

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 2 February 2022

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 Peter Craig, Councillor Maureen Devlin, Councillor Isobel Dorman, Councillor Joe Fagan, Councillor Allan Falconer, Councillor Lynsey Hamilton, Councillor Ian Harrow (*substitute for Councillor Poppy Corbett*), Councillor Graeme Horne (*substitute for Councillor Jim McGuigan*), Councillor Mark Horsham, Councillor Eileen Logan, Councillor Katy Loudon, Councillor Hugh Macdonald, Councillor Monique McAdams, Councillor Kenny McCreary, Councillor Gladys Miller, Councillor Lynne Nailon, Councillor Richard Nelson, Councillor David Shearer, Councillor Jim Wardhaugh, Councillor Josh Wilson

Councillors' Apologies:

Councillor Poppy Corbett, Councillor Jim McGuigan

Attending:

Chief Executive's Service

C Sneddon, Chief Executive

Community and Enterprise Resources

A McKinnon, Interim Executive Director; P Elliott, Head of Planning and Economic Development

Education Resources

C McKenzie, Head of Education (Broad General Education); L Sherry, Head of Education (Support Service and School Estate)

Finance and Corporate Resources

P Manning, Executive Director; R Leith, Community, Participation and Development Manager; T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy; P MacRae, Administration Adviser; G McCann, Head of Administration and Legal Services; K McLeod, Administration Assistant

Housing and Technical Resources

D Lowe, Executive Director

Health and Social Care/Social Work Resources

S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care; L Purdie, Head of Children and Justice Services

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 1 December 2021 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Revenue Budget Monitoring for Period 10 - 1 April to 31 December 2021 and Probable Outturn

A report dated 12 January 2022 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 31 December 2021, taking account of the financial implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and a projection for the year to 31 March 2022.

The report:-

- ◆ summarised the 2020/2021 probable outturn position for the Council's General Fund Revenue Account to 31 March 2022
- ◆ provided details on the cost of COVID included in the probable outturn position
- ◆ provided a summary of the total transfer to reserves and a summary of the outturn position
- ◆ provided details of the position on the General Fund Account and the Housing Revenue Account for the period 1 April to 31 December 2021 respectively
- ◆ detailed anticipated spend for the current year
- ◆ proposed funds to be transferred to reserves for future commitments
- ◆ detailed the position after proposed transfers to reserves for those known requirements in the next financial year

The final outturn position, after proposed transfers to reserves, including the previously approved £13.550 million of loan charges' underspend in relation to the Loans Fund Review for the Budget Strategy and including COVID expenditure and funding, resulted in an underspend of £4.794 million. A transfer to reserves, included in the revised outturn position, of £36,086 was proposed. It was proposed to transfer the £4.794 million outturn underspend to reserves to meet the cost of COVID recovery.

At 31 December 2021, the figures showed the position on the General Fund Revenue Account, including COVID-19 spend and income and assuming approval of the proposed transfers to reserves, as an underspend of £2.210 million. At 31 December 2021, the Housing Revenue Account showed a breakeven position and the forecast to 31 March 2022 on the Housing Revenue Account was also a breakeven position.

It was also proposed that the underspend in the budget delegated to the Integration Joint Board (£0.495 million and £4.400 million, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report) be held in the Council's balance sheet for their use in 2022/2023.

There followed a full discussion during which officers:-

- ◆ responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report
- ◆ undertook to provide clarification on the references to overspends in section 4.3 of the report, and also the position regarding Social Work

The Committee decided:

- (1) that including Resources, Corporate Items and Council Tax, the Council's outturn underspend of £4.794 million, as detailed in section 4.2 of the report, be noted;
- (2) that the total transfers to reserves, as detailed in sections 4.8 and 5.2 of the report, included in the revised outturn position totalling £36.086 million and as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, be approved;
- (3) that the outturn underspend of £4.794 million be transferred to reserves to manage cost of COVID recovery, as detailed in section 7.2 of the report;

