

Minute of Meeting of East Dunbartonshire Council held within Tom Johnston Chambers, 12 Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch and via Cisco Webex (Hybrid Meeting) **on Thursday, 22 June 2023.**

Present	Provost	RENWICK
	Councillors	CUMMING, FERRETTI, GALLAGHER, GIBBONS, HENDRY, LOW, MacDONALD, McDIARMID, McNALLY, MARSHALL, MOIR, MOODY, MURRAY, PATERSON, AILEEN POLSON, ANDREW POLSON, REID, ROSE, SMITH and WILLIAMSON

In Attendance:	G. Cornes	Chief Executive
	A. Bauer	Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities
	E. Bauer	Executive Officer – Place & Community Planning
	A. Muir	Communications Adviser
	G. Bremner	Interim Chief Education Officer
	M. Cunningham	Corporate Governance Manager
	A. Davie	Depute Chief Executive
	A. Dolan	Modern Apprentice
	K. Donnelly	Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
	A. Fegan	Communications & Engagement Manager
	H. Holland	Executive Officer – Land Planning & Development
	G. Mackintosh	Executive Officer - Housing
	L. McKenzie	Team Leader – Democratic Services
	T. McMenamin	Executive Officer – Roads & Environment
	V. McNulty	Executive - Customer & Business Support Services
	J. Robertson	Chief Finance Officer
	C. Sinclair	Chief Officer – Health & Social Care

Provost Renwick presiding

OPENING REMARKS

The Provost welcomed everyone to the meeting. She outlined a number of procedural matters to assist Members with their participation in the meeting. She also advised that the meeting would be streamed live on YouTube.

1a. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Mathieson.

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The Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer advised that Provost Renwick and Councillors Cumming, Ferretti, Gallagher, Gibbons, Hendry, Low, MacDonald, Marshall, McDiarmid, McNally, Moody, Murray, Paterson, Andrew Polson, Reid, Rose, Smith and Williamson were present in the Chambers and Councillors Moir and Aileen Polson had joined the meeting online.

1b. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were intimated.

With reference to Agenda Item 20, Councillor Marshall advised that she had previously provided services to an organisation supporting the Kirkintilloch BID organising committee but that this was prior to her election to the Council. There had been no involvement since, and she did not believe it to be a declarable interest. (Paragraph 23, below, refers).

1c. DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

The Council agreed that Agenda Items 10, Appendix 5a, 30 and 31 contained exempt business and would be considered following the exclusion of the press and public (Paragraphs 10, 12 and 13, below, refer).

The Provost also proposed that both motions be debated in private due to the fact that Council had previously maintained that the outcome of the marketing exercise should not be published until agreements were concluded. In addition, commercial negotiations were ongoing. By debating this in private, it would remove any concern that Members disclosed something that the Council had not yet agreed to disclose and ensured that the ongoing commercial negotiations were not compromised.

The Provost then explained that in the event that the Council went into private to deal with any questions or discussion around Item 10 Appendix 5a, then the Council would deal with all of the exempt business at that time by bringing forward the motions and Items 30 and 31 on the Agenda. This would avoid the Council going in and out of private session on more than one occasion.

Councillor Moody, seconded by Councillor Hendry moved suspension of Standing Order 67 as he believed that the Motions should be considered in public due to the importance of the matter to the people of Kirkintilloch and Lenzie.

The Council proceeded to a Roll Call Vote with eight Members voting for the Motion to suspend Standing Order 67 and thirteen voting against.

The Vote was recorded as follows:

Motion to Suspend Standing Order 67: Councillors Hendry, Moody, Murray, Paterson, Aileen Polson, Andrew Polson, Reid and Rose.

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Against: Provost Renwick and Councillors Cumming, Ferretti, Gallagher, Gibbons, Low, MacDonald, Marshall, McDiarmid, McNally, Moir, Smith and Williamson.

Therefore, the Council agreed that consideration of Agenda Items 10, Appendix 5a, 28, 29, 30 and 31 would take place following the exclusion of the press and public (Paragraph 11, below, refers).

1d. PROVOST'S REMARKS

The Provost referred to the recent death of Winnie Ewing, and paid tribute to her in her former roles of MP, MEP, MSP and Mother of the House of the reconvened Scottish Parliament in 1999.

