
Report to: Clackmannanshire Council

Date: 22 October, 2015

Subject: Committee Recommendations Referred to Council

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of recommendations which have been made by committees during the August - October, 2015 cycle of meetings.
- 1.2 Under the Council's decision-making framework, Council has delegated certain matters to committees and has reserved certain powers. Included in the latter are the approval of main policies and strategies (Scheme of Delegation 3.2), the approval of budgets (Scheme of Delegation 3.19) and the spending of money not budgeted for (Scheme of Delegation 3.20).
- 1.3 Standing Order 8.4 requires that where a committee passes a report to Council, the full committee report shall not be included again on the council agenda and that officers should prepare a brief report that refers to the relevant committee report and recommendation(s).

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that Council:

1. from the **Housing, Health and Care Committee of 3 September, 2015** in relation to the report entitled "*Housing and Community Safety Finance and Performance Report 2015/16 Quarter 1*"
 - Approves the virement of £100k from the capital kitchen replacement budget (2014-18) to the capital bathroom renewals to be carried out by the in-house contractor Property Contracts Unit (PCU)
2. from the **Housing, Health and Care Committee of 3 September, 2015** in relation to the report entitled "*Housing Development and Community Safety, Support and Advice Services Update*"
 - Approves to vire £734k (4.3) from the HRA Capital Programme to Off the Shelf Purchases, to ensure that Scottish Government Affordable Housing Supply Grant is maximised for Clackmannanshire

3. from the **Housing, Health and Care Committee** of **3 September, 2015** in relation to the report entitled "*Clackmannanshire Council Housing Repairs Policy*"
 - Approves the Clackmannanshire Council Housing Repairs Policy
4. from the **Resources and Audit Committee** of **24 September** in relation to the report entitled "*External Audit Final Report to Members on the 2014/15 Audit*"
 - Approves the final amended Accounts for 2014/15
5. arising from the decision of the **Regulatory Committee** of **22 September, 2015**, in relation to the report entitled, "*Taxi Licensing - Unmet Demand*" that "*an unmet demand survey is carried out as soon as possible and that the results of the survey are reported back to Committee at the earliest opportunity within a target timescale of 2 months*":
 - Agrees to fund an unmet demand survey from reserves (estimated at between £11,000-14,000)
 - Agrees to increase taxi licensing fees to cover the costs of that survey and to apply top-up fees per operator for conducting a survey every four years thereafter.

2.2 The minutes and reports relating to these items are available on the Members' Portal.

3.0 Sustainability Implications

NA

4.0 Resource Implications

4.1. Financial Details

4.2. The decision of the Regulatory Committee to carry out a survey would incur unbudgeted expenditure which will have to come from reserves. The legal principles of the Civic Government Act provide that authorities shall recover the expenses incurred by them through licensing fees, the aim being that the Council should neither subsidise the licensing system nor should the licensing system subsidise the Council. Costs for the proposed survey would be recoverable through licensing fees. Based on current numbers this would be around £200 per taxi licence holder for the initial survey and thereafter conducting a survey every four years would result in each taxi operator having to pay around £56 per year on top of the existing annual application fee of £112.

4.3. Staffing Implications

There is no impact on the Council's establishment

5.0 Declarations

5.1 The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) Our Priorities

Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive
Vulnerable people and families are supported
The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail) N/A

6.0 Equalities Impact

6.1 N/A

7.0 Legality

7.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

8.0 Appendices

8.1 None

9.0 Background Papers

- a) Agenda, together with Minute of the Housing, Health and Care Committee of 3 September, 2015
- b) Agenda, together with Minute of the Resources and Audit Committee of 24 September, 2015
- c) Agenda, together with Minute of the Regulatory Committee of 22 September, 2015

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