- (4) that, as proposed in Appendix 1 of the report, the underspend in the budget delegated to the IJB of £0.495 million and £4.400 million be held in the Council's balance Sheet for their use in 2022/2023;
- (5) that the underspend position on the General Fund Revenue Account as at 31 December 2021, as detailed in section 8.1 of the report, be noted; and
- (6) that the breakeven position on the Housing Revenue Account at 31 December 2021 and the forecast to 31 March 2022 of breakeven, as detailed in section 9 of the report, be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 1 December 2021 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Capital Programme 2021/2022 Update and Monitoring for Period 10 - 1 April to 31 December 2021

A report dated 12 January 2022 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 31 December 2021.

At its meeting on 1 December 2021, the Committee had agreed a General Fund Capital Programme for 2021/2022 amounting to £78.310 million. A revised programme of £72.433 million was now anticipated. This reflected proposed adjustments to the programme totalling a net decrease of £5.877 million, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report. Budget for the period amounted to £37.532 million and, at 31 December 2021, £37.252 million had been spent on the General Fund Capital Programme, an underspend of £0.280 million.

Actual funding received to 31 December 2021 totalled £54.546 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 £52.174 million and, at 31 December 2021, £51.845 million had been spent on the Housing Capital Programme, an underspend of £0.329 million.

In December 2021, the Scottish Government increased the Council's General Capital Grant allocation by £0.096 million, resulting in a revised allocation of £24.174 million. In view of the late notification of the additional funding, any new projects were unlikely to be designed and completed prior to the end of the current financial year. Consequently, the additional allocation would be used to fund the existing capital programme and reduce the Council's level of borrowing in 2021/2022.

Following discussion, during which officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report, Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Chalmers, moved approval of the recommendations contained in the report. Councillor Allison, seconded by Councillor Nelson, moved as an amendment that the recommendations in the report be approved together with the inclusion of further recommendations ensuring:-

- ◆ the original Council allocation of £1.591 million for the Ponfeigh Bridge project was ringfenced for the Clyde Bridge project
- ◆ submission of a report on the Clyde Bridge project to the next meeting of the Executive Committee
- ◆ a total budget of around £6 million remained for the Ponfeigh and Clyde Bridge projects

On a vote being taken by roll call, members voted as follows:-

Motion

John Anderson, John Bradley, Robert Brown, Maureen Chalmers, Gerry Convery, Margaret Cooper, Peter Craig, Maureen Devlin, Isobel Dorman, Joe Fagan, Allan Falconer, Lynsey Hamilton, Graeme Horne, Mark Horsham, Eileen Logan, Katy Loudon, Hugh Macdonald, Monique McAdams, Gladys Miller, John Ross, David Shearer, Jim Wardhaugh, Josh Wilson

Amendment

Alex Allison, Ian Harrow, Kenny McCreary, Lynne Nailon, Richard Nelson

5 members voted for the amendment and 23 members voted for the motion which was declared carried.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Period 10 position, at 31 December 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, detailed at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and
- (3) that the revised programmes be monitored by the Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum.

[Reference: Minutes of 1 December 2021 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Additional Funding from Scottish Government and Other External Sources

A report dated 12 January 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on additional funding, totalling £16.655 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)
Community and Enterprise	3.002
Education	2.294
Finance and Corporate	1.732
Social Work	8.264
Total	15.292

Resource	2022/2023 (£m)
Education	0.248
Finance and Corporate	0.050
Total	0.298

Capital Funding

Resource	2021/2022 (£m)
Community and Enterprise Total	1.075 1.075
Overall Total	16.665

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 1 December 2021 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Recommendations Referred by Housing and Technical Resources Committee

A report dated 19 January 2022 by the Chief Executive was submitted on recommendations referred to this Committee by the Housing and Technical Resources Committee at its meetings of 8 December 2021 and 19 January 2022 (Special) respectively.