1e. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE PROVOST DECIDES IS URGENT

The Provost intimated that she had no urgent items of business.

2a. LIST OF DEEDS – 20 APRIL 2023 TO 14 JUNE 2023

2b. LIST OF TENDERS – 20 APRIL TO 14 JUNE 2023

The Provost advised that the Lists of Deeds and Tenders would be signed at the end of meeting.

3. MINUTE OF COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 27 APRIL 2023.

Approval of the Minute was moved by Provost Renwick and seconded by Councillor McDiarmid.

Following consideration, the Council approved the Minute, subject to the undernoted;

Page 1 – Include Councillor Rose within the Sederunt as being present; and

Page 11 – Item 17, Motion – Rail Services, second paragraph, amend to read “and rail use was increasing”

With reference to Page 8, Paragraph 14, Update on Provision of Public Access Defibrillators, and at the request of Councillor Cumming, the Depute Chief Executive confirmed that Members would be provided with updates via further Technical Notes.

With reference to Page 10, Item 17, Motion – Rail Services, and in response to a question from Councillor Cumming, the Chief Executive advised that he had written to the First Minister and Transport Minister but had not received a response to date.

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4. MINUTE OF PLACE, NEIGHBOURHOOD AND CORPORATE ASSETS COMMITTEE OF THE 23 MARCH 2023

There was submitted and noted Minute of Meeting of Place, Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets Committee, 23 March 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated.

5. MINUTE OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE 30 MARCH 2023

There was submitted and noted Minute of Meeting of Education Committee, 30 March 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated.

6. MINUTE OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 6 APRIL 2023

There was submitted and noted Minute of Meeting of Policy and Resources Committee, 6 April 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated.

7. MINUTE OF THE AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE 13 APRIL 2023

There was submitted and noted Minute of Meeting of Audit and Risk Management Committee, 13 April 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated.

8. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT

The Council took up consideration of Report EPB/077/23/KMD by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing Members with an update in relation to progress against decisions taken by Council. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

With reference to Page 14, Paragraph 669, Motion - West Park United, and in response to a question from Councillor Rose, the Depute Chief Executive confirmed that regular meetings were continuing with a wide range of stakeholders.

With Reference to Page 12, Paragraph 650 – City Deal, Scope, and in response to a question from Councillor Moody, the Executive Officer – Land Planning & Development advised that Officers were still working on the Business Case and further updates would be brought to Council after the summer recess.

With reference to Page 15, Paragraph 671, Nature Scotland Funding, and in response to a question from Councillor Rose, the Executive Officer – Roads & Environment advised that the fund was no longer available, however Officers were investigating other funding options.

Following further consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

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- a) to note the updates contained within the Outstanding Business Statement attached as Appendix 1; and
- b) to note that actions marked as completed will be removed from the Outstanding Business Statement.

9. REVIEW OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SCHEME JUNE 2023

The Council took up consideration of Report EPB/092/23/KMD by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, inviting Members to adopt an updated version of the Council's Standing Orders. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

With reference to Page 51, the Chief Solicitor & Monitoring officer advised that Paragraph 405 should read "105".

In response to a question from Councillor Cumming regarding the archiving of recordings of meetings for public viewing, the Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer advised that the Council had decided not to proceed with this and outlined previous advice given to Council in this regard.

Councillor Low, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved the Recommendations contained within the Report, subject to the inclusion of the undernoted Amendment:

"Standing Order 78 -There shall be no requirement for members to stand when speaking at meetings of Council, Committees or other bodies to which these standing orders apply, whether In Person, Hybrid or Virtual. Members shall always address the Chair when speaking."

Councillors Moody and Hendry intimated their support for the Motion and Amendment to Standing Order 78.

Councillor Moody, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved the following Amendment, copies of which were tabled, emailed to Members and made available on screen:

"Paragraph 5 – Add Scrutiny Panels to those meetings listed that shall be hybrid meetings."

Councillor Cumming moved a further Amendment which found no seconder and subsequently fell.

Following discussion, the Council proceeded to a Roll Call Vote with thirteen Members voting for the Amendment and eight Members voting for the Motion.

The Vote was recorded as follows:

Motion: Provost Renwick and Councillors Ferretti, Gallagher, Gibbons, Low, Marshall, Smith and Williamson.

