

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 1 December 2021

Chair:

Councillor John Ross (ex officio)

Councillors Present:

Councillor Alex Allison, Councillor John Anderson, Councillor John Bradley, Councillor Robert Brown, Councillor Maureen Chalmers (Depute), Councillor Gerry Convery, Councillor Margaret Cooper, Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Peter Craig, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Isobel Dorman, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Graeme Horne (*substitute for Councillor Hugh Macdonald*), Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Jim McGuigan, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillor's Apology:

Councillor Hugh Macdonald

Attending:

Chief Executive's Service

C Sneddon, Chief Executive

Community and Enterprise Resources

M McGlynn, Executive Director

Education Resources

T McDaid, Executive Director; C McKenzie, Head of Education (Broad General Education)

Finance and Corporate Resources

P Manning, Executive Director; T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; K McLeod, Administration Assistant; K McVeigh, Head of Personnel Services; S Somerville, Administration Manager

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director

Health and Social Care/Social Work Resources

S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 3 November 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Revenue Budget Monitoring for Period 7: 1 April 2021 to 8 October 2021

A report dated 27 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the overall financial position of the Council's General Fund Revenue Account and Housing Revenue Account for the period 1 April 2021 to 8 October 2021.

As reported to the Committee at its meeting on 3 November 2021, funding in relation to cost pressures which were attributable to COVID-19 amounted to £59.661 million, of which £27.402 million was specific, leaving £32.259 million to meet other COVID cost pressures. The cost position showed an estimated £18.649 million of spend to be met from this funding in 2021/2022. A breakdown of the Cost of Recovery position was detailed at Appendix 2 to the report.

The total COVID net expenditure, before funding, at 8 October 2021 amounted to £17.871 million. This was an increase of £3.855 million on the previously reported figure. Those costs were partially offset by specific funding of £13.043 million, leaving costs of £4.828 million to be met from the non-specific funding. A full breakdown of the position to 8 October 2021 was provided in Appendix 3 to the report.

At 8 October 2021, the position on the General Fund Revenue Account was an overspend of £0.146 million, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Housing Revenue Account showed a breakeven position at 8 October 2021, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report and, while advising that, due to data protection issues, the live system could not be shown, undertook to examine the possibility of providing a demonstration of the Care at Home Totalmobile system to interested members.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the net overspend of £0.146 million on the General Fund Revenue Account at 8 October 2021, after COVID-19 spend and funding, as detailed in section 4.1 and Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the total net expenditure of £4.828 million, after specific funding in relation to COVID-19, offset by Government Grant included in the Council's position as at 8 October 2021, as detailed in section 5.3 to the report, be noted;
- (3) that the current COVID position for 2021/2022, as detailed in section 5.4 to the report, be noted; and
- (4) that the breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account at 8 October 2021, as detailed in section 6 and Appendix 4 to the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 November 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Capital Programme 2021/2022 Update and Monitoring for Period 7 – 1 April to 8 October 2021

A report dated 10 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the General Fund Capital Programme and the Housing Capital Programme for the period 1 April 2021 to 8 October 2021.

At its meeting on 3 November 2021, the Committee had agreed a General Fund Capital Programme for 2021/2022 amounting to £83.477 million. A revised programme of £78.310 million was now anticipated. This reflected proposed adjustments to the programme totalling a net decrease of £5.167 million, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report. Those adjustments included the impact of slippage in a number of projects due to market conditions, including availability of resources and price increases, and the ongoing impact of COVID-19. Budget for the period amounted to £26.778 million and, at 8 October 2021, £20.181 million had been spent on the General Fund Capital Programme, an underspend of £0.404 million.

Actual funding received to 8 October 2021 totalled £54.853 million. The programme spend and funding for the General Fund for the period was detailed in appendices 2 and 3 to the report.

At its meeting on 22 September 2021, the Committee had agreed a revised Housing Capital Programme for 2021/2022 amounting to £79.640 million. Programmed funding for the year also amounted to £79.640 million. The funding sources were detailed in Appendix 4 to the report. Budget for the period amounted to £37.517 million and, at 8 October 2021, £37.431 million had been spent on the Housing Capital Programme, an underspend of £0.086 million.

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

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Period 7 position, at 8 October 2021, of the General Fund Capital Programme, detailed in appendices 1 to 3 of the report, and the Housing Capital Programme, detailed at Appendix 4, be noted;
- (2) that the adjustments to the General Fund programme, listed at Appendix 1, be approved; and
- (3) that the revised programmes be monitored by the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 November 2021 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Additional Funding from Scottish Government and Other External Sources

A report dated 27 October 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on additional funding, totalling £0.620 million, which had been made available to the Council by the Scottish Government and other external sources.

The funding had been allocated as follows:-

Revenue Funding

Resource	2021/2022 (£m)
Education	0.187
Total	0.187

Capital Funding

Resource	2021/2022 (£m)
Education	0.433
Total	0.433

Overall Total **0.620**

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 November 2021 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Workforce Monitoring Information - April to September 2021 - Summary

A report dated 3 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on workforce monitoring information relating to the Council for the period April to September 2021 as follows:-

- ◆ attendance statistics
- ◆ occupational health statistics
- ◆ accident/incident statistics
- ◆ disciplinary hearings, grievances and Dignity at Work cases
- ◆ employee development
- ◆ labour turnover/analysis of leavers and exit interviews
- ◆ recruitment monitoring
- ◆ staffing watch as at 11 September 2021

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report and undertook to provide information on comparators for the same period in 2019.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 June 2021 (Paragraph 8)]

7 International Children's Games 2022

A report dated 8 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ an invitation to the Council to participate in the International Children's Games (ICG) 2022 to be held in Coventry from 11 to 16 August 2022
- ◆ the financial implications for the Council if it accepted the invitation to participate

South Lanarkshire had a long history of participation in the International Children's Games, an event endorsed by the International Olympic Committee. An invitation had been received from the ICG organisers for the Council to participate in the International Children's Games to be held in Coventry from 11 to 16 August 2022. It was anticipated that the delegation would comprise 18 sports participants, 5 Coaches/Head of Delegation and a Council representative. The estimated cost of participation was £19,000, although it was considered that external sponsorship and fundraising by participants could reduce the final cost to the Council to £12,000.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the invitation to the Council to participate in the International Children's Games, to be held in Coventry from 11 to 16 August 2022, be accepted;
- (2) that the maximum financial contribution required to be met by the Council, estimated to be £12,000, be approved; and
- (3) that the intention to raise as much external funding through sponsorship and fundraising to minimise the Council's final contribution be noted.

8 Changes to Memberships of Committees, Forums and Joint Boards/Outside Bodies - Update

A report dated 8 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the membership of various committees, forums, joint boards and outside bodies following recent changes to the political composition of the Council.

At its meeting held on 3 November 2021, the Committee approved revisions to the composition of various committees, forums, joint boards and outside bodies following recent changes to the political composition of the Council and authorised the Chief Executive to finalise memberships.

The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders/Business Managers of the political/independent groups and also the 3 independent members, had finalised those memberships and a copy of the updated documentation was attached at appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

The Committee decided: that the current memberships of committees, forums, joint boards and outside bodies, as detailed in appendices 1 and 2 to the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 November 2021 (Paragraph 13)]

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.