

MINUTE of MEETING of the **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE** held remotely on Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors MARK McDONALD, KENNY BRAES, BRIAN BOYD, LINDA CLARK, SERENA COWDY, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAN McLAREN, GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, JILL SCOTT and TOMMY STEWART.

Councillor McDONALD, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. **APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES**

There were no apologies intimated.

### 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY**

There were no declarations of interest or statements of transparency made.

### 3. **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 22 November 2022 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

### 4. **REVIEW OF COMMERCIAL WASTE SERVICES AND CHARGES**

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 19 January 2021, there was submitted Report No 3/23 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment, presenting proposals for adjusting charges levied by the Council as waste collection authority under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, for the collection and disposal of commercial waste.

The Director of Infrastructure and Environment introduced the Report and in the course of discussion, the Director confirmed that the Council was legally obliged to cover its costs in providing this service and did not make significant profit.

In response to a question from Councillor Scott, the Director advised that in line with many other local authorities across the UK it was proposed that the Council begin charging developers for the provision of household waste containers at newly built properties. Developers would be charged £68 per new property for the relevant containers (1 x 240 litre grey bin, 1 x 140 litre purple bin, and one each of indoor and outdoor caddies) where the dwellings were built in an area receiving the food waste service. Where properties did not receive the food waste service, the cost per property would be £62.

The Committee agreed:

- (i) to the application of reviewed charges for 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (ii) to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure and Environment to deviate from set charges (though still ensuring cost recovery) where this would allow officers to bid for larger or longer-term contracts;
- (iii) to the retention of bin rental costs at 2022/23 prices, for the reasons detailed in Section 5.4 of the Report; and
- (iv) to the introduction of charges to developers for the provision of wheeled bins at new housing developments as detailed at Sections 5.5 -5.7 of the Report.

**5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Committee agreed, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 28(2), that the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following item so as to avoid the disclosure of information which was exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Paragraph 8.

**6. ADDENDUM TO PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY REPORT – HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE ACQUISITION**

With reference to Article 13 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 22 November 2022, there was submitted Report No 4/23 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth providing an addendum to the previous Report seeking delegated authority for the Housing Service to procure a Housing Asset Management System within an allocated budget as detailed in the Report.

The Committee agreed to approve the deviation in the procurement strategy from open tender to direct award under the compliant framework identified within the Report, at a cost contained within the overall allocated budget.