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Amendment: Councillors Cumming, Hendry, MacDonald, McDiarmid, McNally, Moir, Moody, Murray, Paterson, Aileen Polson, Andrew Polson, Reid and Rose.

Therefore, the decision of the Council was as follows: -

- a) to approve the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders as summarised at section 3.8 of the Report;
- b) to adopt the Standing Orders attached as Appendix 1 to the Report, subject to the undernoted amendments;
 - i. Standing Order 78 -There shall be no requirement for members to stand when speaking at meetings of Council, Committees or other bodies to which these standing orders apply, whether In Person, Hybrid or Virtual. Members shall always address the Chair when speaking.
 - ii. Paragraph 5 – Add Scrutiny Panels to those meetings listed that shall be hybrid meetings.
- c) to note that further amendments to the Standing Orders insofar as they relate to Petitions would be submitted to a future meeting of the Council;
- d) to instruct the Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to submit a report to a future meeting of Council setting out proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation to Committees and to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers;
- e) to instruct the Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to submit a report detailing proposed changes to the Contract Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Property Standing Orders following implementation of the Council's new financial management system; and
- f) that the amended Standing Orders shall come into force with effect from 1st July 2023.

10. EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE FORWARD IN PARTNERSHIP: STRATEGIC PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK UPDATE

The Council took up consideration of Report EPB/089/23/AD by the Chief Executive, providing Council with an update on progress in implementing the Council's decisions in relation to the General Revenue Budget setting process, taken on 23 February 2023, copies of which had previously been circulated. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendices 1 - 5.

The Provost reminded Members that the information set out in Appendix 5a was exempt and was not for discussion as part of the public part of the meeting. Any questions on this part of the Report would be taken at the end of the consideration of the public elements of the Report.

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With reference to Page 63, Paragraphs 3.13 and 3.14, Neighbourhood Communities, and in response to a question from Councillor Reid, the Chief Executive advised that the operational neighbourhoods were geographically aligned and would share the same boundaries with the Council Ward boundaries. He explained that the operating model had previously been approved by Council, And that he considered that the scale and geography of the Neighbourhood Communities was appropriate.

Councillor Cumming reiterated previous requests for the Council to write to the Scottish Government and seek additional funding for road and pavement resurfacing. Councillor Hendry expressed the view that it would be more appropriate for this issue to be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

Following further consideration, Councillor Cumming moved an amendment which found no seconder and subsequently fell.

The Provost advised Councillor Cumming that he could submit a Motion to the next meeting of the Council. Councillor Low gave assurance to the Council that the Administration would be pushing for additional funding.

The Provost advised that the Council would now move in to private and the live stream would now be paused and would remain paused until the Council had dealt with Item 10 Appendix 5a, and Items 28, 29, 30 and 31.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Council resolved that under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 6, 9 and 11 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act”.

The Provost advised that Item 10 Appendix 5a had direct implications for the Council’s senior Officers. As a consequence, all Officers were asked to leave the meeting, save for the Chief Executive, Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer and Corporate Governance Manager. The Clerk had set up a breakout room for those Officers attending virtually.

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With the exception of the Chief Executive, Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer and Corporate Governance Manager, Officers left the meeting.

The Chief Executive then summarised the details of the proposed Management restructure which he confirmed would support the “organisation of the future” and thereafter was heard in response to Members’ questions.

Councillor Low, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved the Recommendations contained within the Report.

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Councillor Moody, seconded by Councillor Murray, moved an Amendment, copies of which were tabled and circulated to Members online. The Amendment contained exempt information as it related to Appendix 5a and is attached as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

The Council heard from the movers and seconders of both the Motion and Amendment, then debated the Motion and Amendment before proceeding to the vote by a calling of the roll, whereupon fifteen Members voted for the Motion as contained in the published papers and six Members voted for the Amendment.

The Calling of the Roll was recorded as follows: -

Motion: - Provost Renwick, Councillors Cumming, Ferretti, Gallagher, Gibbons, Hendry, Low, MacDonald, Marshall, McDiarmid, McNally, Moir, Andrew Polson, Smith and Williamson.

