

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held remotely on Thursday 29 February 2024 at 1.00pm.

Present: Provost BRIAN BOYD, Depute Provost LINDA CLARK, Councillors CHRIS BEATTIE, JULIE BELL, KENNY BRAES, DAVID CHEAPE, SERENA COWDY, LYNNE DEVINE, HEATHER DORAN, BILL DUFF, BRENDA DURNO, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, IAIN GALL, ROSS GREIG, MARK MCDONALD, IAN MCLAREN, GEORGE MEECHAN, LLOYD MELVILLE, GAVIN NICOL, LOUISE NICOL, RONNIE PROCTOR MBE, JILL SCOTT, MARTIN SHEPHERD, LOIS SPEED, TOMMY STEWART, DEREK WANN and BETH WHITESIDE.

PROVOST BOYD, in the Chair.

1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies intimated.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY**

Councillor Doran made a statement of transparency in that she has a child who attends an out of school club.

Councillor Speed made a statement of transparency in that she had recently taken up paid employment with a local organisation. Although there was not a direct impact with regards to the reports presented, she advised that there might be in the future.

3. **REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN 2023/2024**

The Council resolved to note the latest positions were reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on 30 January 2024 (Reports 24/24 and 25/24 respectively).

4. **COUNCIL PLAN, FINANCE & CHANGE PLAN AND WORKFORCE PLAN**

There was submitted Report No 49/24 by the Chief Executive which presented an update to the five-year Council Plan outlining the Council's strategic direction, vision, priorities and actions for 2023–2028, together with the Finance & Change Plan for the three-year period from 2024–2027, and an update to the Workforce Plan for the period 2023–2028.

The Chief Executive provided an overview of the Report and commended the Report to members.

5. **PROVISIONAL REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2024/25 AND BEYOND**

(a) **Verbal update on the outcome of the meeting of the Central Consultative Committee held on 29 February 2024**

The Depute Chief Executive reported on the discussions that had taken place at the meeting of the Central Consultative Committee held earlier in the day.

(b) **Verbal Update on the outcome of the Special meeting of the Family, Education and Justice Committee held on 29 February 2024**

The Director of Education and Lifelong Learning then advised members that at a Special meeting of the Family, Education & Justice Committee held earlier in the day had considered Report No 51/24 which set out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Council's 2024/25 revenue and capital budgets, detailed identified budget savings and a review of charges proposals. She indicated that Mr Callaghan had commented on the proposals but that the recommendations of the Report had been agreed.

The Council resolved to note the position.

Thereafter, there was submitted the following:-

- (i) Joint Report No 50/24 by the Chief Executive and Director of Finance being the 2024/25 Revenue Budget – Summary Financial Context and Financial Sustainability Challenges
- (ii) Joint Report No 51/24 by the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate for 2024/25;
- (iii) Joint Report No 52/24 by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Infrastructure & Environment Directorate for 2024/25;
- (iv) Joint Report No 53/24 by the Interim Director of Children, Families & Justice and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Children, Families & Justice Directorate for 2024/25;
- (v) Joint Report No 54/24 by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support Directorate for 2024/25;
- (vi) Joint Report No 55/24 by the Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Legal, Governance & Change Directorate for 2024/25;
- (vii) Joint Report No 56/24 by the Director of Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate for 2024/25;
- (viii) Report No 57/24 by the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Finance Directorate for 2024/25;
- (ix) Joint Report No 58/24 by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for the Chief Executive's Service for 2024/25;
- (x) Report No 59/24 by the Director of Finance setting out the proposed revenue and capital budgets for Other Services including Corporate Items for 2024/25;
- (xi) Report No 60/24 by the Chief Integration Officer, Angus Integration Joint Board setting out the proposals to revise Support and Care and Residential fees for services provided by Angus Health and Social Care Partnership through Angus Council with effect from April 2024;
- (xii) Report No 61/24 by the Director of Finance summarising the proposed revenue budget being devolved to the Angus Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board for 2024/25 which has responsibility for the delivery of Adult Care Services;
- (xiii) Joint Report No 62/24 by the Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance presenting the proposed 2024/25 budget settlement between Angus Council and ANGUSalve, along with the review of ANGUSalve charges for services delivered and their Business Plan covering 2024/25 to 2026/27;
- (xiv) Report No 63/24 by the Director of Finance apprising members of the background to setting the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2024/25 and setting out the summary position of the 2024/25 Provisional Revenue Budget and the 2023/2028 Capital Plan. The report also apprised members of the further steps that were required with regard to the setting of the Council Tax for 2024/25;
- (xv) Report No 64/24 by the Director of Finance presenting the equality impact assessment and fairer Scotland duty assessments which had been undertaken while considering the various changes required to support the Council setting a balanced budget for the financial year 2024/25;

