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**THIS PAPER RELATES TO
ITEM 3 (b)
ON THE AGENDA**

MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2011.

PRESENT

Provost Derek Stewart (Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor John Biggam
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Mark English
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
Councillor Walter McAdam MBE
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Tina Murphy
Councillor Reverend Sam Ovens
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Gary Womersley

IN ATTENDANCE

Angela Leitch, Chief Executive
Nikki Bridle, Director of Finance and Corporate Services
Stephen Crawford, Head of Facilities Management
John Gillespie, Head of Community and Regulatory Services
Elaine McPherson, Head of Strategy and Customer Services
Lesley Robertson, Interim Head of Education
David Thomson, Legal Services Manager (Clerk to the Council)
Martin Dunsmore, Accountancy Manager

CC.82 APOLOGIES

None.

CC.83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CC.84 GENERAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET 2011/12

A report which presented the Council's General Services Revenue Budget for 2011/12 was presented to the Council for approval. The report built on the regular update reports presented to Council since the approval of its Budget Strategy on 12 August 2010.

Motion

That the Council:

- approves the General Services Revenue Budget for 2011/12 (Appendix A);
- approves the savings necessary to allow a balanced budget for 2011/12 (Appendix B);
- note the 2012/13 financial impact of approving of 2011/12 savings (Appendix B);
- note the schedule of Management actions for 2011/12 and 2012/13 (Appendix C);
- approves in principle the areas for proposed savings for 2012/13 (Appendix D) in order that detailed option appraisals are prepared;
- notes the indicative budget savings targets for 2012-2014 as set out in Exhibit 1 within the report;
- confirms to the Scottish Government its formal assurance that the budget approved for 2011/12 includes provision to deliver across all of the specified commitments in the 17 November offer letter;
- approves the proposals for growth set out in Appendix E;
- notes the 0% increase in the level of Council Tax for 2011/12, resulting in Band D remaining at £1,148; and
- approve the revised payment due date for Council Tax starting from the 1st April 2011.

Moved by Councillor Rev. Sam Ovens. Seconded by Councillor Harry McLaren.

Amendment 1

Part 1 - Delete: Regeneration Management Action Number 1023

Council agrees to maintain the current contractual arrangements with Ochil View Housing Association for the delivery of the Care and Repair service for a further twelve months to enable a full review of the service to be undertaken by Clackmannanshire Council.

A report on the Care and Repair services will be submitted to Council for the 2012/13 budget setting process outlining proposals for a reconfiguration of the service with revised tendering arrangements.

Part 2 - Delete: Budget Saving Number 265

Council agrees to maintain the current arrangements for the (MECS) Elderly Support.

Part 3 - Enhancement of Kinship Carers Allowance

Council agrees to increase the allowance paid to Kinship Carers by £75,000 for 2011/12.

Balanced Budget

The above actions will be financed through the introduction of a charge for car parking in Alloa Town Centre in October 2011 resulting in £207,000 of income for the 2011/12 financial year and the expansion of the Alloa Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone (On Street Parking) in October 2011 resulting in £26,000 of income for 2011/12.

These timescales allow sufficient time for all necessary infrastructure to be installed and the required consultation to be undertaken.

Moved by Councillor Holden. Seconded by Councillor John Biggam.

The Council agreed to adjourn at 10.30 am to consider Councillor Holden's amendment.

The meeting resumed at 11.00 am with all 18 members present.

Councillor Rev. Sam Ovens indicated his willingness to accept Councillor Holden's amendment subject to an impact study on car parking.

Following further debate on Councillor Holden's amendment, the Council agreed to a further adjournment at 11.50 am. The meeting resumed at 12.05 pm with all 18 members present.

Prior to any decision, Councillor Womersley reminded the Provost, that he had also indicated an amendment.

Amendment 2

That Appendix B is deleted and the appendix as tabled (*summary below*) is substituted thereof.