Amendment: - Councillors Moody, Murray, Paterson, Aileen Polson, Reid and Rose

Therefore, the decision of the Council was as follows: -

- a) to note the contents of the Report and its Appendices: and
- b) to note that further updates would be provided to future Council meetings.

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Following consideration of the previous item of business, Officers re-joined the meeting both online and in person

11. MOTIONS - KIRKINTILLOCH COMMUNITY SPORTS COMPLEX

The Provost advised that in light of the fact that both Motions related to the same subject matter, they would be considered together as part of one debate

In response to a question from Councillor Andrew Polson, the Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer advised that it was not possible for a Member to submit an Amendment to a Motion tendered in accordance with Standing Order 33, outwith the Meeting. Both Motions had been accepted, placed on the Agenda and circulated to Members and would be voted on as part of one debate.

Councillor Murray, seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved the following Motion, Motion 1:

“This council condemns the SNP Administration for the failure to complete the lease for the Kirkintilloch Community Sports Complex in line with the Council decision of 15 December 2022.”

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Councillor Murray was then heard further on terms of her Motion and the reasons for submitting to Council. Councillor Paterson supported Councillor Murray's comments.

Councillor Low, seconded by Councillor Smith, moved the following Motion, Motion 2:

"With reference to the motion tabled in the name of Cllr Murray and entitled "Kirkintilloch Community Sports Complex", Council condemns the mover for seeking to politicise the negotiation of a commercial contract, delegated to officers in exercise of the unanimous decision of Council on 15/12/2022, and notes that intervention by any elected member in that negotiation may jeopardise its outcome and is likely to amount to a breach of the Councillors' Code of Conduct."

Councillor Low was then heard on the terms of his Motion and the reason why he felt that he had to submit it to Council. Councillor Smith echoed Councillor Low's comments.

There then followed full discussion during the course of which opposing points of view were expressed.

Following summing up, the Council proceeded to a Roll Call Vote with six Members voting for Councillor Murray's Motion, Motion 1, thirteen Members voting for Councillor Low's Motion, Motion 2 and two Members abstaining.

The Vote was recorded as follows:

Motion 1 submitted by Councillor Murray: Councillors, Moody, Murray, Paterson, Aileen Polson, Reid and Rose

Motion 2 submitted by Councillor Low: Provost Renwick and Councillors Cumming, Ferretti, Gallagher, Gibbons, Low, MacDonald, Marshall, McDiarmid, McNally, Moir, Smith and Williamson

Abstained: Councillors Hendry and Andrew Polson.

Therefore, the decision of the Council was as follows:

With reference to the motion tabled in the name of Cllr Murray and entitled "Kirkintilloch Community Sports Complex", Council condemns the mover for seeking to politicise the negotiation of a commercial contract, delegated to officers in exercise of the unanimous decision of Council on 15/12/2022, and notes that intervention by any elected member in that negotiation may jeopardise its outcome and is likely to amount to a breach of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

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12. UPDATE ON PROPOSED SALE OF FORMER AUCHINAIRN PRIMARY SCHOOL, BISHOPBRIGGS.

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/60/23/GL by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, updating on the proposed sale of the former Auchinairn Primary School, Bishopbriggs (the "Site") to the Proposed Purchaser. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

Councillor Low, seconded by Councillor Low, moved revised Recommendations, as follows, copies of which were tabled, emailed and shared on screen.

- a) "to note the contents of the Report, and that the proposed net purchase price for the site falls short of the anticipated capital receipt;
- b) to note the decision unanimously agreed as part of the housing capital budget on 24th February 2022, "to introduce a contingency sum of £1m for the potential acquisition of the site, any necessary borrowing costs, amounting to £45,000, to be funded through unallocated reserves";
- c). to note the unanimous agreement at Council on 23rd June 2022, as part of our revised strategic priorities, "to establish the presumption that residential development on sites within the council's control will prioritise the provision of social rented housing";
- d) not to conclude the sale of the site to the proposed purchaser; and
- e) to instruct officers to bring forward plans to a future council or committee meeting for the development of the site for council housing, subject to any necessary consents and modifications to the Affordable Housing Investment Plan."

Councillor Moody, seconded by Councillor Murray, as an Amendment, moved the Recommendations contained within the Report. Councillor Moody, while understanding the Administration's position, expressed his support for the original Recommendations detailed within the Report. Councillor Murray also supported the Recommendations contained within the Report.

