



THIS PAPER RELATES TO ITEM 3 (a) ON THE AGENDA

MINUTES OF MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held in the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Alloa, on Thursday 30 January 2025 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Phil Fairlie, Convener (Chair)

Councillor Donald Balsillie

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Councillor Denis Coyne

Councillor Ellen Forson

Councillor Wendy Hamilton

Councillor Scott Harrison

Councillor Craig Holden

Councillor William Keogh

Councillor Fiona Law

Councillor Graham Lindsay

Councillor Kathleen Martin

Councillor Mark McLuckie

Councillor Jane McTaggart

Councillor Bryan Quinn (Chamber and Via Teams)

Councillor Janine Rennie (Via Teams)

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive

Kevin Wells, Strategic Director (Place)

Chris Alliston, Strategic Director (Partnership & Performance)

Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer (Partnership & Performance)

Colin Bruce, Chief Education Officer (People)

Lee Robertson, Senior Manager, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Council)

Adrienne Aitken, Improving Outcomes Team Leader (People)

Claire Baillie, Assistant to Chief Executive

Monika Bicev, Policy Officer, Housing (Place) (Via Teams)

Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager (People) (Via Teams)

Andrew Buchanan, Housing Operations Manager (Place) (Via Teams and in Chambers)

Stuart Cullen, Team Leader Transportation (Place)

Sarah Goldberg, Team Leader, Legal and Governance (Parnership & Performance)

Alastair Hair, Team Leader/Senior Manager (Partnership & Performance)

Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager, Partnership & Transformation (Partnership & Performance) (Via Teams)

Nicola Mack, Chief Accountant (Partnership & Performance)

Carla MacFarlane, Communications Officer (Partnership & Performance) (Via Teams)

Iain McDonald, Senior Manager, Environment (Place)

Evelyn Paterson, Senior Governance Officer (Partnership & Performance)

Lesley Robertson, Business Support, Wellbeing Hub (People) (via Teams)

Wendy Robertson, Senior Manager Transformation (via Teams)

Katie Roddie, Team Leader, Housing Business Management (Place)

Murray Sharp, Senior Manager, Housing (Place) (Via Teams and in Chambers)

Robbie Stewart, Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure (People) (Via Teams and in Chambers)

Callum Wynd, Tenant Participation Officer (Place)

Melanie Moore, Committee Services (Partnership & Performance)

Gillian White, Committee Services (Partnership & Performance) (Minute)

CC(25)001 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Martha Benny, Councillor Darren Lee, Councillor Kenneth Earle, Father Michael Carrie and Reverend Sang Y Cha.

CC(25)002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mark McLuckie and Councillor Denis Coyne declared a non-financial interest in Item 13 Alloa Town Centre Business Improvement District, as Board Members of Alloa First Limited.

CC(25)003 MINUTES OF CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL – 28 NOVEMBER 2024

The minutes of the meeting of the Clackmannanshire Council held on 28 November 2024 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of Clackmannanshire Council held on 28 November 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

Action

Clerk to the Council

CC(25)004 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, sought Council approval of recommendations which have been made by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee on 12 December 2024.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

From the **Audit and Scrutiny Committee of 12 December 2024**, in relation to the "Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2023-2024" report, where the Audit and Scrutiny Committee scrutinised, noted and endorsed the content of the Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2023-24.

The Council:

- 1. Approved the Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2023-24; and
- 2. Approved its submission to the Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor to the Scottish Government.
- 3. Noted that the <u>"Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2023-2024"</u> is available on the Council's Website.

From the **Audit and Scrutiny Committee of 12 December 2024**, in relation to the "Audit & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report Follow Up" report, where the Audit and Scrutiny Committee noted, challenged and commented on the report and agreed to submit the report to Council for comment, challenge and approval:

The Council:

- 1. Approved the Audit and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/2024 which included the self-assessment action set out in paragraph 12.2.1 of the Annual Report that "Whilst the number of members required for the Committee to be quorate remains as 4, the majority of members should be from opposition groups to ensure robust scrutiny."
- 2. Noted that the <u>"Audit & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report Follow Up"</u> report was attached as Appendix 1 and is available on the Council's website.

