

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES SCRUTINY FORUM

Minutes of meeting held in the Corporate Dining Room, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 15 September 2011

**Chair:**

Councillor Tommy Gilligan

**Councillors Present:**

Bobby Lawson, Mary McNeill, Graham Simpson, Jim Wardhaugh

**Councillors' Apologies:**

John Anderson, Pam Clearie, Graham Scott

**Attending:**

**Finance and Corporate Resources**

P Manning, Executive Director; G Bow, Administration Adviser; G Cochran, Administration Assistant; L O'Hagan, Finance Manager (Accounting and Budgeting)

**Enterprise Resources**

A Colthart, Head of Support Services; G Morrison, Roads Area Manager

**Housing and Technical Resources**

I Douglas, Property Services Manager

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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

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The minutes of the meeting of the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum held on 7 April 2011 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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### 3 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2011/2012

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A report dated 5 September 2011 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the position of the Council's revenue budget at 5 August 2011 including:-

- ◆ the financial position of the revenue budget for the General Services, Housing Revenue and Trading Operations accounts
- ◆ the position of the Roads Contracting Trading Services, Financial and Operational Performance as at 5 August 2011

The figures included an underspend on the General Fund Revenue Account of £0.266 million and an underspend of £0.036 million on the Housing Revenue Account.

Education Resources' budget had increased by £0.924 million to reflect monies received from the Government in respect of the Protection of Teacher Posts.

At the end of 2010/2011, £1.985 million had been allocated to the Repairs and Renewals Fund to be used by Enterprise Resources on roads reconstruction to repair damage caused by the severe winter weather.

The forecast for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Accounts to 31 March 2012 was a breakeven position.

**The Forum decided:**

- (1) that the position be noted;
- (2) that a report be submitted to the Forum at the end of financial year 2011/2012 quantifying the level of savings achieved following the implementation of the Pool Car Scheme;
- (3) that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Forum on the financial impact of implementing charges for uplifting bulky waste; and
- (4) that information be provided to the next meeting of this Forum on the financial implications of using liquid de-icer on road surfaces during periods of severe winter weather.

*[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee of 7 September 2011 (Paragraph 4)]*

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#### **4 Capital Budget Monitoring 2011/2012**

A report dated 5 September 2011 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the progress of the Council's various capital programmes at 5 August 2011 including information on:-

- ◆ the financial and physical progress of the various General Fund Capital Programmes
- ◆ the financial and physical progress of the Housing Capital Programme

The General Fund Capital Programme included Education Resources, Social Work Resources, Roads and Transportation Services and General Services. The General Fund Capital Programme totalled £126.364 million and the Housing Capital Programme £41.928 million. At 5 August 2011, £31.647 million had been spent on the General Fund Capital Programme and £7.435 million on the Housing Capital Programme.

**The Forum decided:**

- (1) that the progress of the Housing Capital Programme be noted; and
- (2) that the progress of the General Fund Capital Programme be noted.

*[Reference: Minutes of Executive Committee of 7 September 2011 (Paragraph 3)]*

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#### **5 Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.