- (xvi) Report No 65/24 by the Director of Finance updating members on the General Fund Reserve position post the position reported in the Council's 2022/23 Audited Annual Accounts and setting out a proposed budget strategy for the use of the General Fund Reserve over the 4 year period from 2024/25 to 2027/28;
- (xvii) Report No 66/24 by the Director of Finance apprising members of the 3 year revenue budget position for the Council starting with the 2024/25 provisional revenue budget position plus indicative revenue budgets for 2025/26 and 2026/27;
- (xviii) Report No 67/24 by the Director of Finance presenting the Capital Strategy for the financial year 2024/25;
- (xix) Report No 68/24 by the Director of Finance summarising the outcome from an assessment of the long-term affordability of the 2023/2028 Capital Plan carried out as part of the Council's longer-term financial management strategy; and
- (xx) Report No 69/24 by the Director of Finance advising members of the prudential indicators which the Council was required to consider and approve as part of the Budgets setting process.

Councillor Duff, seconded by Councillor Whiteside, moved that this Council:-

1. notes the latest 2023/24 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 30 January 2024 as set out in Report Nos 24/24 and 25/24, respectively;
2. has due regard to the public sector equality duty and the detail provided in the equalities impact assessments and the Fairer Scotland Duty, and the detail provided in the relative assessments related to reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions, all in terms of accompanying the reports as detailed within the agenda for this meeting;
3. approves the Council Plan, Finance & Change Plan and Workforce Plan as set out in Report 49/24 as submitted by the Chief Executive;
4. notes the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Depute Chief Executive;
5. notes the views of the Special Family, Education & Justice Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning;
6. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 50/24 as submitted jointly by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue Budget – Summary Financial Context and Financial Sustainability Challenges;
7. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 51/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance relating to the Revenue & Capital Budget for Education & Lifelong Learning **as amended by Report No 70/24, the Administration**;
8. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 52/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance relating to the Revenue & Capital Budget for Infrastructure & Environment;
9. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 53/24 as submitted jointly by the Interim Director of Children, Families & Justice and the Director of Finance, relating to the Revenue & Capital Budget for Children, Families & Justice;
10. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 54/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support and the Director of Finance relating to the Revenue & Capital Budget for HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support;

11. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 55/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to the Revenue & Capital Budget for Legal, Governance & Change;
12. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 56/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth and the Director of Finance relating to the Revenue & Capital Budget for Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth;
13. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 57/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Revenue & Capital Budget for Finance;
14. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 58/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Revenue Budget for Other Services including Corporate items;
15. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 59/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Revenue Budget for Other Services & Corporate Items;
16. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 60/24 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus Integrated Joint Board relating to the Review of Angus Council Charges for Support and Care Services and Residential Fees 2024/25;
17. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 61/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Devolved Budget to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board for 2024/25;
18. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 62/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance and relating to ANGUSalve Charges Review & Budget Settlement 2024/25;
19. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 63/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional Revenue & Capital Budgets 2024/25 – Background Report and Setting of the Council Tax 2024/25 **as amended by Report 70/24, the Administration Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
20. notes the total net revenue expenditure to be met from Council Tax for 2024/25 of £72.470 million **as set out in Report 70/24, the Administration Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
21. notes and has due regard to the public sector equality duty and Fairer Scotland Duty in terms of the detail provided in Report 64/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Equality Impact Assessment & Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment – Overall Revenue & Capital Budget 2024/25;
22. notes the proposed 1.75% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2024/25 as set out in Report 63/24. This would result in a B and D equivalent tax base of 48,223 as set out in **Statement 1;**
23. approves the drawdown of £0.788 million from Council Reserves for the One off Budget Issues, as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2**, noting this will be funded from the uncommitted General Fund Reserve;
24. approves the drawdown of £0.730 million from the Exceptional Cost Pressures Reserves for One off Budget Issues, Change Programme Savings Deletions and Contribution to the Tay Cities Deal Fund as set out in Report 70/24 and **Statement 2;**
25. approves the drawdown of £1.728 million from the Exceptional Cost Pressures Reserves for one off budget issues as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2;**
26. approves that the offer of Council Tax Freeze Grant from the Scottish Government totalling £2.841 million is accepted as set out in **Statement 2;**