The Council proceeded to a Roll Call Vote with thirteen Members voting for the Motion and seven Members voting for the Amendment.

The Vote was recorded as follows:

Motion: Provost Renwick and Councillors Cumming, Ferretti, Gallagher, Gibbons, Low, MacDonald, Marshall, McDiarmid, McNally, Moir, Smith and Williamson.

Amendment: Councillors, Moody, Murray, Paterson, Aileen Polson, Andrew Polson, Reid and Rose.

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Therefore, the decision of the Council was as follows, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to note the contents of the Report, and that the proposed net purchase price for the site falls short of the anticipated capital receipt;
- b) to note the decision unanimously agreed as part of the housing capital budget on 24th February 2022, “to introduce a contingency sum of £1m for the potential acquisition of the site, any necessary borrowing costs, amounting to £45,000, to be funded through unallocated reserves”;
- c) to note the unanimous agreement at Council on 23rd June 2022, as part of our revised strategic priorities, “to establish the presumption that residential development on sites within the council's control will prioritise the provision of social rented housing”;
- d) to not conclude the sale of the site to the proposed purchaser; and
- e) to instruct Officers to bring forward plans to a future council or committee meeting for the development of the site for council housing, subject to any necessary consents and modifications to the Affordable Housing Investment Plan.

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During the course of the previous item of business, Councillor Hendry left the meeting.

13. DISPOSAL OF HRA STOCK IN MIXED TENURE

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/73/23/GL by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking approval to dispose of 6 Council houses throughout the area, which were within blocks where the Council does not hold a majority share and where there were ongoing issues delivering capital works programmes. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to the marketing and sale of 6 properties within mixed tenure blocks;
- b) to instruct the Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to conclude the sales following marketing; and
- c) that the properties sold would be replaced through buying additional properties on the open market, with proceeds from the sales being added to the £12.5m in place during 2023/24 to 2028/29 to support open market purchases, as approved at Council on 23rd February 2023 (CFO/008/23/JR).

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At the conclusion of the previous item of business, Councillor Moir left the meeting. Thereafter the Council moved back into the public session and the YouTube stream recommenced.

14. DELEGATED POWERS – 2023 SUMMER RECESS

The Council took up consideration of Report CE/011/23/KMD by the Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking Council approval for the delegation of powers to senior Officers during the period of the Council's summer recess. Full details were contained within the Report.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to delegate powers to the Chief Executive and Depute Chief Executive, as appropriate, during the summer recess as outlined within the Report; and
- b) to instruct the Chief Executive to submit a summary Report of any executive action undertaken in respect of recommendation a) above, to the first scheduled meeting of the Council following the summer recess.

15. HOW GOOD IS OUR SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORTING 2022-2023

The Council took up consideration of Report CE/10/23 by the Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing Council with the annual performance and progress reports covering the 2022-23 financial year for all Council Strategic Groupings, East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership and East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust (Appendix 1, 2 and 3). The Report covered the performance indicators set out in the Strategic Group Business and Improvement Plans for 2022-25, approved by Council on 31 March 2022.(CE/01/22). Additionally, the Report requested an overview of progress against the improvement priorities outlined in the Business Improvement Plans. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendices 1 - 3.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to scrutinise the submitted Strategic Group performance reporting templates set out in Appendix 1 of the Report; and
- b) to request that progress on any identified improvement activity be reported in the future How Good Is Our Service evaluation reviews, which would be reported over the 2023-24 financial year.

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16. CUSTOMER SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Consideration was given to Report EPB/079/23/AF by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing an overview of Customer Services performance during financial year 2022/23, across the areas of customer service delivery, reception services and the Emergency Response Centre. It included data on service delivery across all channels, key highlights across the year and next steps in terms of service priorities for 2023/24. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

Following consideration, the Council noted the content of the Customer Services Annual Report.

17. COMPLAINTS HANDLING - ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

Consideration was given to Report EPB/080/23/SW by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing Members with details of the Council's complaints handling performance for 2022/2023. Full details were contained within the Report.