Action

Chief Executive

CC(25)005 QUESTION TO THE CONVENER – GREENFIELD HOUSE

A question to the Convener was submitted by Councillor Craig Holden.

Question

"Can the Convenor provide Councillors with an update on the current condition and planned future use of Greenfield House?"

The Convener provided a written response to the question which had been circulated to all Members and tabled at the meeting:

"Officers have advised that a condition report commissioned during the Summer 2024 has reported a range of works required to bring Greenfield House back to a usable state. As Members may be aware Greenfield House has lain unused for the past 8 years with little works having been progressed by the previous private owner, resulting in water ingress, damage and vandalism with the Council acquiring the asset back in 2021.

The condition report refers to in respect of the building fabric, as being in poor condition overall with significant water ingress which has led to a failure of internal linings and internal floor structures. This damage alongside a significant period being vacant has seen the development of internal dry rot which has led to a failure of both internal finishes and internal floor structures.

The 1987 extension to the rear, the structure is generally in fair condition, however, the internal areas are falling into poor condition. There is now a requirement for full renewal of all internal finishes and a replacement of all window units.

The Council has secured the site and embarked on a programme of works to have the property wind and watertight by March / April this year as part of a multi-phased regeneration programme linked to the City Region Deal. Following this first phase of bringing the House back to a state of wind and watertight, the second phase which will run throughout 2025-26 will see addressed the issues with damp, wet and dry rot. These two phases represent £1m capital investment by the Council.

Phases three onwards will seek to develop a Centre for Clackmannanshire to provide a beacon to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of the Council and attract visitors from far and wide. This work will be supported by over £6m of City Region Deal Investment monies for Digital Innovation, Cultural, Heritage & Tourism, with dialogue underway with a number of other funding bodies in support of this project.

Again, Members may recall the report to Council in March 2024 which outlined this work under the banner of Alloa Innovation Campus, which sees Greenfield as a central anchor for City Region Deal investment working alongside the University of Stirling and their developments within the Scotland's International Environment Centre (Phase 2) and Intergenerational Living Innovation Hub.

Additionally, the University of Stirling is in the final stages of developing a detailed proposition for SIEC II/ILIH. The University is committed to this activity being based in Alloa. This development work will be completed by the end of February this year. In addition, a number of early-stage discussions are underway with key partners that may result in some of their activities being reallocated to Alloa. If this proceeds, it would represent significant additional activity and investment leveraged on the City Deal project. It is anticipated that some of this activity would be based at the Greenfield House site, subject to availability."

In line with Standing Order 18.6, Councillor Holden submitted two supplementary questions:

 "Can the Convener provide us with further information on the ongoing state of the City Deal and the ongoing dialogue with other funding bodies referred to in the response provided?"

The Convener invited Kevin Wells, Strategic Director (Place) to respond to Supplementary Question 1:

Kevin Wells stated that: "There's an ongoing dialogue with our colleagues at University of Stirling around the ILIH and SIEC. There's been ongoing conversations between the Chief Executive and Chief Officers at the University about bringing this together as part of that Alloa Innovation Campus. Referring back to the report in March last year, we are looking to take forward that work, so that is progressing well at this stage in terms of the City Region Deal. We have a plan that has been realigned in terms of its phasing in terms of the City Region Deal that would have been covered in terms of the details within the Joint Committee reports that have went forward. So that is progressing well at this stage. We are having ongoing conversations with the University, in terms of taking that that work forward. With regards to the second point, for the other funding bodies, we've started engagement with Historic Environment Scotland and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Historic Environment Scotland have asked us to progress to the next stage of that expression of interest with both parties interested in those and we have gone forward with the cultural heritage and tourism element of the project and we are also looking to explore private investment linked to that wider investment strategy, work that the Council has been progressing as well."

