



MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held via MS Teams, on FRIDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2021 at 9.00 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 QPM
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Derek Stewart
Councillor Mike Watson

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager – HR and Workforce Development (Partnership & Performance)
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager – Housing (Place)
Lynette Murray, Senior Housing Support Officer (Place)
Wilson Lees, Homelessness and Supporting People Manager (Place)
Catriona Scott, Improving Outcomes Manager (People)
Nick McGann, Communications Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Lee Robertson, Legal Team Leader (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Council)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Partnership and Performance)

CC.437 APOLOGIES

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Chris Dixon.

CC.438 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CC.439 REFUGEE RE-SETTLEMENT - AFGHANISTAN

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place) sought approval on adjusting the Councils current approval and governance of resettling Syrian refugees, to encompass all current and medium term (up to five years) future refugee resettlement schemes.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Craig Holden.

Decision

The Council agreed:

1. To approve a commitment to any UK Government resettlement schemes (including the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme approved by Council in 2019 and the Afghanistan Resettlement and Relocation Scheme 2021 and such other schemes as the Home Office develops (the "Resettlement Schemes")) for the resettling of a maximum of 24 households over the next five years (approximately 4 families per year);
2. To note that the recommendation in 2.1.1 amends the Council's decisions in respect of the Refugee Crisis and Syrian Resettlement Reports dated 17 September 2015 and 24 October 2019 to incorporate the Afghanistan Resettlement and Relocation Scheme and such other schemes as the Home Office develops;
3. To note the urgency of the situation and the timescale for responding to the Home Office no later than 24th September 2021, as set out in Appendix 1; and
4. To note that a more detailed update on the Resettlement Schemes will be presented to Council in October 2021.

Action

Strategic Director (Place)

Ends 9.30 am