With reference to Page 222, Paragraph 3.4, the Depute Chief Executive advised that the first table should read:

	2022/23	2021/22
Services/Standards	287	393
Employee (attitude/behaviour)	58	48

Following consideration, the Council noted the content of Annual Complaints Report 2022/23

18. COMMUNICATIONS & ENGAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Consideration was given to Report EPB/081/23/AF by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing an overview of Communications & Engagement performance during financial year 2022/23, across all areas of team activity including: reputation management, media management, social media management, design activity, campaigns and consultation and engagement. It included data on service delivery across all channels, key highlights across the year and next steps in terms of service priorities for 2023/24. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

Following consideration, the Council noted the content of the Communications & Engagement Annual Report.

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19. STATUTORY CONSULTATION: PROPOSALS FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE SECONDARY WELLBEING SUPPORT SERVICE FROM DONALDSON STREET TO SOUTHBANK ROAD, KIRKINTILLOCH

The Council took up consideration of Report EPB/091/23/GB by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking approval to commence the statutory consultation on the proposals for the relocation of the Secondary Wellbeing Support Service from its current location at Donaldson Street, Kirkintilloch to an enhanced nurturing location based in Southbank Road, Kirkintilloch (Appendix 1). Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to approve the request to undertake a statutory consultation on the for the relocation of the Secondary Wellbeing Support Service from Donaldson Street to Southbank Road, Kirkintilloch; and
- b) to instruct the Interim Chief Education Officer to carry out the statutory consultation on the relocation of the Secondary Wellbeing Support Service to the new location based in Southbank Road, Kirkintilloch.

20. PRESCRIBING THE MINIMUM ANNUAL NUMBER OF LEARNING HOURS

The Council took up consideration of Report EPB/090/23/GB by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing Council with information to respond to the Scottish Government's consultation on prescribing the minimum annual number of learning hours in Primary and Secondary schools across Scotland. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendices 1- 3.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to approve the findings in the Report;
- b) to approve the consultation response attached as Appendix 3 to the Report; and
- c) to instruct the Interim Chief Education Officer to submit the consultation response at Appendix 3 as the Council's response to the Scottish Government consultation exercise.

21. NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE JOINT HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN 2023-2025

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/054/23/EB by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2023-2025 and to seek approval for adoption of the Plan. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

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Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to approve the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2023-2025 for the purposes of supporting the ongoing work of the Public Health (Health Protection) Liaison Working Group; and
- b) to remit sign-off of the Plan on behalf of the Council to the Executive Officer – Place and Community Planning.

22. HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY UPDATE AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW SUPPORTING POLICIES

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/071/23/LG by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, requesting Council approval to update the Council's Health and Safety and Fire Safety Policies as required by legislation and approve new supporting policies effectively introducing a health and safety management system (HSMS). Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendices 1 - 11.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to consider the contents of the Report; and
- b) to approve the update of the Health and Safety Policy, the Fire Safety Policy and respective supporting policies attached as Appendices 1-7.

23. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/057/23/DG by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, updating Elected Members on Business Improvement District (BID) projects in both Milngavie and Kirkintilloch and the intention to proceed to ballot. Full details were contained within the Report.

Councillors Murray and Gibbons wished the Kirkintilloch and Milngavie projects, respectively, well with their ballots.

Following further consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) in principle, subject to future approval of Business Plans and successful ballots, to provide a voluntary financial contribution to the BID projects in both Milngavie and Kirkintilloch over the five-year term
- b) that up to £430,000 over the five-year term is in principle allocated to the BID projects (consisting of up to £180,000 for Milngavie and up to £250,000 for Kirkintilloch), and that in determining the exact amount Officers will take cognisance of current economic conditions, BID sizes and Business Plan proposals,

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- c) that the Executive Officer - Land Planning & Development utilise existing budgets and funding to provide this financial support; and
- d) that the exact voluntary financial contribution amounts and the Business Plans would be presented to a future meeting of either the Place Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets Committee or Council later in 2023 for consideration and approval prior to ballot.

24. BUSINESS & REGENERATION GRANTS

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/058/23/DG by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing Members with an update on the development of grants to support economic development and regeneration in East Dunbartonshire. Full details were contained within the Report.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to delegate authority to Executive Officer - Land Planning & Development to finalise the design of and deliver the Green Business Support Grant, Digital Business Grant and Site Enabling Regeneration Fund pilot grant schemes set out in section 3 of the Report;
- b) that the Executive Officer - Land Planning & Development utilise existing service budgets and external funding allocated to economic development and regeneration to support the new Site Enabling Regeneration Fund.
- c) to instruct Officers to provide updates on these grants through monthly How Good Is Our Service (HGIOS) reporting; and
- d) to instruct Officers to provide a report to a future meeting of Council or Place, Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets Committee detailing the outcome of these pilot grant schemes.