The recommendations of the Housing and Technical Resources Committee were as follows:-

- (1) that the revised South Lanarkshire Council Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be approved and implemented with effect from 1 March 2022;
- (2) that the proposed rent increase of 2.2% to all Council houses, travelling persons' sites, lockups and garage sites and the revenue estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account be endorsed; and
- (3) that, based on the rent increase of 2.2%, the 2022/2023 Housing Capital Programme of £52.230 million be endorsed.

The Committee decided: that the recommendation referred by the Housing and Technical Resources Committee in relation to the revised South Lanarkshire Council Anti-Social Behaviour Policy be approved and implemented with effect from 1 March 2022.

The Committee recommended to the Council:

- (1) that the rent increase of 2.2% for Council houses, travelling persons' sites, lockups and garage sites and the revenue estimate proposals for the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2022/2023 be approved; and
- (2) that, based on the proposed rent increase of 2.2%, the 2022/2023 Housing Capital Programme of £52.230 million be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of Housing and Technical Resources Committee of 8 December 2021 (Paragraph 10) and 19 January 2022 (Special) (Paragraph 2)]

7 Jackton Primary School - Full Business Case Glasgow City Region City Deal - East Kilbride Community Growth Area

A report dated 14 January 2022 by the Interim Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ the full business case for the new Jackton Primary School element of the East Kilbride Community Growth Area City Deal project
- ◆ the next steps in progressing the project

The Council was 1 of 8 local authorities which, together with the UK Government and the Scottish Government, were signatories to the £1.13 billion Glasgow City Region City Deal. The City Deal initiative comprised 20 key projects which were intended to collectively drive economic growth across the City Region.

A Full Business Case had been produced for the Jackton Primary School element of the East Kilbride Community Growth Area (CGA) which would provide a new build primary school serving the future residents of the CGA development and the surrounding area. Details were given on the proposal which would result in a facility comprising: -

- ◆ 17 mainstream classrooms and 2 general purpose areas
- ◆ 4 additional Support Needs classrooms
- ◆ early learning and childcare facilities
- ◆ 7 a side football pitch

The delivery of Jackton Primary School was a necessary pre-requisite project for the delivery of the full CGA development. The critical success factors against which the Jackton Primary School project would be judged were:-

- ◆ provision of education infrastructure to meet the needs of new residents without having an adverse impact on existing communities
- ◆ the integration of the new Jackton Primary School into the existing school estate with its established administration and management team
- ◆ the delivery of the construction contract on time and within budget

The production of the Full Business Case (FBC), an Executive Summary of which was attached as an appendix to the report, provided the basis for full delivery and construction of the school. The FBC required formal approval through the:-

- ◆ member authority committee process
- ◆ City Deal approved procedures

The project budget was £18.110 million. The City Region Deal would fund £10.936 million of this with the balance of £7.174 million being funded by developer contributions from the private housebuilders delivering new homes in the area. The City Deal funding element comprised an 86% UK/Scottish Government contribution (£9.405 million), with the Council contributing the 14% balance (£1.531 million) in line with the grant funding agreement for City Deal projects.

It was anticipated that receipt of developers' contributions would be later than the school spend profile and, as a result, the Council would require to forward fund an element of the construction works until those contributions were received. It was anticipated that the Council would require to fund up to £4.6 million for a 5 year period and, if it borrowed to do this, the annual cost would be an average of £0.086 million. Those costs would be met within the overall budget for the construction of the school.

Officers responded to members' questions on various aspects of the report and undertook to circulate information on arrangements for the use of the football pitch, which formed part of the development, to local members.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Jackson Primary School Full Business Case be approved;
- (2) that grant funding be sought in accordance with the City Deal grant distribution process outlined in the Assurance Framework in relation to the delivery of the project with the precise arrangements to be agreed by the City Deal Chief Executive's Group and City Deal Cabinet; and
- (3) that the requirement to forward fund an element of the construction works, until developers' contributions were received, be approved.

In terms of Standing Order No 13, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11.15am for a 5 minute period. The meeting reconvened at 11.20am

8 Land and Property Transfers and Disposals

A report dated 5 January 2022 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) was submitted on proposed actions in respect of land and property transactions.