Nikki Bridle, Chief Executive added: "We are also working closely with the University of Stirling around the investment strategy because obviously they've got quite a lot of resource and reach in that area and whilst I can't share details in public, there are some very promising potential investments coming from the private sector that are being looked at just now in regard to this as well. So, we're very actively focused on that investment strategy piece as a partnership."

The Convener invited Councillor Holden to put forward his second supplementary question.

2. Is it the intention of the Council to provide us with regular updates with regards to the status of Greenfield and funding that we've obviously mentioned as well?

The Convener and the Chief Executive confirmed that regular updates will be provided.

Action

Chief Executive

CC(25)006 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2025/26, CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 & RENT STRUCTURE MODELLING REVIEW

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), presented the proposed Housing Revenue Account budget and Housing Capital Programme for the financial year 2025/26 for approval as defined within the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987. The report also sought approval for a revised rental structure to be implemented for 2025/26.

The report was introduced by the Senior Manager (Housing) who apologised, advising there were some errors within the report:

- At Appendix 2 there is a reference to "rename" one of the capital projects "MCB Tenant Community Improvement Fund", this is a typographical error which should have been removed.
- At Appendix 8, there is a sum which is incorrect. It should be £9.59 rather than £10.71.
- At Appendix 7, the incorrect appendix has been appended. The updated version will be circulated; however, the information has been set out in table 10.3 within the report emphasises the point in relation to the borrowing.

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Jane McTaggart. Seconded by Councillor Fiona Law.

Decision

The Council:

- 1. Approved an increase in Council house rents by 10% to the base rent, for the financial year 2025/26, effective from 31st March 2025, as set out in Appendix 6;
- Approved the implementation of a new rental structure as detailed in section 5 and 6 of this report for domestic dwellings from 31st March 2025, noting the implementation means that 72% of tenants will be paying less rent per week in 2025/26 under the new rental structure than they would have if the current structure were to be retained;
- 3. Approved a maximum £1.21 per week increase in the lock-up rental fees to be fixed at £10 per week until 29th March 2027;
- 4. Approved a £10.11 per year increase in the garage site pitch rental fees to be fixed at £110 per year until 1st April 2027;
- 5. Approved a 10% increase for all other associated tenancy charges, as set out in Appendix 6;
- 6. Approved the Housing Revenue Account budget for 2025/26, and the anticipated 4 year forward plan as set out in Appendix 1;
- 7. Approved the Housing Capital Programme budget for 2025/26 and the forward 4 year illustrative programme to 2029/30, as set out in Appendix 2;
- 8. Approved the anticipated HRA Capital Borrowing Requirement for the period 2025/26 to 2029/30 as set out in Appendix 3;
- 9. Approved the Housing Service forward policy schedule as detailed in Appendix 9;
- 10. Noted the results of the tenant rent consultation process as detailed in section 7 and the views expressed by the Clackmannanshire Tenants and Residents Federation detailed in section 8.6 of the paper; and
- 11. Noted that the Westhaugh Gypsy/Travellers site remains closed. Council will be asked, prior to re-opening, to approve a rental figure for these properties.

Action

Strategic Director (Place)

CC(25)007 MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S DECISION-MAKING FRAMEWORK AND COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, sought approval to further refine the Council's decision-making framework and to highlight those political roles which attract Special Responsibility Allowance under the proposed arrangements. The proposals arose following the mid-term review of the revised arrangements that were put in place following the Local Government Election held in May 2022.

Council were asked to agree to suspend Standing Orders per Standing Order paragraph 20.7, which required notice of changes to Standing Orders to be given at a preceding meeting. The Convener took the matter to a vote with Council agreeing unanimously to suspend Standing Orders for this item of business.