25. UK LEVELLING UP FUND & SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/059/23/DG by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing Members with an update on the Council's applications in respect of the UK Levelling Up Fund (UK LUF) for regeneration activity in Lennoxton and Bishopbriggs, and to update Members on a minor change to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UK SPF) guidance. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendices 1 - 2.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to instruct Officers to submit UK LUF Round 3 applications for Lennoxton and Bishopbriggs as outlined within Section 3 of the Report subject to both meeting the awaited UK Government Fund rules and criteria, and confirm that existing budget lines and commitments

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pertaining to Town Centres and Place Plans identified within the 30 Year Capital Investment Programme could be utilised to meet the required level of match funding for the applications;

- b) to approve the RIBA Stage 2 designs for the Civic Space in Bishopbriggs Town Centre and the Bishopbriggs Park Framework Masterplan (Appendix 1) to be used as the basis for the UKLUF application for Bishopbriggs and further design development;
- c) to note that the final designs for the Civic Space in Bishopbriggs Town Centre and the Bishopbriggs Park Framework Masterplan along with a procured construction price for each will be submitted to a future meeting of the Council for approval;
- d) to note that Senior Officers would engage with the relevant Members of Parliament as part of the development of the UK LUF applications for 2023;
- e) to instruct Officers to provide an update on the outcome of UK LUF applications via Technical Note; and
- f) to note updates in UKG SPF Guidance since Report Ref: PNCA/045/22/DG, and in particular that project outputs were no longer considered in UKG SPF guidance in relation to change control and accordingly, delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer, Executive Officer - Land Planning & Development, Executive Officer - Place & Community Planning, and Interim Chief Education Officer to manage non-material changes (in line with UKG SPF Guidance as updated from time to time) to the programme of projects.

26. ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSED TARIFFS

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/056/23/DG by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing an update on the status of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Infrastructure Network and propose the introduction of tariffs to the Network. Full details were contained within the Report.

With reference to Page 477, Recommendation 2.2, the Depute Chief Executive advised that this should be amended to read “paragraph 2.30”.

With reference to a question from Councillor Cumming on whether there was an App to remind people that their time for using the rapid charger had almost expired, the Executive Officer – Land Planning & Development undertook to investigate the matter and report back to Members via a Technical Note.

With reference to a question from Councillor Cumming, the Executive Officer – Land Planning & Development advised that Officers were looking into the feasibility of increasing the number of rapid chargers in East Dunbartonshire and would provide Members with an update via a Technical Note.

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With reference to a question from Councillor Rose, the Executive Officer – Land Planning & Development advised that Officers would investigate the alignment of the disabled parking space and charging space at the Leisuredrome and provide Members with an update via a Technical Note.

Following further consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to note the information in the Report relating to the current Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Network in East Dunbartonshire and the wider Glasgow City Region (GCR);
- b) to approve the implementation of an electric vehicle charging tariff from 2nd October 2023 as set out section 3.19 of the Report;
- c) to approve the introduction of maximum stay periods for the use of charging points;
- d) that Officers would review the costs of operating EV against the tariffs set, should changes be required to reflect any changes in the marketplace such as increases to the cost of electricity or infrastructure maintenance, and that these would be identified annually as part of the Council's budget setting process; and
- e) to instruct Officers to take cognisance of Glasgow City Region (GCR) work to examine regional and local networks as part of ongoing work on an updated local implementation plan for East Dunbartonshire, and to report on this, together with updates on the tariff implementation, to a future meeting of the Place, Neighbourhood & Corporate Assets Committee.

**27. PROPOSED COUNCIL RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT
CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR LOCAL LIVING
AND 20 MINUTE NEIGHBOURHOODS**

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/072/23/HH by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking approval for the Council's response to the Scottish Government consultation on Draft Local Living and 20 Minute Neighbourhood Planning Guidance. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to approve the response to the Draft Local Living and 20 Minute Neighbourhoods Planning Guidance consultation (Appendix 1 of the Report) for submission to the Scottish Government;
- b) to instruct the Executive Officer – Land Planning & Development to submit the response on behalf of the Council; and

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- c) to note the work undertaken to date on local living and 20 minute neighbourhoods.