To delete:

<u>Education</u>			
108	Re-provision of Service to families with children aged 0-5 years	£350,000.00	£45,000.00
1001	Class sizes in P1 to18 where possible	£90,000.00	
<u>Facilities Management</u>			
826	Redesign Service - Glenochil Nursery / Horticultural Procurement	£40,000.00	£40,000.00
828	Property Rationalisation - Leisure - Close Alva Pool	£109,000.00	£108,500.00
839	Property Rationalisation - Facilities - Tillicoultry	£13,000.00	£13,000.00

To add in:

<u>Additional</u>		
a	Redesign Contact Centre Service Provision	£275,000.00
b	Reprioritise Repair and Maintenance - Roads	£200,000.00
c	Renegotiate Service Provision - WASP	£140,000.00
d	Implement further 2% increase in all non-prescribed charges/new charges	£37,000.00
e	Further sums to be realised - Shared Services	£25,000.00

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. Seconded by Councillor Mark English.

Voting

Amendment 1

Following the debate on Amendment 1, the Chief Executive confirmed that the final two paragraphs of Councillor Holden's amendment, should be amended to read as follows:

"At an early date, but no later than 30 October 2011, a report should be presented to Council on the feasibility of the removal of parking subsidies in Alloa Town Centre and the expansion of the Alloa Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone."

The voting on amendment 1 (as amended) was as follows:

For amendment 1 - 11 votes
Against amendment 1 - 7 votes
Not voting - 0 abstentions

Amendment 1 was carried by 11 votes to 7.

Amendment 2

The voting on amendment 2 was as follows:

For amendment 2 - 7 votes
Against amendment 2 - 9 votes
Not voting - 2 abstentions

Amendment 2 was defeated by 9 votes to 7 with 2 abstentions.

Motion

The voting on the motion as amended by amendment 1 was as follows:

Councillor Donald Balsillie asked for a roll call vote on this matter. The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 18 members present who were eligible to vote.

For the Motion (as amended by amendment 1) (11):

Provost Derek Stewart
Councillor George Matchett QPM
Councillor Rev. Sam Ovens
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Kenny Earle
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor John Biggam

Against the Motion (as amended by amendment 1) (7):

Councillor Mark English
Councillor Walter McAdam MBE
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Gary Womersley
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Tina Murphy

Decision

On a division of 11 votes to 7, the Council agreed:

- to approve the General Services Revenue Budget for 2011/12 (Appendix A);
- to approve the savings necessary to allow a balanced budget for 2011/12 (Appendix B);
- to note the 2012/13 financial impact of approving of 2011/12 savings (Appendix B);
- to note the schedule of Management actions for 2011/12 and 2012/13 (Appendix C);
- to approve in principle the areas for proposed savings for 2012/13 (Appendix D) in order that detailed option appraisals are prepared;
- to note the indicative budget savings targets for 2012-2014 as set out in Exhibit 1 within the report;
- to confirm to the Scottish Government its formal assurance that the budget approved for 2011/12 includes provision to deliver across all of the specified commitments in the 17 November offer letter;
- to approve the proposals for growth set out in Appendix E;
- to note the 0% increase in the level of Council Tax for 2011/12, resulting in Band D remaining at £1,148;
- to approve the revised payment due date for Council Tax starting from the 1st April 2011;
- to agree to maintain the current contractual arrangements with Ochil View Housing Association for the delivery of the Care and Repair service for a further twelve months to enable a full review of the service to be undertaken by Clackmannanshire Council. A report on the Care and Repair services will be submitted to Council for the 2012/13 budget setting process outlining proposals for a reconfiguration of the service with revised tendering arrangements;
- to agree to maintain the current arrangements for the (MECS) Elderly Support;
- to agree to increase the allowance paid to Kinship Carers by £75,000 for 2011/12; and
- that at an early date, but no later than 30 October 2011, a report should be presented to Council on the feasibility of the removal of parking subsidies in Alloa Town Centre and the expansion of the Alloa Town Centre Controlled Parking Zone.

Action

Director of Finance and Corporate Services

The Provost adjourned the meeting at 1pm. The meeting resumed at 1.30 pm with all 18 members present.