Motion

To agree the recommendations in the report; to select Option 4 from those set out in Table 1 to further enhance the operation of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee functions and responsibilities; and that the undernoted members are appointed to the new spokespersons and depute spokesperson positions:

Spokesperson for People – Councillor Graham Lindsay
Depute Spokesperson for People – Councillor Fiona Law
Spokesperson for Place – Councillor Scott Harrison
Depute Spokesperson for Place – Councillor Jane McTaggart
Spokesperson for Partnership and Performance – Councillor Ellen Forson
Depute Spokesperson for Partnership and Performance – Councillor Wendy Hamilton

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Council Graeme Lindsay.

Voting

For the motion 14 votes
Against the motion 0 votes
Abstain from voting 1

The motion was carried by 14 votes to 0 with 1 abstention.

Decision

Having agreed to suspend Standing Orders, on a division of 14 votes to 0 with 1 abstention, the Council:

- 1. Agreed to the proposals in the report to change the Council's decision-making framework as set out at sections 4, 5 & 6 of the report.
- Agreed to adopt Option 4 as set out in Table 1, to further enhance the operation of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee functions and responsibilities; namely to further embed the pre-Committee briefing process whilst retaining the current Audit and Scrutiny Committee format.
- 3. Having agreed the proposal to change the Council's Decision-Making Framework, to appoint the undernoted members to Spokesperson and Depute Spokesperson positions:

Position	Appointed
Spokesperson for People (Children's Services –	Councillor Graham Lindsay
incorporating Education and Children's Social Work;	
and Sport and Active Living)	
Depute Spokesperson for People (Health and	Councillor Fiona Law
Adult Social Care; Community; and Criminal Justice)	
Spokesperson for Place (Environment, Planning	Councillor Scott Harrison
and Climate Change)	

Depute Spokesperson for Place (Housing and	Councillor Jane McTaggart
Property)	
Spokesperson for Partnership and Performance	Councillor Ellen Forson
(Finance, Performance and Digital)	
Depute Spokesperson for Partnership and	Councillor Wendy Hamilton
Performance (Partnerships)	

4. Approved the undernoted positions which are awarded senior councillor responsibility payments (as set out in paragraph 4.2 of this report):

Convener of Council	
Spokesperson for People (Children's Services – incorporating	
Education and Children's Social Work; and Sport and Active Living)	
Depute Spokesperson for People (Health and Adult Social Care;	
Community; and Criminal Justice)	
Depute Spokesperson for Partnership and Performance	
(Partnerships)	
Spokesperson for Place (Environment, Planning and Climate	
Change)	
Depute Spokesperson for Place (Housing and Property)	
Chair of Audit and Scrutiny Committee	
Chair of Planning Committee	

- 5. Noted that revisions to Standing Orders, which detail the consequential changes arising from approval of these proposals, will be made;
- 6. Noted the improvements proposed to further develop the implementation of the four Boards set out in Section 7, Table 2;
- 7. Noted that a further implementation review will be undertaken, prior to the next Local Government elections in May 2027 (section 8); and
- 8. Notes that consequential changes will be made to Council Champion roles, last approved in March 2023, and that these proposals will be submitted to the next scheduled meeting of Council.

Action

Chief Executive

in line with Standing Order 10.23, the Convener adjourned the meeting at 11.22 am for a short comfort break. When the meeting resumed at 11.40 am, 15 members remained present.

CC(25)008 DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023/24

The Council is required by law to prepare a statement of accounts in accordance with 'proper practices' which set out its financial position at the end of each financial year. This is defined as meaning compliance with the terms of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom prepared by the CIPFA/LASAAC Joint Committee.

The Code specifies the principles and practices of accounting required to give a 'true and fair' view of the financial position and transactions of the Council, including group financial statements where Councils have material interests in subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures. The financial statements aim to identify the key factors affecting the finances of the Council and that affect the physical resources that the Council can control to provide services.

