



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held via MS Teams, on
THURSDAY 4 MARCH 2021 at 9.30 am.**

PRESENT

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Dave Clark
Councillor Denis Coyne
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Helen Lewis
Councillor Graham Lindsay
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor George Matchett
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Derek Stewart
Councillor Mike Watson

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive
Pete Leonard, Strategic Director (Place)
Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership & Performance)
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Fiona Colligan, Strategic Director (Transformation)
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager (Partnership & Performance)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager - Housing (Place)
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager – Partnership & Transformation (Partnership & Performance)
Alastair Hair, Team Leader – Workforce Development and Learning, (Partnership & Performance)
Nick McGann, Communications Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Lindsay Thomson, Senior Manager (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Council)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Partnership and Performance)

The Provost welcomed Fiona Colligan, the new Strategic Director (Transformation) along to her first Council meeting.

CC.372 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Chris Dixon.

CC.373 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

The Monitoring Officer reminded members of their obligation not to vote on Item 7 (Council Tax Setting 2021/22) if s112 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applies to them.

**CC.374 MINUTE OF MEETING OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL
11 FEBRUARY 2021**

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 11 February 2021 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 11 February 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

**CC.375 COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONVENED SINCE THE PREVIOUS COUNCIL
MEETING ON 11 FEBRUARY 2021**

No Committee meetings had taken place since the last ordinary meeting on 11 February 2021.

CC.376 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, sought Council approval of recommendations which had been made by the Audit Committees of 3 December, 2020 and 4 February, 2021.

Decision

The Council agreed that:

1. From the Audit Committee of 3 December, 2020 in relation to the report entitled "Council Financial Performance 2020/21- August Outturn"
 - a) Approves the additional capital budget of £0.100m to support the Bowmar regeneration project as set out in para 6.4 and 6.5 of the report
2. From the Audit Committee of 4 February, 2021 in relation to the report entitled "Council Financial Performance - October Outturn"
 - a) Approves a virement within the General Fund Capital budget for learning estate projects as set out in paragraph 6.4 of the report.
3. From the Audit Committee of 4 February, 2021 in relation to the report entitled "Audit Committee Forward Plan 2021/22"
 - a) Approves the forward plan as set out at Appendix 1 in the report.

The reports relating to Audit Committees are available on the Council's website.

Action

Chief Executive

CC.377 BE THE FUTURE UPDATE

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, provided an update on progress achieved in relation to key activities outlined in the Council's Be the Future Programme. The report had a specific focus in respect of ongoing activity and developments in relation to the Workforce Programme. Additional updates were also provided in respect of the immediate priorities for the Strategic Director (Transformation) and a recent Bid to the Scottish Government's Regional Recovery and Renewal Fund.

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council noted:

1. Progress in establishing the Project Management office under the leadership of the fixed term Strategic Director (Transformation) (paragraph 3.4 in the report);
2. Plans to review internal officer governance structures in support of the Be the Future Board (paragraph 3.3 in the report);
3. Recent Transformation project updates presented to the Be the Future Board (paragraph 3.5 in the report);
4. Progress with the Workforce Programme of transformation activity (section 4 in the report);
5. Specific workforce development initiative updates set out in paragraph 4.4 in the report;
6. Bids totalling £152k submitted to the Regional Recovery and Renewal Fund (paragraph 5.3 in the report);
7. Discussions with Scottish Government to explore potential support to implement the Community Wealth Building action plan priorities agreed by Council in December 2020 (paragraph 5.4 in the report).

Councillor Derek Stewart joined the meeting prior to the next item of business.

CC.378 COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2021/22

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, sought approval for the level of Council Tax for the 2021/22 financial year

Motion

That Council agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Donald Balsillie.

Decision

The Council:

1. Agreed to set the level of Council Tax for 2021/22 in advance of approving the General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget for 2021/22;
2. Agreed the level of Council Tax for 2021/22 at the same level as 2020/21, resulting in Band D Council tax of £1,304.63, and
3. Noted that a full General Fund Revenue and Capital budget will be presented to Council by 31 March 2021.

Action

Chief Finance Officer

Ends: 10:05 am

