



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in Council
Chambers, Kilncraigs, Alloa on THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023 at 9.30 AM.**

PRESENT

Councillor Janine Rennie (Chair)
Councillor Denis Coyne (Vice Chair)
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor William Keogh
Councillor Graham Lindsay (S)
Councillor Jane McTaggart (S) (on Teams)
Councillor Bryan Quinn (on Teams)

IN ATTENDANCE

Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership and Performance)
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager, HR & Workforce Development (Partnership & Performance)
Colin Bruce, Chief Education Officer (People)
Ewan Murray, Chief Finance Officer, Clackmannanshire & Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership
Emma Fyvie, Senior Manager, Development (Place)
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager, Partnership & Transformation (Partnership & Performance)
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager, HR & Workforce Development (Partnership & Performance)
Andrew Crawford, Team Leader Environmental Health (Place)
Catriona Scott, Education Manager Secondary (People)
Gillian Scott, Senior Manager, Early Intervention (People)
Veronica Cully, Partnership and Inclusion Manager (People)
Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager (People)
Iain McDonald, Senior Manager, Environment (Place)
Chief Superintendent Barry Blair, Police Scotland
Chief Inspector Audrey Marsh, Police Scotland
Lee Turnock, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Rachel Rogers, Station Manager, Alloa, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Heather Buchanan, Solicitor, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Committee)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance)

ON TEAMS

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive
Isabel Wright, Internal Audit Manager (Partnership and Performance)
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager (Housing) (Place)
Judi Richardson, Performance & Information Adviser (Partnership & Performance)
Sharon Robertson, Chief Social Work Officer (People)
Tony Cain, Service Manager, Housing (Place)
Rose Hetman, Strategy and Performance Adviser (Partnership and Performance)
Gregory Oduor, External Auditors, Deloitte
Johan Roddie, Senior Manager, Permanence (People)

The Chair advised Committee that Mark Bryce from Scottish Fire and Rescue will be retiring at the end of this month. The Committee wished him well in the future.

AS(23)09 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phil Fairlie and Councillor Ellen Forson. Councillor Jane McTaggart was in attendance today as substitute for Councillor Phil Fairlie and Councillor Graham Lindsay was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Ellen Forson.

AS(23)10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

AS(23)11 MINUTE OF AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2023

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 9 February 2023 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 9 February 2023 were agreed as a correct record by the Committee.

AS(23)12 POLICE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR CLACKMANNANSHIRE – APRIL 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 2022

A report, submitted by the Local Area Commander, provided the Committee with information on the performance of Police Scotland in the Clackmannanshire local authority area for the period of 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor William Keogh.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

AS(23)13 FIRE PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER 1 & 2, 2022-23

A report, submitted by the Local Senior Officer Clackmannanshire –Stirling and Fife, provided the Committee with an overview of the half year performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) in Clackmannanshire covering the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022. The report was based on performance against objectives and targets set out in the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Clackmannanshire. Performance indicators were detailed in the summary report at Appendix 1.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor William Keogh.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

AS(23)14 BUSINESS PLAN 2021/23 – UPDATE REPORT

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, provided the Committee with an update on performance, risks and achievements, relating to the Business Plan 2021-23 which was agreed in August 2021. The report updated on progress as at 30 September 2022. Appendix 1 provided a fuller update on the progress, however a number of areas are highlighted with the Considerations section of this report.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Denis Coyne. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

AS(23)15 FOOD STANDARDS SCOTLAND AUDIT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The report, by the Strategic Director, Place which presented Committee with an overview of the audit of the Council's food law regulation service carried out by Food Standards Scotland in September 2022 and published on 16 January 2023.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the performance of the Council's food law regulation service.

AS(23)16 COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2022/23 AS AT DECEMBER 2022

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, provided an update on the financial performance for the Council as at December 2022, in respect of the General Fund (GF) revenue and capital spend and the achievement of savings, for the current financial year 2022/23, the Clackmannanshire element of the Stirling & Clackmannanshire Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) revenue spend and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue and capital spend, for the financial year, 2022/23.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Kenneth Earle. Seconded by Councillor Denis Coyne.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the report on:

1. the General Fund (GF) revenue forecasted underspend of £(1.292)m for the year to 31 March 2023;
2. the Clackmannanshire element of the Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) forecasted overspend of £(0.360)m as at December 2022, for the year to 31 March 2023;
3. the HRA revenue forecasted surplus of £(0.780) over the budgeted surplus for the year to 31 March 2023;
4. the HRA Capital programme forecasted underspend of £(3.831)m;
5. the General Fund Capital Programme forecasted underspend of £(8.789)m, and
6. progress to date in delivering the £1.838m approved savings programme, currently forecast to achieve £1.614m, 88%, as at 31 March 2023.

AS(23)17 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The report, submitted by the Internal Audit Manager, provided an update on 2022/23 Internal Audit work.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the progress being made with completing the 2022/23 Internal Audit Plan.

AS(23)18 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24

The report, submitted by the Internal Audit Manager, presented to Committee a 2023/24 Internal Audit Plan for approval.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Martha Benny. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. note the resources available to Internal Audit;
2. note that the plan is indicative and flexible;
3. agree the Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24; and
4. note that progress will be reported to the Audit Committee on an ongoing basis.

Action

Internal Audit Manager

AS(23)19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BENCHMARKING FRAMEWORK 2021-22

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, presented a summary of Clackmannanshire Council's performance in the 2021/22 Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF).

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Martha Benny. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

AS(23)20 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, provided the Committee with the 2022/23 year end update on Clackmannanshire Council's Risk Register (Appendix A).

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Denis Coyne. Seconded by Martha Benny.

Decision

Having commented and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the report as appropriate.

During the last item the Council Chambers were evacuated at 1225 hours due to the fire alarm. The Committee reconvened at 1250 hours with 6 members in Council Chambers and 2 members on-line.

Ends 1300 hrs