CC.85 GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12

The paper set out a revised General Services Capital Programme and associated budget in respect of financial year 2011/12. It reflected the single year settlement allocated proposed by the Scottish Government for this period.

Motion

That Council:

- approve the revised General Services Capital Programme for 2011/12;
- approve the financing limit placed on capital investment for 2011/12 in implementing the Council's approved Investment Strategy;
- approve the deletion of the current project commitment in respect of the Development of Community Facilities in Alva;
- note the rephrasing of the 2011/12 Council contribution to Ochil Hills Partnership (£124,000) and note the future year's implications if this is not reinstated; and
- note the steps being taken to maximise access to alternative sources of external funding.

Moved by Councillor Rev. Sam Ovens. Seconded by Councillor Bobby McGill.

Voting

The voting on the motion was as follows:

For the motion	- 9 votes
Against the motion	- 7 votes
Not voting	- 2 abstentions

Decision

On a division of 9 votes to 7 with 2 abstentions, the Council agreed to:

- approve the revised General Services Capital Programme for 2011/12;
- approve the financing limit placed on capital investment for 2011/12 in implementing the Council's approved Investment Strategy;
- approve the deletion of the current project commitment in respect of the Development of Community Facilities in Alva;
- note the rephrasing of the 2011/12 Council contribution to Ochil Hills Partnership (£124,000) and note the future year's implications if this is not reinstated; and
- note the steps being taken to maximise access to alternative sources of external funding.

Action

Director of Finance and Corporate Services

Councillor Mark English withdrew from the meeting prior to the next item of business.

CC.86 HOUSING REVENUE BUDGET 2011/12 AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12

This report presented the budget of income and expenditure for the Housing Revenue Account in the financial year 2011/12. It highlighted the key factors influencing the budget and outlined the main income and expenditure assumptions of the budget setting.

Motion

That Council approve:

- The summary budget on income and expenditure based on the HRA Business Plan, as set out in the report and Appendix 1;
- An increased level for Council house rents of 6.6% for financial year 2011/12;
- The same level of increase to be applied to charges for homeless temporary accommodation, lock-ups, garage sites and the Travelling Peoples site; and
- The proposed Housing (HRA) Capital Programme for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 2.

Moved by Councillor Janet Cadenhead. Seconded by Councillor Eddie Carrick.

Decision

The Council unanimously agreed to approve:

- The summary budget on income and expenditure based on the HRA Business Plan, as set out in the report and Appendix 1;
- An increased level for Council house rents of 6.6% for financial year 2011/12;
- The same level of increase to be applied to charges for homeless temporary accommodation, lock-ups, garage sites and the Travelling Peoples site; and
- The proposed Housing (HRA) Capital Programme for 2011/12 as set out in Appendix 2.

Action

Director of Services to Communities

Councillor Walter McAdam MBE and Councillor George Matchett QPM withdrew from the meeting prior to the next item of business.

C.87 PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2011/12 TO 2013/14

The 2011/12 capital budget has been prepared under the self regulating Prudential Code. Local authorities are required by regulation to comply with the Prudential Code in terms of meeting their statutory duty under Section 35(1) of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 to '*determine and keep under review the maximum amount which it can afford to allocate to capital expenditure*'

Motion

That the Council approves the prudential indicators set out in the report for the years 2011/12 to 2013/14 in compliance with the Prudential Code requirements.

Moved by Councillor Bobby McGill. Seconded by Councillor Kenny Earle.

Voting

The voting on the motion was as follows:

Councillor Janet Cadenhead asked for a roll call vote on this matter. The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 15 members present who were eligible to vote.

For the Motion (9):

Provost Derek Stewart
Councillor Rev. Sam Ovens
Councillor Harry McLaren
Councillor Kenny Earle
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Eddie Carrick
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor John Biggam

Against the Motion (0)

Abstain from Voting (6)

Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor Janis Paterson
Councillor Gary Womersley
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Tina Murphy

Decision

On a division of 11 votes to 0 with 6 abstentions, the Council agreed to approve the prudential indicators set out in the report for the years 2011/12 to 2013/14 in compliance with the Prudential Code requirements.

Ends: 2.45pm