

**MINUTES of MEETING of POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held ON A HYBRID BASIS IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS  
on THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2023**

**Present:**

Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair  
Councillor Audrey Forrest  
Councillor Kieron Green  
Councillor Amanda Hampsey  
Councillor Fiona Howard  
Councillor Willie Hume  
Councillor Andrew Kain

Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle  
Councillor Jim Lynch  
Councillor Liz McCabe  
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly  
Councillor Ross Moreland  
Councillor Alastair Redman

**Also Present:**

Councillor Peter Wallace

out the position as at 31 August 2023 which included the Revenue Budget Monitoring Report; Monitoring of Financial Risks; Capital Plan Monitoring Report; Treasury Monitoring Report and Reserves and Balances.

### **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee

1. noted the revenue budget monitoring report as at 31 August 2023;
2. noted the financial risks for 2023-24;
3. noted the capital plan monitoring report as at 31 August 2023 and approved the proposed changes to the capital plan as outlined in Appendix 4 of that report;
4. noted the treasury monitoring report as at 31 August 2023;
5. noted the reserves and balances report as at 31 August 2023; and
6. agreed to recommend to Council that the revenue virements over £0.200m during July and August 2023 are approved.

(Reference: Report by Section 95 Officer dated 8 September 2023, submitted)

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer and Support Services dated 12 October 2023, submitted)

## **7. UPDATE ON EMPTY PROPERTY**

6. temporary posts and associated costs to allow commencement of this initiative.

(Reference: Report by Chief Executive dated 20 September 2023, submitted)

## **9. PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME FUND 2021 2024 ALLOCATIONS AND PROJECT UPDATES**

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing an update on the Place Based Investment Programme allocation for the years 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 as well as the allocations agreed to individual projects and any subsequent change that had to be made as well as an update on progress of each project.

### **Decision**

## The Policy and Resources Committee

1. noted the allocation of Crown Estate funding provided from the period 2019-2023;
2. noted the agreed allocation of the Crown Estate funding during the period 2019-2023 to the projects in Table 1 and paragraph 4.4 of the submitted report;
3. approved the amendments to the funding allocation as detailed in paragraph 4.6 of the submitted report;
4. noted the update on each of the individual projects as detailed in Table 1 of the submitted report;
5. agreed to the continuation of delegated powers, as agreed in February 2023, to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth to allow any subsequent amendment to approved Crown Estate grant allocations to ensure that any risk relating to having to payback any grant is minimised; noting that this may involve swapping Crown Estate allocations with Place Based Investment Programme allocations of grants against individual projects but would not affect the projects but simply the grant source.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 14 September 2023, submitted)

### (b) **Crown Estate 2023/24 Allocation and Possible Projects**

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing detail on the proposed allocation of the Crown Estate funding for 2023/24 following consultation with all Elected Members as agreed at the Policy and Resources Committee on 10 August 2023.

#### **Decision**

## The Policy and Resources Committee

1. noted that the formal allocation of Crown Estate funding for 2023/24 is still awaited;
2. noted the proposal to allocate a £1.0million prudent estimate of anticipated Crown Estate 2023/24 funding against individual projects pending receipt of the formal allocation;
3. noted that officers sought suggestions from Elected Members and are undertaking due diligence in reviewing those projects against the criteria set by the Scottish Government;
4. agreed to a delegation of powers to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Leader, Depute Leader and Leader of the largest Opposition Group to approve the final list of projects to be supported by the £1.0million prudent allocation of Crown Estate 2023/24 funding;

5. noted that officers would inform Elected Members of the decision taken by the delegation; and
6. noted that a further report would be brought back to members of the Policy and Resources Committee should the formal allocation for 2023/24 represent a higher figure than £1.0million.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic

2. agreed to the recommended projects as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report; and
3. agreed that officers bring forward to the Policy and Resources Committee in December 2023.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth and Roads and Infrastructure Services and Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services dated 12 October 2023, submitted)

### **13. CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD UPDATE AND DE-CARBONISATION TRACKER**

The Committee gave consideration to a report summarising and highlighting some of the recent activities of the Climate Change Board over the previous quarter.

#### **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee noted the updates contained at Section 5 and the full Decarbonisation Tracker update attached at Appendix A to the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services dated 12 September 2023, submitted)

### **14. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

The Policy and Resources Committee Workplan was before the Committee for noting.

#### **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee noted the content of the Workplan as at October 2023.

(Reference: Policy and Resources Committee Workplan dated October 2023, submitted)