The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) 1985 Regulations require the Chief Finance Officer, as the Council's s95 officer, to prepare the Statement of Accounts as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year and to submit for Audit to the Councils External Auditor. This is normally by the 30th June, however due to previous year delays as a consequence of the COVID 19 pandemic, this has been extended in agreement with the External Auditors.

Within the Draft Annual Accounts, a Management Commentary is included that presents the collective view of those charged with governance and applies relevant sections of the Companies Act 2006 in respect of the preparation of a Strategic Report. The Management Commentary is signed by the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer (as s95 officer). The Management Commentary includes information on the financial year just passed along with a forward financial outlook for the Council for 2024/25. Further detail of the Councils financial forecast for 2024/25 will be presented to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee during the year.

The Council's Draft Annual Accounts also include the annual Remuneration Report, and the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) which is signed on behalf of the Council by the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive. Improvement actions associated with the AGS are incorporated within routine performance reporting using the Pentana system.

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, presented the Draft Annual Accounts for 2023/24.

Motion

To agree the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

Having considered the 2023/24 draft Annual Accounts, the Council:

- 1. Noted the 2023/24 draft annual accounts;
- 2. Approved the submission of the draft annual accounts for audit to the Councils external auditors;
- 3. Noted that audited annual accounts will be presented to Council following conclusion of the audit, and
- 4. Otherwise noted the contents of the report.

Action

Chief Finance Officer

CC(25)009 BE THE FUTURE UPDATE – ASSET STRATEGY

The report, submitted by the Chief Executive, provided the latest update in respect of the Council's Be the Future Target Operating Model (BtF TOM) and associated Transformation Programme. The report provided an update on the priority three themes, and progress in the development of the Asset Management Strategy (AMS).

Motion

To agree the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

The Council agreed to note:

- 1. Progress in the AMS and timeline (para 3.2 3.6);
- 2. The Learning Estate Strategy (LES) will be a strategy in its own right but will be developed in parallel with the AMS. (para 3.7.2);
- 3. The underlying principles that will be within scope of the Asset Management Strategy (AMS). (para 3.7); and
- 4. Progress in delivering the three priority themes approved by Council (para 3.1)

CC(25)010 WELLBEING HUB AND LOCHIES SCHOOL PROJECT UPDATE

The report, submitted by the Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure, provided Council with an update on the progress of the Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School project and to sought Council approval to enter into an agreement and contract with Hub East Central Scotland Ltd (Hubco) for the project Enabling Works.

Motion

To agree the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Scott Harrison. Seconded by Councillor Graham Lindsay.

Decision

The Council:

- 1. Noted the key programme updates (paragraphs 3.1 to 3.6).
- 2. Noted the verbal update on planning decision (paragraphs 3.3).
- 3. Approved the execution of a formal contract agreement, up to a maximum cap of £2,600,000, between the Council and Hubco to undertake the proposed Enabling Works ahead of the main construction works commencing (paragraphs 3.7 to 3.11).

Action

Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure

In line with Standing Order 10.25, the Convener adjourned the meeting at 12.45 pm for a meal break. Councillor Quinn withdrew from the Chamber during the break and re-joined the meeting on-line via Teams. When the meeting resumed at 1.19 pm, 15 members remained present.

CC(25)011 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING – CONCESSION MODEL

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), sought Council approval to enter into a concession model in collaboration with 7 other local authorities in the South of Scotland (City of Edinburgh, Clackmannanshire, Dumfries & Galloway, Falkirk, Fife, Midlothian, Scottish Borders, West Lothian) for the appointment of a single supplier for the future delivery of public electric vehicle (EV) charging in Clackmannanshire.

Motion

To agree the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Fiona Law. Seconded by Councillor Scott Harrison.

Draft Amendment

That the report is deferred and is brought back to the next meeting of Clackmannanshire Council for consideration.

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Denis Coyne.

