

COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 4 February 2020

Chair:

Councillor John Anderson

Councillors Present:

Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Peter Craig, Councillor Isobel Dorman (Depute), Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Graeme Horne, Councillor Martin Grant Hose, Councillor Ann Le Blond, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Ian McAllan, Councillor Catherine McClymont, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Colin McGavigan (*substitute for Councillor Lynne Nailon*), Councillor Mark McGeever, Councillor Davie McLachlan, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor Graham Scott, Councillor Collette Stevenson, Councillor Margaret B Walker, Councillor David Watson, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor John Ross

Attending:

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director; S Clelland, Head of Fleet and Environmental Services; P Elliott, Head of Planning and Economic Development; G Mackay, Head of Roads and Transportation Services; A McKinnon, Head of Facilities, Waste and Ground Services

Finance and Corporate Resources

N Docherty, Administration Assistant; L Harvey, Finance Manager; H Lawson, Legal Services Manager; J McDonald, Administration Adviser; E Maxwell, Human Resources Business Partner; J Taylor, Head of Finance; H Tennant, Administration Officer

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee held on 12 November 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) referred to item 3 of the minutes and, in relation to the food safety case, advised that:-

- ◆ Food Standards Scotland had responded indicating that no further funding would be made available
- ◆ a response had not been received from the Member of the Scottish Parliament, however, he would write again seeking an update on food safety cases that raised national issues and how those would be managed in the future

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the minutes be approved as a correct record; and
- (2) that the update from the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) in relation to the food safety case be noted.

3 Community and Enterprise Resources - Revenue Budget Monitoring 2019/2020

A joint report dated 3 January 2020 by the Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources) and (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure at 6 December 2019 against budgeted expenditure for 2019/2020 for Community and Enterprise Resources.

Details were provided on proposed budget virements in respect of Community and Enterprise Resources to realign budgets.

The Committee decided:

- (3) that the overspend on the Community and Enterprise Resources' revenue budget of £0.055 million before transfers to reserves, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, and the overspend of £0.165 million, after transfers to reserves, be noted;
- (4) that the forecast to 31 March 2020 of an overspend on the Community and Enterprise Resources' revenue budget of £0.034 million, before transfers to reserves, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, and the forecast overspend of £0.144 million, after transfers to reserves, be noted; and
- (3) that the budget virements, as detailed in Appendices B to F of the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 November 2019 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Community and Enterprise Resources - Capital Budget Monitoring 2019/2020

A joint report dated 15 January 2020 by the Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources) and (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted advising of progress on the Community and Enterprise Resources' capital programme 2019/2020 and summarising the expenditure position at 6 December 2019.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 November 2019 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Community and Enterprise Resources - Workforce Monitoring – October and November 2019

A joint report dated 31 December 2019 by the Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources) and (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the following employee information for Community and Enterprise Resources for the period October and November 2019:

- ◆ attendance statistics
- ◆ occupational health statistics
- ◆ accident/incident statistics
- ◆ disciplinary hearings, grievances and Dignity at Work cases
- ◆ analysis of leavers

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 12 November 2019 (Paragraph 5)]

6 East Kilbride/Glasgow Rail Line Upgrading – Proposed Relocation of Hairmyres Rail Station – Memorandum of Understanding

A report dated 3 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the proposal to relocate Hairmyres railway station, East Kilbride to create a transport integration hub to serve the wider East Kilbride area.

The Scottish Government had recognised the need to improve the East Kilbride to Glasgow rail service and had confirmed funding of £24.8 million to allow Network Rail to progress the development work required.

Consideration was being given to how improved access to an upgraded rail network could best be achieved together with enhanced park and ride provision. Feasibility work, undertaken by Network Rail, had considered relocating the existing Hairmyres railway station westward. However, this would require the acquisition of sufficient land to relocate the station and provide a transport integration hub.

To secure the necessary land, would require substantial investment and commitment from Transport Scotland, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and the Council. In order to formalise the shared commitment of the partners, it was proposed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support the proposed relocation of Hairmyres railway station together with complementary infrastructure.

Details of the associated timescales for the proposals were contained in the report.

Officers responded to members' questions in relation to various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the proposal to relocate Hairmyres railway station, as detailed in the report, be supported; and
- (2) that the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Administration and Legal Services, be authorised to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Transport Scotland and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport for the acquisition of the land necessary to facilitate the relocation of Hairmyres railway station together with complementary infrastructure.

[Reference: Minutes of 30 October 2018 (Paragraph 11)]

7 Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs) – Consultation at Hairmyres, Cambuslang and Blantyre

A report dated 6 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the results and proposed next steps in relation to the potential introduction of Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs) in the vicinity of Hairmyres, Cambuslang and Blantyre railway stations.

