

## ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of Special MEETING of the **CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar on Thursday 9 February 2012 at 2.00 pm.

**Present:** Councillors MARK SALMOND, JOHN WHYTE, BRIAN BOYD, IAIN GAUL, ALEX KING, IAN MACKINTOSH, DAVID MAY, BILL MIDDLETON, PETER MURPHY, ROB MURRAY, BOB MYLES, PETER NIELD, HELEN OSWALD, JOHN RYMER and SANDY WEST.

Councillor SALMOND, Convener, in the Chair.

### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies intimated.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

### 3. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS 2012/2013

There were submitted (a) [Report No 86/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services advising members of revenue expenditure for the period 1 April to 31 December 2011, together with the anticipated year end position in respect of the Corporate Services Department; (b) [Report No 92/12](#) by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the Corporate Services Service Improvement Plan for 2012/2013 and advising members of the preparation of the Plan within the context of both the budget setting process and the Corporate Plan; (c) [Joint Report No 96/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance advising members of the provisional revenue budget of each Council department and of the departmental budget savings considered necessary to allow the Council to deliver a sustainable revenue budget within the resources expected to be available and also setting out the provisional capital budget submissions for those departments with capital expenditure; (d) [Joint Report No 97/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance, being the provisional revenue budget volume, together with a commentary by each Head of Department; (e) [Joint Report No 98/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance, being the proposed department budget savings volume and (f) [Joint Report No 99/12](#) by the Director of Corporate Services and Head of Finance, being the provisional capital budget for 2012/13.

The Committee was advised that the Central Consultative Committee had met earlier in the day and considered the budget reports. Members had been given an update on key matters relevant to the Council's budget setting and the comments made by the trade union representatives.

Councillors Boyd, Gaul, King, Bill Middleton, Murray, Oswald, and West indicated that they wished to reserve their position on the budget to the special meeting of the Council.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations as set out in Report No 86/12 relating to the 2011/12 Budget Monitoring position;
- (ii) to approve the draft 2012/13 Service Improvement Plan for Corporate Services;
- (iii) to note the views of the Trade Union representatives on the Central Consultative Committee arising from their meeting earlier in the day;
- (iv) to note and approve the new burdens, budget issues and the review of charges applicable to Corporate Services and Other Services as detailed in Report No 96/12;

- (v) to note the provisional base revenue budget submissions for 2012/13 of Corporate Services and Other Services as contained in pages 90 to 107 respectively of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report No 97/12);
- (vi) to note the budget savings proposals of Corporate Services as contained in pages 18 to 25 respectively of the Departmental Budget Savings Proposals Volume (Report No 98/12);
- (vii) to approve the budget savings for Corporate Services totalling £300,000;
- (viii) to approve the revised budgeted net expenditure for Corporate Services and Other Services resulting from (iv) to (vii) above and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting;
- (ix) to note and agree to submit to the Council Tax setting meeting that: the provision for Surplus Local Tax Income be £0.050 million; the revenue contribution to capital expenditure be £0.700 million; the provision for Insurance be £0.050 million; the provision for Energy be £0.200 million; the provision for Street Lighting be £0.150 million; the Capital Financing Costs be £13.583 million; the allowance for corporate/efficiency savings be £0.270 million (all of which are shown on page 3 of the Provisional Budget Volume (Report No 97/12);
- (x) to note and approve the Provisional Common Good Fund budgets for 2012/13 which incorporate the bids detailed in Report No 96/12 (Appendix 4) as detailed in pages 109 to 114 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report No 97/12);
- (xi) to approve the Corporate Services provisional capital budgets for 2012/13 as contained in pages 8 to 26 of the Provisional Capital Budget Volume (Report No 99/12) and recommend accordingly to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting;
- (xii) to note the provisional base revenue budget submissions (excluding Loan Charges) for 2012/13 of the three Joint Boards for Tayside, namely Valuation (Assessors) £0.765 million, Fire & Rescue £4.371 million, Police £17.243 million as shown on page 108 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report No 97/12);
- (xiii) to note that these finalised budget submissions for 2012/13 of the Tayside Valuation, Tayside Fire & Rescue and Tayside Police Joint Boards were agreed at meetings of the respective Boards in January 2012;
- (xiv) to submit these finalised budget requisitions for the Joint Boards to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting;
- (xv) to note the provisional base revenue budget submission for 2012/13 of the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement being £155,000 (Surplus) as shown on page 108 of the Provisional Revenue Budget Volume (Report No 97/12);
- (xvi) to note that the 2012/13 budget estimate for Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement has yet to be formally approved by the Joint Committee; and
- (xvii) that this provisional budget position for the Tayside Contracts Joint Arrangement be submitted to the Council at the Council Tax setting meeting.