

**MINUTES of MEETING of POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Aileen Morton (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Alan Reid
Councillor Lorna Douglas	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Audrey Forrest	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Roderick McCuish	Councillor Richard Trail

**Also Present:** Councillor Jim Lynch Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor

**Attending:** Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive  
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director of Customer Services  
Pippa Milne, Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services  
Kirsty Flanagan, Head of Strategic Finance  
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law  
Tricia O'Neill, Central Governance Manager

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Yvonne McNeilly, Gary Mulvaney and Douglas Philand.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 14 February 2019 were approved as a correct record.

Arising from item 3 (Minutes), Councillor Kieron Green asked the Committee to note that under declarations of interest in the Policy and Resources Committee Minute of 13 December 2018, that he was a member of the Lorn Highland Games Committee and not the Royal Highland Games Committee as had been recorded in the Minute.

**4. BUDGET OUTLOOK 2020-21 TO 2022-23**

The Committee gave consideration to a report summarising the budget outlook covering the period 2020-21 to 2022-23 taking into consideration the budget decisions taken at the Council Budget meeting held on 21 February 2019.

**Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee noted the current estimated budget outlook position for the period 2020-21 to 2022-23.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Finance dated 8 May 2019, submitted)

## **5. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP OVERSPEND 2018-19**

The Committee considered a report that advised that a formal request had been received from the Chief Financial Officer of the Integrated Joint Board (IJB) to request that consideration is given to payback arrangements relating to the overspend on Social Work Services within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) for 2018-19.

### **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee -

1. Approved that the Social Work 2018-19 overspend of £3.127m is repaid by the HSCP over a period of three years with repayments weighted across the three years.
2. Noted that repayments would be £0.800m in 2020-21, £1.000m in 2021-22 and the balance of £1.327m in 2022-23 and that the agreement would be reviewed at the end of 2019-20.

(Reference: Report by Head of Strategic Finance dated 8 May 2019, submitted)

## **6. CUSTOMER SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT FQ3 AND FQ4**

The Committee gave consideration to a report that presented them with the Departmental Performance Report with Scorecards for Customer Services and Strategic Finance for financial quarter three and financial quarter four 2018-19.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted the Departmental Performance Report with Scorecards for Customer Services and Strategic Finance for financial quarter three and financial quarter four 2018-19.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated May 2019, submitted)

## **7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

The Committee gave consideration to a report in relation to the distribution of £10,000 discretionary funding to Community Councils. The report invited the Committee to determine whether or not to change the grant criteria for financial year 2019/20.

### **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee agreed not to change the grant criteria for financial year 2019/20.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 8 May 2019, submitted)

Councillor Sandy Taylor left the room during consideration of the following item.

\* **8. COUNCIL OPERATED FERRIES - POTENTIAL TRANSFER TO TRANSPORT SCOTLAND**

Consideration was given to a report that detailed the work carried out to date with a view to transferring subsidised ferry services currently operated by the Council to Transport Scotland.

**Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee –

1. Agreed that the Council continue to pursue the transfer of ferries to Transport Scotland.
2. Agreed that the transfer should be on the basis of 'no transfer of revenue funding'.
3. Referred the decision of the Committee to the Council for endorsement.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated May 2019, submitted)

Councillor Sandy Taylor re-joined the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

**9. HELENSBURGH WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT (HWD) - DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**

Consideration was given to a report which sought approval from the Committee for the drawdown of an additional £235,000 of development funding, from the approved budget of £19,510,680, to cover the costs of the project through to September 2019.

**Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee approved the drawdown of up to a further £235,000 in development funding to take the project through to the completion of the Full Business Case and Contract Award Recommendation Report, scheduled for September 2019.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 3 May 2019, submitted)

**10. TARBERT AND LOCHGILPHEAD REGENERATION PROJECT - IMPROVEMENTS TO BARMORE ROAD/GARVEL ROAD JUNCTION, TARBERT**

The Committee gave consideration to a recommendation from the Special meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee held on 24 April 2019 in relation to the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Project.

**Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee agreed that –

1. The full business case is approved and that Council funding of up to £295,000 is confirmed from the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund.
2. Delegated authority be afforded to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services for the delivery of the project as per the agreed programme.

(Reference: Extract from Minute of the Special Meeting of the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee held on 24 April 2019; and report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 24 April 2019, submitted)

#### **11. REVIEW OF ADVICE SERVICES**

A report which provided Members with an update on the position with the implementation of the new arrangement for advice services relating to debt, welfare rights and homelessness advice was before the Committee for noting.

##### **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee noted the improvements that had been made to date and that the new arrangements would be fully in place by 1 July 2019, when the contract with the single advice provider takes effect.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated May 2019, submitted)

#### **12. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN AS AT MAY 2019**

The Policy and Resources Committee work plan as at May 2019 was before the Committee for noting.

##### **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee noted the work plan as at May 2019.

(Reference: Policy and Resources Committee work plan as at May 2019, submitted)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

#### **13. COUNCIL OFFICER SUPPORT TO CHARITABLE TRUST**

The Committee gave consideration to a report that sought authority to appoint a suitably qualified officer to assist a charitable trust.

##### **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee agreed the recommendation as contained within the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 25 April 2019, submitted)