The Committee, at its meeting on 21 August 2018, had agreed to commence an initial consultation for potential new RPPZs in the vicinity of Hairmyres and Cambuslang railway stations. In addition, the Committee, at its meeting on 22 January 2019, had agreed to undertake a consultation exercise on the potential of a RPPZ in the vicinity of Blantyre railway station.

Consultation had been undertaken as follows:-

- ◆ Hairmyres – 1 December 2018 to 31 January 2019 and 878 responses were received
- ◆ Cambuslang – 1 December 2018 to 28 February 2019 and 736 responses were received
- ◆ Blantyre – 1 April to 31 May 2019 and 104 responses were received

Following the consultation exercises, it was proposed that:-

- ◆ work with partners be continued at Hairmyres railway station, East Kilbride to develop park and ride infrastructure in the short to medium term and review the known problem areas, with the possibility of bringing forward localised parking restrictions in the short term
- ◆ work be continued at Cambuslang railway station on delivering the park and ride infrastructure at Bridge Street during 2020/2021
- ◆ a promotional campaign be commenced at Blantyre to promote alternative park and ride options/locations for commuters, a review of the known problem areas be undertaken with the possibility of bringing forward localised parking restrictions in the short term and further consideration to be given to expanding parking opportunities at nearby park and ride facilities at Newton railway station.

Officers responded to members' questions in relation to various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) that the proposals for Hairmyres, Cambuslang and Blantyre railway stations, as detailed above, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 22 January 2019 (Paragraph 12)]

8 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Trial

A report dated 6 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted:

- ◆ on the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Trial project which involved Transport Scotland, Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) and North and South Lanarkshire Councils
- ◆ requesting approval for the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Administration and Legal Services, to enter into the necessary legal or partnership agreements required to deliver the project

The Climate Change Bill and Scottish Government's 2019 declaration of a climate emergency highlighted the need for a national transport plan. In order to meet the Scottish Government's ambition to phase out new petrol and diesel cars by 2032, the transition to electric powered vehicles was a key delivery component.

South Lanarkshire Council, together with North Lanarkshire Council, had been selected by Transport Scotland and Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) to trial a new and innovative approach to the provision of clean energy for transport.

The aim of the trial was to develop a project that demonstrated that a District Network Operator (DNO), in this case SPEN, could effectively deliver, implement and operate a Universal Strategic Public Charger Network.

Working in partnership with the Scottish Government, Transport Scotland, Scottish Power Energy Networks and North Lanarkshire Council, proposals were being developed to provide an enhanced network of EV public charging infrastructure across Lanarkshire. It was estimated that approximately £2.5 million would be invested in South Lanarkshire, with a similar amount being invested in North Lanarkshire.

The project would involve the installation by SPEN of 220 electric vehicle charge points in 37 locations across South and North Lanarkshire, with the first charging hub programmed to be completed by May 2020.

In order to meet the timescales associated with the development of the project, the details of which were contained in the report, it would be necessary to enter into the necessary legal and partnership agreements.

Officers responded to members' questions in relation to various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the progress to date on the Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Trial project be noted;
- (2) that the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources), in consultation with the Head of Administration and Legal Services, be authorised to enter into the necessary legal or partnership agreements required to deliver the project; and
- (3) that a progress report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

9 Strengthening of Corporate Resilience Function

A joint report dated 8 January 2020 by the Executive Directors (Community and Enterprise Resources) and (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the staffing requirements to support the Council's corporate resilience arrangements.

It was proposed that a permanent post of Resilience Officer on Grade 3, Level 8, SCP 79-80 (£40,549 to £41,169) be established within Roads and Transportation Services to strengthen the Council's current resilience arrangements.

The costs associated with the establishment of the above post would be met from within the current employee costs budget.

Officers responded to members' questions in relation to various aspects of the report.

The Committee decided: that a post of Resilience Officer on Grade 3, Level 8, SCP 79-80 (£40,549 to £41,169) be established within Roads and Transport Services to strengthen the Council's current resilience arrangements.

10 Community Benefit Funds – Renewable Energy Fund - Grant Applications

A report dated 19 December 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on 3 applications to the various Community Benefit Funds. The Community Benefit Funds had been established to provide funding to suitable projects providing community benefits in eligible areas.