During debate on the amendment, concern was expressed about the impact of any delay to entering the into the concession model. The Convener adjourned the meeting at 2.25 pm to allow Councillor Holden the opportunity to consider the wording of the draft amendment. When the meeting resumed at 2.40pm, there were 14 members present, Councillor Mark McLuckie having withdrawn from the meeting during the adjournment.

Final Amendment

That Council:

- Approve recommendations 2.1.1 to 2.1.5
- Replace Recommendation 2.1.6 with "Council will be required to approve the outcome of the procurement process"
- Delete recommendations 2.1.7 to 2.1.9, which will form the basis of the report which comes back to Council for approval for the next step.

Voting on the Final Amendment

For the amendment 14 votes
Against the amendement 0 votes
Abstain from voting 0

The amendment was carried by 14 votes to 0 with 0 abstentions.

Decision

The Council agreed:

- To divest the council of the existing public electric vehicle charging infrastructure, this is likely to be by way of licence or lease of existing electric vehicle charging point locations as part of the project.
- 2. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director: Place to grant licences/leases of future electric vehicle charging point locations as part of the project.
- To collaborate with 7 other Local Authorities in South of Scotland area (SoS) to jointly
 procure a concessionaire to operate and expand the public EV charging network for the
 next 12-20 years.
- 4. In principle to enter an Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA) with one or more partner authorities related to the service delivery period of the proposed contract.
- 5. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director: Place for the selection of a Lead Authority for the concession contract and to conclude negotiations to enter into the resulting IAA.
- 6. That Council will be required to approve the outcome of the procurement process.

Action

Strategic Director (Place)

Councillor Kathleen Martin withdrew from the meeting prior to the following item of business (2.48pm)

CC(25)012 EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE (ELC) REVIEW

The report, submitted by the Senior Manager (People) provided an update on the Change Areas set out in the Early Learning and Childcare Review agreed at Council on 5th October 2023

Motion

To agree the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Graham Lindsay. Seconded by Councillor Wendy Hamilton.

Decision

The Council noted the updates and progress against the Change Areas as set out in the October 2023 paper.

CC(25)013 MOTION TO COUNCIL – ALLOA TOWN CENTRE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

A notice of motion in terms of Standing Order 16.0 was submitted by Councillor Ellen Forson.

Motion

"That Council notes the correspondence received by the Leader of the Council, acknowledges that the Leader does not have the delegated authority to unilaterally agree to the request contained within the correspondence on behalf of the Council, and resolves to determine the Council's position on the request received from Daphne Hamilton."

On this basis I am submitting the information received from Daphne Hamilton to allow Council to resolve its position in respect of the request.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Denis Coyne.

Amendment

Council agrees to write to Alloa First (BID) requesting they consider the request by Daphne Hamilton for an Alteration Ballot.

Moved by Councillor Holden. Seconded by Councillor Janine Rennie.

The Motion as Amended was agreed unanimously.

Decision

The Council:

- 1. Noted the correspondence received by the Leader of the Council;
- 2. Acknowledged that the Leader does not have the delegated authority to unilaterally agree to the request contained within the correspondence on behalf of the Council; and
- 3. Agreed to write to the Alloa First (BID) requesting they consider the request by Daphne Hamilton for an Alteration Ballot.

Action

Leader of the Council

CC(25)014 MOTION TO COUNCIL – EQIA SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICIES

A notice of motion in terms of Standing Order 16.0 was submitted by Councillor Craig Holden.

Motion

"Council agrees to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment of School Transport Policies which shall be brought back to Council for consideration within a period of three months."

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Denis Coyne.

Amendment

To change the wording from "back to Council for consideration within a period of three months" to "back to Council for consideration in May 2025."

Moved by Councillor Jane McTaggart. Seconded by Councillor Fiona Law.

The motion as amended was agreed unanimously.

Decision

The Council agreed to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment of School Transport Policies which shall be brought back to Council for consideration in May 2025.

Action

Strategic Director (People)

Ends: 3.47 pm