28. LENNOXTOWN HIGH PARK PROJECT – CONSTRUCTION PHASE APPROVAL

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/63/23/FR by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, seeking approval to enter into a construction contract and ancillary agreements for the redevelopment of Lennoxton High Park, Lennoxton. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

Following consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to note the revised project cost of £4,313,263 to deliver the project, and the funding gap of £1,050,263;
- b) to approve the allocation of additional capital funding of £1,050,263 via the capital fund to deliver the project in full, as detailed at section 4.4 of the Report;
- c) to instruct Officers to proceed to contract close for the Lennoxton High Park project;
- d) to authorise the Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities, in consultation with the Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer, to negotiate the terms of the relevant construction contracts as more particularly detailed in the Report in respect of the Lennoxton High Park project and any other documents incidental and/or relative thereto, in line with approved decisions and allocated resources; and
- e) to authorise the Chief Solicitor & Monitoring Officer to execute the construction contracts and any documents incidental and/or relative thereto.

29. BEARSDEN AND MILNGAVIE PRIMARY SCHOOL PROJECTS – STAGE 1 APPROVAL

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/64/23/FR by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing Elected Members with an update on progress to date in the development of the Bearsden and Milngavie Primary School projects and to seek approval to progress into the next phase of both projects. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

The Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities advised of the following Amendments to the Report:

“Page 520, Paragraph 3.15 should read:

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Planning Application Submission for Decant Sites – August 2023; and
Planning Application Submission for Main Works - September 2023.”

In response to comments from Councillor Moody, the Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities advised that the school community would be advised of the revised dates and he undertook to provide Members with a Technical Note advising of the correct dates for planning applications. He further advised that these amended timescales did not impact on Stage 2.

In response to a question from Councillor Andrew Polson in relation to timescales and costs, the Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities advised that the scope had changed as Officers had progressed the project. Construction and decant costs were a critical part in increase of costs. With regards to timescales, Officers would be working with the client regarding a return date and there was nothing to suggest that the project would not be delivered on time.

Councillor Gibbons welcomed the Report and thanked the Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities for the meeting to discuss transport and flooding. The Executive Officer - Assets & Facilities advised that Officers were working through the issues raised they would be included within the Milngavie Transport Assessment and revised comments within the planning report.

Councillor Cumming also thanked the Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities for the ongoing dialogue. The Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities confirmed that Officers would continue to work with all school stakeholders.

Following further consideration, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to instruct Officers to proceed to the next phase of both projects, including the submission of planning applications and completion of the construction tenders for the works; and
- b) on completion of the next phase of each project, instruct Officers to bring a further Report to Council, providing an update on final design proposals, advising on the outcome of the construction tender exercises and the proposed construction timetable for each project.

30. BALMUIDY PRIMARY SCHOOL & EARLY YEARS PROJECT – STAGE 1 APPROVAL

The Council took up consideration of Report PNCA/65/23/FR by the Depute Chief Executive, copies of which had previously been circulated, providing Elected Members with an update on progress to date in the development of the Balmuidy Primary School & Early Years Project and to seek approval to progress into the next phase of both projects. Full details were contained within the Report and attached Appendix.

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In response to comments from Councillor Rose, the Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities advised that consultation was critical to the second phase and would be taken into account for the Stage 2 detailed design.

With reference to detail within the Report that there would be a verbal update on the LEIP funding, and in response to a question from Councillor Andrew Polson, the Executive Officer – Assets & Facilities advised that Officers had not yet received an update but would provide Members with an update via a Technical Note once it had been received.

Following further consideration, during the course of which Councillor Williamson welcomed the Project, the Council agreed as follows: -

- a) to instruct Officers to proceed to the next phase of both projects, including the submission of planning applications and completion of the construction tenders for the works; and
- b) on completion of the next phase of each project, instruct Officers to bring a further Report to Council, providing an update on final design proposals, advising on the outcome of the construction tender exercises and the proposed construction timetable for each project.