The recommendations had been made in terms of agreed procedures for dealing with surplus land and property.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the land and property, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, be transferred between Resources; and
- (2) that the land detailed in Appendix B to the report be declared surplus to Council requirements.

9 South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme Update

A report dated 20 January 2022 by the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted on the updated South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme.

As part of the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, councils were required to review their Integration Scheme at least once every 5 years. Reviews of Integration Schemes were due last year, however, in light of the need to prioritise the response to the COVID pandemic, the Scottish Government had asked councils and NHS Boards which had not reviewed their Integration Schemes within the timescale, to undertake a light touch review. The Council and NHS Lanarkshire had undertaken a light touch review of the Integration Scheme in summer 2020 and had committed to undertake a fuller review of the Integration Scheme to be completed in 2021/2022.

The Independent Review of Adult Social Care (IRASC) and the recent consultation on a National Care Service potentially had significant implications for many of the current integration arrangements as set out in the Integration Scheme. Consequently, a pragmatic approach had been adopted in reviewing the Integration Scheme, given the wider policy context and evolving national picture.

Details were given on activity which had informed the review including:-

- ◆ a sense check in relation to changes in terminology
- ◆ consultation on whether changes to the Scheme were necessary or desirable
- ◆ sessions/events on current and future priorities and where improvements could be made to current integration arrangements
- ◆ consultation to highlight any potential gaps or changes which required consideration by the NHS Board and the Council

The review focused on the following updates:-

- ◆ changes to terminology to reflect the 'here and now' position
- ◆ no proposed material changes to delegated functions and, consequently, from a financial perspective, the IJB budget remained within the parameters of the original and agreed delegated functions within the Integration Scheme, as approved in 2015
- ◆ where actions/commitments had been completed, the Integration Scheme had been updated, together with any target dates

The proposed Integration Scheme, attached as an appendix to the report, required to be approved by the Council and the NHS Board, prior to being submitted to and signed off by the Scottish Government. The Director, Health and Social Care, confirmed that the NHS Board had approved the Scheme at its meeting on 26 January 2022.

The Committee decided: that the updated South Lanarkshire Integration Scheme, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

[Reference: Minutes of 23 September 2020 (Paragraph 7)]

10 Tackling Poverty Working Group Progress Report

A report dated 14 January 2022 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on progress in relation to the work of the Tackling Poverty Working Group.

At its meeting on 3 February 2021, the Tackling Poverty Working Group agreed to examine the various approaches taken by the Council in relation to tackling poverty and the contributions made by each of its Resources towards this.

Details were given on the topics considered by the Group at each of its meetings.

To date, the Working Group had:-

- ◆ gained an understanding of the contributions to the Tackling Poverty agenda from each of the Resources within the Council
- ◆ considered this in the context of the data which was available around poverty and its impact
- ◆ taken note of the lived experience feedback provided from various groups with experience of the effects of poverty
- ◆ examined the work of various partnership groups which addressed aspects of poverty related issues

At its meeting on 11 January 2022, the Group agreed that the following recommendations be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval, in line with the Terms of Reference for the Working Group, and that future work of the Council should:-

- ◆ consider how it articulated the impacts of work in order to build an understanding of the most effective approaches to tackling poverty

- ◆ use the information gathered on impact and lived experience to determine the best solutions which should be resourced to address poverty related issues
- ◆ make use of the Fairer Scotland Duty as a means of ensuring all Council services were held to account regarding reducing the impact of poverty on people's lives
- ◆ create an action plan which was focused on how to co-ordinate this work and integrate it with other workstreams both within the Council and with the work of partners

If the recommendations were approved, officers would be asked to develop the action plan containing specific actions, responsibilities and timescales for delivery. The action plan would recognise existing work being undertaken and would be aligned to the actions in the new Council and Community Plans which were being developed.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the work which had been undertaken by the Tackling Poverty Working Group be noted; and
- (2) that the recommendations of the Tackling Poverty Working Group, detailed in Section 5 of the report, be approved.

11 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.