



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Alloa, on Thursday 29 February 2023 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Phil Fairlie, Convener (Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Denis Coyne
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Wendy Hamilton
Councillor Scott Harrison
Councillor Fiona Law
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor Mark McLuckie
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Janine Rennie
Councillor Bryan Quinn

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive
Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership and Performance)
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Pete Leonard, Strategic Director (Place)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer (Partnership & Performance) (Via Teams)
Colin Bruce, Chief Education Officer (People)
Sharon Robertson, Chief Social Work Officer (People) (Via Teams)
David Williams, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager, HR and Workforce Development (Partnership & Performance)
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager, Partnership & Transformation (Partnership & Performance)
Lee Robertson, Senior Manager, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Council)
Carla MacFarlane – Communications Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Iain McDonald, Senior Manager – Environment (Place)
Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager (People)
Robbie Stewart, Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure (People)
Veronica Cully, Senior Manager, Partnership and Inclusion (People)
Catriona Scott, Senior Manager – Secondary Education (People)
Johan Roddie, Senior Manager, Permanence (People) (Via Teams)
Gillian Scott, Senior Manager, Early Intervention (People)
Adrienne Aitken, Improving Outcomes Team Leader (People)
Wendy Robertson, Senior Manager Transformation (Via Teams)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Partnership & Performance)

CC(24)010 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor William Keogh and Councillor Craig Holden.

CC(24)011 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CC(24)012 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024/25

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, presented the Council's Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2024/25 and Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 to 2026/27. CIPFA defines treasury management as: "The management of the local authority's borrowing, investments and cash flows, including its banking, money market and capital market transactions, the effective control of the risks associated with those activities, and the pursuit of optimum performance consistent with those risks."

Motion

To agree the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council unanimously:

1. Noted the information contained in this report including the revenue implications of adopting the revised accounting arrangements for Service Concessions;
2. Approved the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2024/25 and Prudential Indicators for the years 2024/25 to 2026/27, attached as Appendix A, in compliance with the Prudential Code requirements;
3. Noted the continuation of the Borrowing Strategy to support additional capital investment (paragraph 5.6); and
4. Noted the investment portfolio position as at 31st January 2024 (Appendix B).

Action

Chief Finance Officer

CC(24)013 GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2023/24

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, presented the General Services Budget for 2024/25. This report builds on the regular update reports and briefings presented to Council and the Audit and Scrutiny Committee throughout the year, including those covering the Be the Future Transformation Programme and implementation of the Target Operating Model (TOM).

Motion

To agree the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council unanimously agreed:

1. The General Services Revenue and Capital Budget for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix A, including:
 - 1.1 The proposals for demand pressures including those previously approved by Council during the year (Appendix B) (paragraphs 6.2-6.3);
 - 1.2 The Policy and Redesign savings set out in Appendix D (paragraph 6.4);
 - 1.3 The 2024/25 Income and Charging Strategy (Appendix E);

- 1.4 The utilisation of £0.204m Capital receipts to offset loans fund principal repayments (paragraph 6.10);
 - 1.5 The earmarking of the past year benefit derived from Service Concessions and utilisation of £6.079m from this fund to support the 2024/25 revenue budget (paragraphs 6.10 and 6.14);
 - 1.6 A net resource transfer of £26.660m for the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership for 2024/25 (paragraph 7.3);
 - 1.7 The revised General Services Capital Programme incorporating project resource in Appendix A and section 8;
 - 1.8 A freeze in the level of Council Tax for 2024/25 maintaining a Band D Council tax of £1,410.96 (paragraph 5.3).
 - 1.9 A top up of £0.500m from General Reserves (service concessions) to the Transformation Fund (paragraph 6.15);
 - 1.10 That delegated authority is given to the Chief Executive to put in place resource to support the development of collaborative community and place-based models, funded from the Transformation Fund (paragraph 6.16);
 - 1.11 That the Council's allocation of the Place-based Investment Fund will be prioritised towards alternative models for the management and/or ownership of community assets (paragraph 6.18);
 - 1.12 To maintain the previously approved Non Domestic Rate (NDR) policy for Empty Property Reliefs that's in place for another year (paragraph 3.5), and
 - 1.13 The Be the Future Target Operating Model: Corporate Priorities 2024/25 as set out in Appendix A.
2. The Council unanimously noted:
- 2.1 The challenging context within which this Budget is presented (Appendix A);
 - 2.2 The forecasted overspend of £0.014m by 31 March 2024, prior to implementation of spending constraints (paragraph 3.1);
 - 2.3 The summary of recent budget engagement activity detailed in section 4;
 - 2.4 That the minimum reserve policy of 2% remains unchanged with the balance of £3.230m in uncommitted General Services Revenue reserves, after setting the budget, equating to 2% (paragraphs 6.8-6.9);
 - 2.5 The five year cumulative indicative gap of £29.662m up to 2028/29 and a funding gap of £13.012m in 2025/26 following setting this budget (Exhibit 4),

Action

Chief Finance Officer

Ends: 11.03 am