It was proposed that, subject to the applicants providing written confirmation that all other additional funding for the projects had been secured, a grant be awarded up to a maximum of:

- ◆ £33,339.40 towards eligible costs associated with the works to upgrade and improve the external fabric of the community centre building to Coalburn Miners' Welfare Charitable Society from the Galawhistle Renewable Energy Fund
- ◆ £71,881.50 towards eligible costs associated with the purchase of 2 new minibuses to the Rural Development Trust from the Andershaw Renewable Energy Fund
- ◆ £30,880.48 towards eligible costs associated with the redevelopment of the village green play area to the Carstairs Parent Partnership from the Muirhall Stallashaw Renewable Energy Fund

The Head of Planning and Economic Development referred to the grant application by Coalburn Miners' Welfare Charitable Society and advised that Levenseat, Hagshawhill Windfarm Trust and Galawhistle Community Fund had confirmed funding for this project.

The Committee decided:

that, subject to the applicants providing written confirmation that all other funding for the projects had been secured, a grant be awarded of up to a maximum of:-

- ◆ £33,339.40 towards eligible costs associated with the works to upgrade and improve the external fabric of the community centre building to Coalburn Miners' Welfare Charitable Society from the Galawhistle Renewable Energy Fund
- ◆ £71,881.50 towards eligible costs associated with the purchase of 2 new minibuses to the Rural Development Trust from the Andershaw Renewable Energy Fund
- ◆ £30,880.48 towards eligible costs associated with redevelopment of the village green play area to the Carstairs Parent Partnership from the Muirhall Stallashaw Renewable Energy Fund

[Reference: Minutes of 3 September 2019 (Paragraph 14)]

11 Air Quality Action Plan – Beat the Street – Lanark and Rutherglen

A report dated 10 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted advising:-

- ◆ on the outcome of the Beat the Street, Lanark and Rutherglen project
- ◆ that Beat the Street, East Kilbride would run between 19 February and 1 April 2020
- ◆ that options for an ongoing rolling programme to cover all areas of South Lanarkshire were currently being considered.

The Council had produced an Air Quality Action Plan for three areas within South Lanarkshire and, for the financial year 2019/2020, had been awarded £395,340 from the Scottish Government Air Quality Action Planning Grant Fund to support a range of projects, including the Beat the Street, Lanark and Rutherglen project.

Beat the Street was a partnership intervention programme which had been created by Intelligent Health Limited, working in partnership with the Council, NHS Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture. The programme aimed to change behaviour by promoting increased use of existing green spaces.

The Beat the Street, Lanark and Rutherglen projects had received positive feedback from participants and had reported a positive shift away from inactivity. This outcome had prompted a further successful funding application to deliver an East Kilbride Beat the Street project which would be held from 19 February to 1 April 2020.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the outcomes from the Beat the Street, Lanark and Rutherglen projects be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that Beat the Street, East Kilbride would be held from 19 February to 1 April 2020; and
- (3) that it be noted that the feasibility of a South Lanarkshire-wide Beat the Street Programme was being considered and a report on the findings would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

12 Town Centre Capital Grant Fund - Update

A report dated 11 December 2019 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing an update on the:-

- ♦ progress of the delivery of the Town Centre Capital Grant Fund projects which had been approved by the Committee at its meeting on 3 September 2019
- ♦ reallocation of funds, due to the removal of project 5 - the redevelopment of the Poundstretcher Building, Hamilton, from the programme

Following approval of the projects identified to receive Capital Grant Fund, letters were issued to the successful applicants and progress on each of the projects was detailed in the appendix to the report.

The acquisition of the former Poundstretcher Building at Brandon Street, Hamilton had proved unsuccessful and this project had been removed from the programme. The Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources), in accordance with the delegated authority given to him by Committee, had reallocated the funds to the Royal Oak project.

All projects were now sufficiently advanced and it was anticipated that they would be completed within the timescales required to comply with the conditions of the Scottish Government funding.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the progress made on the delivery of the Town Centre Capital Grant Fund projects, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be noted; and

- (2) that the reallocation of funds from the redevelopment of the Poundstretcher Building, Hamilton to the Royal Oak project, to ensure delivery of the remaining projects, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 September 2019 (Paragraph 13)]

13 Petitions Committee of 27 August 2019 – Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang

A report dated 3 January 2020 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on matters relating to Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang which had been referred to this Committee by the Petitions Committee at its meeting on 27 August 2019.

The Petitions Committee, following consideration of a petition in relation to flooding and associated damage to the road surface on Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang, agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee providing an update in relation to flooding, planning, including development management, and routine maintenance operations.

Details of the action that had been taken in relation to those issues were provided in the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of the Petitions Committee of 27 August 2019 (Paragraph 3)]

14 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.