



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the PLACE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber,
Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, ALLOA, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2019 at
9.30 am.**

PRESENT

Councillor Donald Balsillie (Vice Convenor)
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Jane McTaggart (S)
Councillor Tina Murphy
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Derek Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Leonard, Strategic Director, Place
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager, Housing
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Team Leader, Management Accountancy
Julie Hamilton, Service Manager Development
Allan Finlayson, Team Leader Planning and Building Standards
Graham Finlay, Principal Planner
Wilson Lees, Homelessness and Supporting People Manager
Cheryl Bowden, Senior Housing Officer
Kate Fleming, Housing Strategy Officer
Lee Robertson, Solicitor (Clerk to the Committee)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services

PLC(19)32 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Craig Holden, Councillor Bill Mason and Councillor Kenneth Earle. Councillor Jane McTaggart attended today as substitute for Councillor Holden. In the absence of the Convenor, Councillor Balsillie as Vice Convenor chaired the meeting.

PLC(19)33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PLC(19)34 MINUTE OF PLACE COMMITTEE HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

The minute of the meeting of the Place Committee held on Thursday 12 September 2019 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The Minutes of the meeting of the Place Committee held on Thursday 12 September 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Convenor.

PLC(19)35 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2019-20 – AUGUST OUTTURN

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, provided an update on the financial performance for the Place Division of the Council in respect of revenue spend for General Fund and the Revenue and Capital Spend for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the current financial year 2019/20. This was on forecast information at August 2019. General Fund Capital expenditure will be reported to the Audit Committee on 5 December 2019 as part of the overall Council's financial performance report.

Decision

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Tina Murphy.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged:

- The forecast General Fund revenue underspend relating to the Place Division for the year of £(0.719)m;
- the Housing Revenue Account underspend of (0.345)m;
- The Housing Revenue Capital underspend of £(0.016), and
- delivery of planned savings in the year forecasted to achieve 72.6%.

The Committee agreed to note the report.

PLC(19)36 PLACE BUSINESS PLAN – HALF YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), provided the Committee a mid-year review of progress against the Place Business Plan objectives and associated Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) performance indicators, together with a review of Service Improvement Actions and the Place Risk Register.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report as appropriate, the Committee agreed to note the report.

PLC(19)37 HOMELESSNESS ACT 2003, COMMENCEMENT ORDER NO.4 2019 (INTENTIONALITY)

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), informed the Committee of the changes to the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 with respect to the investigation of intentionality.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

Decision

The Committee:

1. Note the contents of the letter from the Minister for Local Government, housing and Planning dated 9 October 2019 and attached as Appendix 1;
2. Note the local investigation policy will reflect the legislative requirements from 7 November 2019: decision makers will consider every homeless application on its own merits and consider whether to make further inquiries regarding intentionality on a case by case basis;

PLC(19)38 STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2020-2025

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), asked Committee to approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP).

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for 2020-2025, including the 5 year programme of housing sales, detailed in Appendices 1,2 and 3; and
2. note the remainder of the report, having commented on and challenge as appropriate.

Action

Strategic Director (Place)

PLC(19)39 CLACKMANNANSHIRE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW MAIN ISSUES REPORT

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), updated Committee on progress towards the preparation of the Clackmannanshire Local Development Plan (LDP) Review and the Main Issues Report (MIR).

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. note the content of the Clackmannanshire Local Development Plan Main Issues Report (MIR) and associated documents.
2. raise any comments or views on the Main Issues Report and accompanying documents prior to finalisation for presentation to Council on 19 December 2019.

Action

Strategic Director (Place)

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As this was Julie Hamilton's last Place Committee the Convenor thanked her for all her support and wished her all the best in the future.

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EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Council resolved in terms of Section 50(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in Schedule 7A, Part 1, Paragraph 9.

Members of the public and press were asked to withdraw from the Chamber at this point in the proceedings.

PLC(19)40 PROPERTY REVIEW UPDATE 2019/20

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), provided an overview of progress on the disposal of property assets since approval by Council of the previous Property Review reports on 21 March 2019, and sought approval from Council, where necessary, to declare further properties surplus to our operational and strategic requirements.

The Strategic Director (Place) advised that in paragraph 2.1(f) line 2 should read the "HRA to General Fund" not as stated in the report.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report. (with the updated wording at 2.1(f)).

Moved by Councillor Donald Balsillie. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve recommendations 2.1(a) to (f) as set out in the report.

Ends 1025 hours