2010 and developed in accordance with relevant legislation and regulatory requirements.

The Policy Review Schedule approved by Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 23 January 2019 noted that a review of the current policy relating to the management of rental income would take place during 2019/2020.

A full review of the policy was carried out during 2019/2020. A key focus of the review had been to ensure that the policy was fully compliant with legislative and regulatory requirements. In addition, the review also considered:-

- ◆ the changing socio/economic climate over the past 10 years; and
- ◆ good practice in relation to income maximisation and rent collection

Decided:

- (1) that the South Lanarkshire Council Housing Rent Management Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed;
- (2) that the draft Policy be submitted to the Executive Committee for formal approval; and
- (3) that the Policy be implemented with effect from 1 September 2020.

[Reference: Minutes of the Executive Committee of 26 May 2010 (Paragraph 11)]

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. Any employee implications have been highlighted as part of the Executive Directors' original reports considered by the Chief Executive and Group Leaders.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. Any financial implications have been highlighted as part of the Executive Directors' original reports considered by the Chief Executive and Group Leaders.

6 Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 6.1. Climate change, sustainability and environmental implications have been highlighted as part of the Executive Directors' original reports considered by the Chief Executive and Group Leaders.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. All other implications have been highlighted as part of the Executive Directors' original reports considered by the Chief Executive and Group Leaders.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. Any equality impact assessment and consultation arrangements have been highlighted as part of the Executive Directors' original reports considered by the Chief Executive and Group Leaders.

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Chief Executive

7 April 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Improve the road network, influence improvements in public transport and encourage active travel
- ◆ Work with communities and partners to promote high quality thriving and sustainable communities
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

None.

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Note of delegated decision taken by the Chief Executive - Community and Enterprise Resources Committee of 31 March 2020
- ◆ Note of delegated decision taken by the Chief Executive – Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 1 April 2020

Contact for Further Information

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