27. approves the use of £2.889 million of Council Reserves as per the Reserve Strategy which will enable delivery of a balanced budget in 2024/25 as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2**;
28. approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompasses all of the appropriate elements of this Motion as set out in **Statement 2**;
29. agrees an Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2024/25 as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D)	£1,316.68 (as set out in Statement 2)
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30. notes that the Council Tax for 2024/25 will as a consequence of this Motion remain at 2023/24 levels as set out in **Statement 3**;
31. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 65/24, as submitted by the Director of Finance, relating to an Update on the General Fund Reserve and the Proposed Budget Strategy for the Use of the Reserve Balance over the Period 2024/25 – 2027/28 **as amended in Statement 4a&b**;
32. notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this Motion, as detailed in **Statement 5**;
33. notes that £8.389 million of the proposed reserve strategy draw down for financial year 2024/25 to 2026/27 remains committed against the projected Uncommitted General Fund balance at 1 April 2025 as shown in **Statement 6b**;
34. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 66/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional 3 Year Revenue Budget Position for 2024/25 and Indicative Revenue Budgets for 2025/26 and 2026/27 **as amended in Statement 6a&b**;
35. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 67/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Capital Strategy 2024/25;
36. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 68/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Capital Plan; and
37. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 69/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2024/25 Budget Process.

Councillor Gall, seconded by Councillor Wann, moved as an amendment, that this Council:-

1. notes the latest 2023/24 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 30 January 2024 as set out in Reports 24/24 and 25/24, respectively;
2. has due regard to the public sector equality duty and the detail provided in the equalities impact assessments and the Fairer Scotland Duty, and the detail provided in the relative assessments related to **reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions**, all accompanying the reports for Agenda Items 3 to 5 and 7 for this meeting;
3. notes and approves the Council Plan, Finance & Change Plan and Workforce Plan Update as set out in Report 49/24 as submitted by the Chief Executive;
4. notes the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Depute Chief Executive;
5. notes the views of the Special Family, Education & Justice Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning;

6. notes and approves the Summary Financial Context and Financial Sustainably Challenges relevant to the 2024/25 budget setting process as set out in Report 50/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance;
7. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 51/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate **as amended by Report 71/24, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
8. Notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 52/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Infrastructure & Environment Directorate **as amended by Report 71/24, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
9. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 53/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Children, Families & Justice and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for Children, Families & Justice Directorate;
10. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 54/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support Directorate;
11. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 55/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Legal, Governance & Change Directorate;
12. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 56/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate **as amended by Report 71/24, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
13. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 57/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Finance Directorate **as amended by Report 71/24, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
14. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 58/24 as submitted jointly by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Chief Executive's Service;
15. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 59/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for Other Services and Corporate Items;
16. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 60/24 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus Integrated Joint Board relating to the Review of Angus Council Charges for Support and Care Services and Residential Fees 2024/25;
17. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 61/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Devolved Budget to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board for 2024/25;
18. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 62/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Finance and the Director of Legal, Governance & Change relating to ANGUSalve Charges Review & Budget Settlement 2024/25;

19. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 63/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional Revenue & Capital Budget – Background Report & Setting of the 2024/25 Council Tax **as amended by Report 71/24, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
20. notes the total net revenue expenditure to be met from Council Tax for 2024/25 of £73.581 million **as set out in Report 71/24, the Opposition Group Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
21. notes and has due regard to the public sector equality duty and Fairer Scotland Duty in terms of the detail provided in Report 64/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Equality Impact Assessment & Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment – Overall Revenue & Capital Budget 2024/25;
22. notes the proposed 1.75% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2024/25 as set out in Report 63/24. This would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 48,223 as set out in **Statement 1;**
23. approves the addition of £0.508 million to Other Services Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2**, noting this will be funded from additional Council Tax Income;
24. approves the drawdown of £2.629 million from Council Reserves for One Off Budget Issues and Change Programme Savings Deferrals as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2;**
25. approves the drawdown of £1.728 million from the Exceptional Cost Pressures Reserves as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2;**
26. approves the drawdown of £1.159 million of Council Reserves which, along with the proposed increase in Council Tax, will enable delivery of a balanced budget in 2024/25 as set out in **Statement 2;**
27. approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompasses all the appropriate elements of this Amendment as set out in **Statement 2;**
28. agrees an Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2024/25 as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D) £1,422.00 (as set out in Statement 2)
29. notes the impact of the 8.0% increase in Council Tax for 2024/25, as set out in **Statement 3;**
30. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 65/24, as submitted by the Director of Finance, relating to an Update on the General Fund Reserve and the Proposed Budget Strategy for the Use of the Reserve Balance over the Period 2024/25 – 2027/28, **as amended in Statements 4a&b;**
31. notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this Amendment, as detailed in **Statement 5;**
32. notes that £6.659 million for the proposed reserve strategy draw down for financial year 2024/25 to 2026/27 remains committed against the projected Uncommitted General Fund balance at 1 April 2024 as shown in **Statements 6a&b;**
33. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 66/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional 3 Year Revenue Budget Position for 2024/25 and Indicative Revenue Budgets for 2025/26 and 2026/27 **as amended in Statements 6a&b;**
34. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 67/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Capital Strategy 2024/25;

35. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 68/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Capital Plan; and
36. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 69/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2024/25 Budget Process.

The Council resolved to adjourn for 20 minutes to allow the opportunity for members to consider the contents of both the motion and the amendment.

The meeting resumed at 14:20pm.

Members took the opportunity to ask questions and make comment in relation to both the motion and the amendment.

Councillor Duff then summed up.

At this stage in the meeting, and prior to the vote, Councillor Doran gave notice of a further amendment.

Thereafter, the members voted:-

For the motion by Councillor Duff:-

Provost Boyd, Depute Provost Clark, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Braes, Cheape, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Meechan, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (15).

For the amendment by Councillor Gall:-

Councillors Doran, Fotheringham, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Scott, Stewart and Wann (11).

No Vote:-

Councillor Speed (1).

The motion was declared carried.

In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 15(12), Councillor Speed requested that her dissent be recorded in relation to the foregoing decision.

Thereafter, Councillor Doran having previously given notice of a further amendment, circulated the content of the amendment.

The Council resolved to adjourn for 20 minutes to allow the opportunity for members to consider the content of the further amendment.

The meeting resumed at 15:34pm.

Councillor Doran, having given notice of a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Scott, moved that this Council:

1. notes the latest 2023/24 revenue and capital monitoring position as reported to the Policy & Resources Committee on 30 January 2024 as set out in Reports 24/24 and 25/24, respectively;
2. has due regard to the public sector equality duty and the detail provided in the equalities impact assessments and the Fairer Scotland Duty, and the detail provided in the relative assessments related to **reducing inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions**, all accompanying the reports for Agenda Items 3 to 5 and 8 for this meeting;
3. notes and approves the Council Plan, Finance & Change Plan and Workforce Plan Update as set out in Report 49/24 as submitted by the Chief Executive;

4. notes the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Depute Chief Executive;
5. notes the views of the Special Family, Education & Justice Committee arising from their meeting earlier today as per the verbal update provided at this meeting by the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.
6. notes and approves the Summary Financial Context and Financial Sustainably Challenges relevant to the 2024/25 budget setting process as set out in Report 50/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance;
7. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 51/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Education & Lifelong Learning and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate **as amended by Report 72/24, Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
8. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 52/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Infrastructure & Environment and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Infrastructure & Environment Directorate **as amended by Report 72/24, Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
9. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 53/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Children, Families & Justice and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for Children, Families & Justice Directorate;
10. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 54/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support Directorate;
11. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 55/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Legal, Governance & Change and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Legal, Governance & Change Directorate;
12. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 56/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth Directorate **as amended by Report 72/24, Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
13. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 57/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Finance Directorate **as amended by Report 72/24, Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
14. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 58/24 as submitted jointly by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for the Chief Executive's Service;
15. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 59/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the 2024/25 Revenue & Capital Budget Setting – Proposed Budgets for Other Services and Corporate Items;
16. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 60/24 as submitted by the Chief Officer, Angus Integrated Joint Board relating to the Review of Angus Council Charges for Support and Care Services and Residential Fees 2024/25;

17. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 61/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Devolved Budget to Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board for 2024/25;
18. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 62/24 as submitted jointly by the Director of Finance and the Director of Legal, Governance & Change relating to ANGUSalve Charges Review & Budget Settlement 2024/25;
19. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 63/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional Revenue & Capital Budget – Background Report & Setting of the 2024/25 Council Tax **as amended by Report 72/24, Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
20. notes the total net revenue expenditure to be met from Council Tax for 2024/25 of £74.122 million **as set out in Report 72/24, Non Aligned Councillors Budget Proposals published in terms of Standing Order 4;**
21. notes and has due regard to the public sector equality duty and Fairer Scotland Duty in terms of the detail provided in Report 64/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Equality Impact Assessment & Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment – Overall Revenue & Capital Budget 2024/25;
22. notes the proposed 1.75% level for Council Tax non-collection in 2024/25 as set out in Report 63/24. This would result in a Band D equivalent tax base of 48,223 as set out in **Statement 1;**
23. approves the addition of £0.508 million to Other Services Council Tax Reduction Scheme as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2**, noting this will be funded from additional Council Tax Income;
24. approves the drawdown of £2.973 million from Council Reserves for One Off Budget Issues and Change Programme Savings Deferrals as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2;**
25. approves the drawdown of £1.728 million from the Exceptional Cost Pressures Reserves as set out in Report 65/24 and **Statement 2;**
26. approves the drawdown of £1.356 million of Council Reserves which, along with the proposed increase in Council Tax, will enable delivery of a balanced budget in 2024/25 as set out in **Statement 2;**
27. approves the Council Tax Calculation Statement, which encompasses all the appropriate elements of this Amendment as set out in **Statement 2;**
28. approves an Angus Council Band D Council Tax Charge for 2024/25 as follows: -

Council Tax (Band D) £1,422.00 (as set out in Statement 2)
29. notes the impact of the 8.0% increase in Council Tax for 2024/25, as set out in **Statement 3;**
30. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 65/24, as submitted by the Director of Finance, relating to an Update on the General Fund Reserve and the Proposed Budget Strategy for the Use of the Reserve Balance over the Period 2024/25 – 2027/28, **as amended in Statements 4a&b;**
31. notes the impact on the level of Earmarked Reserves of the proposals detailed in this Amendment, as detailed in **Statement 5;**
32. notes that £6.856 million for the proposed reserve strategy draw down for financial year 2024/25 to 2026/27 remains committed against the projected Uncommitted General Fund balance at 1 April 2024 as shown in **Statements 6a&b;**
33. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 66/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Provisional 3 Year Revenue Budget Position for

2024/25 and Indicative Revenue Budgets for 2025/26 and 2026/27 **as amended in Statements 6a&b;**

34. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 67/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance relating to the Capital Strategy 2024/25;
35. notes and approves the recommendations as set out in Report 68/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Long Term Affordability of the General Fund Capital Plan;
36. approves the recommendations as set out in Report 69/24 as submitted by the Director of Finance regarding the Setting of Prudential Indicators for the 2024/25 Budget Process;

Following questions, and having heard from a number of members, the members voted:-

For the motion:-

Provost Boyd, Depute Provost Clark, Councillors Beattie, Bell, Braes, Cheape, Cowdy, Devine, Duff, Durno, McDonald, Meechan, Melville, Shepherd and Whiteside (15).

For the (further) amendment:-

Councillors Doran, Fotheringham, Gall, Greig, McLaren, Gavin Nicol, Louise Nicol, Proctor, Scott, Stewart and Wann (11).

No vote:-

Councillor Speed (1).

The motion was declared carried and the Council resolved accordingly.

The meeting concluded at 15:53pm.