



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2017 at 9.30 am.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Phil Fairlie (Chair)  
Councillor Les Sharp (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Dave Clark  
Councillor Archie Drummond  
Councillor Kenneth Earle  
Councillor Darren Lee  
Councillor Derek Stewart  
Councillor Mike Watson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Nikki Bridle, Depute Chief Executive  
Stephen Coulter, Head of Resources and Governance  
Shiona Strachan, Chief Officer, Health and Care Integration  
Celia Gray, Head of Social Services  
Lindsay Sim, Chief Accountant  
Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager  
Gordon O'Connor, Internal Audit  
Janice Young, Acting Service Manager  
Ewan Murray, Chief Finance Officer, Integration Joint Board  
Lindsay Thomson, Service Manager Legal and Democracy (Clerk to the Committee)  
Melanie Moore, Committee Services

Councillor Fairlie, the new Chair of Audit and Finance Committee thanked the previous Chair for all his work.

**AF(17)39      APOLOGIES**

None.

**AF(17)40      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**AF(17)41      CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 7 September 2017 were submitted for approval.

**Decision**

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 7 September 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Phil Fairlie. Seconded by Councillor Mike Watson.

## **AF(17)42 COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2017/18 – OUTTURN**

The report, submitted by the Chief Accountant, provided an update on the financial performance of the Council in respect of both revenue and capital spend for the current financial year, 2017/18.

### **Motion**

That Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Archie Drummond.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to note:-

1. The forecast General Fund revenue underspend for the year of (£0.120m), which rises to an overspend of £0.697m taking account of the in year demand pressure crystallising in respect of Universal Credit (para 4.9.1).
2. The plans for spending restraint during 2017/18 to maximise the Council's ability to mitigate the currently forecast overspend of £0.937m.
3. Progress on delivering planning savings in the year.
4. The favourable forecast outturn of £0.172m on the Housing Revenue Account.
5. The underspend in General Services capital of £4.399m of which £2,102m is grant income received earlier than anticipated with the remaining £2.297m being carried forward to 2018/19.
6. The forecasted underspend on HRA capital of £3.336 of which £0.448m is additional income from house and land sales. £0.183m of the underspend is proposed to be carried forward with the balance been taken as an underspend with the year.

The Committee agreed to approve:-

1. The rephrasing of the current capital budget for Telecare and the use of the budget to support a new call system with Menstrie House.

### **Action**

Chief Accountant

## **AF(17)43 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP AND CHILDREN'S AND JUSTICE SERVICES**

The report, submitted by the Chief Officer, Integration Joint Board and Head of Service, Children's and Justice, provided the Committee with current information on the financial performance of the services within the Health and Social Care Partnership and also the financial performance of Children's and Justice Services.

### **Motion**

That Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Darren Lee.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to note the projected overspend within the services delegated by the Integration Joint Board to Clackmannanshire Council. The Committee also agreed to note the financial performance of Children's and Justice Services.

### **AF(17)44      INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2017/18**

The report, submitted by the Internal Audit Manager, provided the Committee with an update on progress with completing the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan.

### **Motion**

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Derek Stewart. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to note the progress being made with completing the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan.

### **AF(17)45      THE NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE**

The report, submitted by the Head of Resources and Governance, updated the Committee on progress to date and provided some context on the national NFI exercise and the circumstances that led to the lower than expected match investigations.

### **Motion**

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Derek Stewart. Seconded by Councillor Mike Watson.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to note the background, current context and the progress that has been made.

Ends 1105 hrs.

