

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING of **ANGUS COUNCIL** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 1 August 2024 at 2.00pm.

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

DEPUTE PROVOST CLARK, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jack Cruickshanks, Lynne Devine, Ross Greig and Tommy Stewart.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

Councillor Cheape declared an interest in Items 4 and 5 as a Council appointed Director of Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee Ltd. He indicated that he would not take part in any discussion and voting and would leave the meeting during consideration of these items.

3. POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Council resolved, in terms of Standing Order 27(2), that the public and press be excluded during consideration of Item 4 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, Paragraphs 6 and 9.

Councillor Cheape having declared an interest at Article 2 above, left the meeting during consideration of the following items.

4. CARNOUSTIE GOLF PROVISION – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS – PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION – ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL (EXEMPT) INFORMATION

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of Special Meeting of Angus Council of 24 August 2023, there was submitted Report No 205/24 by the Director Finance providing members with additional confidential background information to support their consideration of the public report (Report 206/24 refers) on this matter. In line with previous practice members were asked to consider the recommendations in Report No 205/24 prior to considering the recommendations in the separate public report.

The Director of Finance provided an overview of the Report, following which the Council resolved to approve the recommendations as detailed in the Report.

5. CARNOUSTIE GOLF PROVISION – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS – PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION

With reference to Article 3 of the minute of Special Meeting of Angus Council of 24 August 2023, there was submitted Report No 206/24 by the Director Finance providing members with an update on the proposals which had been developed by Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee (CGLMC) regarding future arrangements for golf provision in Carnoustie.

The proposals had been the subject of a number of reports to Council since January 2022 and had now reached a stage of development and clarity where it was necessary and appropriate for the Council, as landowner for these important public assets, to carry out a public consultation on what was being proposed. The Council was asked to consider the report and the accompanying confidential Report No 205/24 (“the Exempt Report”) which provided restricted content.

The Director of Finance provided an overview of the Report, following which a number of members were heard in relation to the proposed consultation. Thereafter, the Council resolved:-

- (i) to note the background to the proposals covered in the report as set out in Section 3 and Appendix 1 to the Report, which had been subject to a number of previous reports and extensive discussion with Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee Limited and their investment partners over the last 3 years;
- (ii) to note that the proposals for change at Carnoustie Golf Links being put forward by CGLMC had now reached a stage of development and clarity where it was necessary and appropriate for the Council, as landowner for these important public assets, to carry out a public consultation;
- (iii) to note the position regarding the draft legal agreements on the matter as set out in Section 4;
- (iv) to agree that the purpose of the public consultation and the Council's position regarding the matter is as set out in Section 5;
- (v) to approve the timetable and approach to the public consultation as set out in Section 6, noting that it would be undertaken primarily using the Council's Engage Angus online tool but with print copies being made available in local libraries and public drop in sessions also being available;
- (vi) to approve the proposed content of the consultation, which was included as Appendix 2, noting it as a final draft and may be subject to some minor final edits as per recommendation (vii) below;
- (vii) to authorise the Director of Finance, following consultation with the Chief Executive, to make any final minor modifications and edits to the draft consultation set out in Appendix 2 should those be necessary prior to the consultation going live;
- (viii) to authorise the Director of Finance, following consultation with the Chief Executive, to go live with the draft consultation set out in Appendix 2 (subject to any minor modification and edits as may be carried out in accordance with recommendation (vii) above); and
- (ix) to note that a report setting out the results of the public consultation and seeking a decision from members on whether to implement CGLMC's proposals or not (having had regard to the results of the consultation) would be brought to Council as soon as practically possible after the consultation closes.

Councillor Cheape re-joined the meeting.

6. DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR WHOLE FAMILY WELLBEING FUND AND OUR BRIGHT FUTURES BUDGET

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Children and Learning Committee of 1 June 2023, and Article 10 of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 12 March 2024, there was submitted Report No 207/24 by the Chief Executive advising members that following the retiral of the Depute Chief Executive, alternative arrangements required to be put in place with regards to delegated authority in relation to two ring-fenced budgets aligned to the work of the Angus Community Planning Partnership.

The budgets related to the Our Bright Futures Action Plan and the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund and the Report presented recommendations for future delegated authorities in relation to the two budgets.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to put in place appropriate arrangements for officers of Angus Council to determine and approve the distribution of funds which would deliver the outcomes of the Our Bright Futures Action Plan and the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund; and

- (ii) to agree to amend the Scheme of Governance Part 3, under the Chief Executive's delegations to add the following delegations: -
 - (a) to appoint council officers to determine and approve the distribution of funds to deliver the outcomes of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund; and
 - (b) to appoint council officers to determine and approve the distribution of funds to deliver the outcomes of the Our Bright Futures Action Plan.