

**MINUTES of MEETING of POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the ON A HYBRID
BASIS BY ATTENDANCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD OR
REMOTELY BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST 2022**

Present: Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Liz McCabe
Councillor Amanda Hampsey	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly
Councillor Fiona Howard	Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Andrew Kain	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle	Councillor Douglas Philand

Attending: Pippa Milne, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director
Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director
Shona Barton, Committee Manager
Anne Blue, Interim Head of Financial Services
Jane Fowler, Head of Customer Support Services
Seona Laird, HR Service Centre Team Leader
Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth
Ross McLaughlin, Head of Commercial Services

Prior to the commencement of Business the Chair expressed his sadness at the sudden passing of Councillor John McAlpine and made the following tribute to him –

Today is the first formal committee meeting since we heard of the sudden and tragic passing of our colleague and indeed our friend, John McAlpine.

The Policy and Resources Committee approved the Service Annual Performance Reviews and Scorecards 2021/22 as presented for publication on the Council's website.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services dated 13 July 2022, submitted)

7. AMENDMENT TO PENSIONS DISCRETIONS POLICY - SHARED COST AVCS

The Committee gave consideration to a report proposing the inclusion of a new discretion in the Council's Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Discretionary Pension Policy Statement to permit Local Government Pension Scheme members to participate in a Shared Cost Addition

account the Place Based Investment Criteria as set out by the Scottish Government and the associated timeline for spend. The report also sought consideration of the unallocated Crown Estate funding for 2022/23.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee agreed –

1. That the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth seeks suggestions for potential projects that would fit with the funds criteria and timeline from all Elected Members;
2. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council, and Leader of the largest Opposition Group; to agree expenditure on the projects that fit best for the 2022/23 allocation, following receipt of any suggestions; and
3. That arrangements are put in place which would facilitate Area Committees and / or Area Community Planning Groups being involved in the discussions around the 2023/24 allocation of Place Based Investment funding prior to it coming before Members for decision.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 21 July 2022, submitted)

10. CLIMATE CHANGE UPDATE

(a) Council Carbon Emissions & Climate Investment 2022

The Committee gave consideration to a report highlighting the Council's overall annual carbon emissions for the most recent period 2020/21 and outlining that changes to the process would be forthcoming in future months due to change in The Climate Change (Duties of Public Bodies: Reporting Requirements) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2020. The report also invited the Policy Lead with the responsibility for Climate Change to be a member of the Climate Change Board to ensure a seamless link with regards to strategic leadership and operational delivery.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee –

1. Noted the publication of the Council's 2020/21 carbon emissions report and its continued pos

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services dated 14 July 2022, submitted)

(b) Decarbonisation Plan - Action Tracker & Case Studies

The Committee gave consideration to a report presenting the updated Decarbonisation Plan Action Tracker and supplementary case studies providing additional information on positive climate change work the Council was undertaking.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee noted –

1. The progress of specific actions from the Decarbonisation Action Plan; and
2. The supplementary case studies that provide information on positive climate change projects being undertaken by different departments of the Council.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services dated 11 August 2022, submitted)

11. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015 - UPDATE - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST / ASSET TRANSFER REQUESTS / REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A report advising on the operation of the processes in regard to formal Asset Transfer Requests (ATR) and Participation Requests in terms of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; current live informal Expressions of Interest (EOI's) which may become subject to a formal asset transfer request or be dealt with outwith the formal asset transfer request process; current live ongoing or agreed Participation Requests received by the Council; and the annual reporting requirements in respect of Asset Transfer Requests and Participation Requests set out in Section 95 and 32 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 respectively; was before the Committee for noting.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee noted the content of the submitted report and agreed that this would be listed as a substantive item at the next meeting of the Committee for discussion by all Members.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial re Policy

