
Report to: Clackmannanshire Council

Date: 11 October, 2012

Subject: Committee Recommendations Referred to Council

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose

1.1 Standing Order 8.4 requires that where a committee passes a report to Council, the full committee report shall not be included again on the council agenda and that officers should prepare a brief report that refers to the relevant committee report and recommendation(s).

1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of recommendations which have been made by committees which require approval by Council.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that Council:

a) from the **Housing, Health & Care Committee** of **23 August** in relation to the report entitled **Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and Strategic Local Programme (SLP)**:

- *approves the option set out at paragraph 3.10.2 of the report to Committee as the basis of its Strategic Local Programme submission to the Scottish Government and revises its Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012-15 accordingly.*

b) from the **Housing, Health & Care Committee** of **23 August** in relation to the report entitled **Energy Efficiency Initiatives**:

- *agrees to draw forward up to £200k from the 2013/14 energy efficiency funding allocated in the HRA Capital Plan to make best use of the available grant funding in 2012/13. This recommendation has been incorporated as a discrete recommendation to Council in the report by the Director of Finance & Corporate Services on the Budget Strategy which appears on the agenda for today's meeting of Council.*

c) from the **Enterprise & Environment Committee** of **6 September** in relation to the report entitled **Clackmannanshire Apprenticeship Initiative**:

- *agrees to support the Clackmannanshire Apprenticeship Initiative by providing £120,000 of funding over 3 financial years towards the overall cost of delivering the initiative.*

d) from the **Enterprise & Environment Committee of 6 September** in relation to the report entitled Finalisation of **Clackmannanshire Biodiversity Action Plan 2012-2107:**

- *notes the amendments made by the Committee and approves the Final Plan.*

3.0 Considerations

3.1 Under the Council's decision-making framework, Council has delegated certain matters to committees and has reserved certain powers. Included in the latter are the approval of main policies and strategies (Scheme of Delegation 3.2), the approval of budgets (Scheme of Delegation 3.19) and the spending money not budgeted for (Scheme of Delegation 3.20).

3.2 At the August/September committee cycle the following issues were referred to Council from committees as being outwith their delegated authority:

Housing, Health & Care Committee

A) Report: Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and Strategic Local Programme (SLP):

Recommendation - Council approves the option set out at paragraph 3.10.2 of the report as the basis of its Strategic Local Programme submission to the Scottish Government and revises its Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012-15 accordingly.

Background - this option involves using £1.521m of Government grant to acquire empty properties in priority central locations provided the units achieve current building standards. This option is estimated to produce some 29 units more than the new-build alternative and given the cost of homelessness of around £13k pa for a single-person household, then these additional units could save the Council an additional £377k pa.

The full report is available on the Members' Portal.

B) Report - Energy Efficiency Initiatives

Recommendation - Council agrees to draw forward up to £200k from the 2013/14 energy efficiency funding allocated in the HRA Capital Plan to make best use of the available grant funding in 2012/13.

Background - The approved energy efficiency funding in the HRA Capital Plan in 2013/14 is £690,000. Drawing forward up to £200,000 from 2013/14 will enable the Council to access grant funding for energy efficiency measures to enable an additional 97 properties to be upgraded.

The full report is available on the Members' Portal.

Enterprise & Environment Committee

A) Report - Clackmannanshire Apprenticeship Initiative

Recommendation - Council agree to support the Clackmannanshire Apprenticeship Initiative by providing £120,000 of funding over 3 financial years towards the overall cost of delivering the initiative.

Background - The Clackmannanshire Apprenticeship Initiative aims to help 40 Clackmannanshire young people, particularly school leavers, into apprenticeships and help local businesses in the private sector create the additional apprenticeship places. Businesses must recruit a young person from Clackmannanshire and the apprenticeship must be additional to the number of apprentices recruited by the company in the past year.

The total funding for this initiative is proposed as follows:

- Employers' contribution towards wage costs - £208,000
- Public sector contribution towards wage costs - £208,000
- Public sector (SDS) contribution towards training costs - £140,000

B) Report - Finalisation of Clackmannanshire Biodiversity Plan 2012-17

Recommendation - Council approves the final Plan as amended by the Committee.

Background - the following key amendments have been made to the Plan which came before Council in January 2012:

- new page introduced covering the Ochils Landscape Partnership additional information on the role of the Partnership in relation to biodiversity
- additional action added to the Wetland section to undertake management recommendations within the Black Devon Wetlands Habitat Management Plan
- information that the Mountain Hare, Black Grouse and Ring Ouzel are thought to be extinct in Clackmannanshire

The full report is available on the Members' Portal.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

NA

5.0 Resource Implications

Financial Details - three of the four recommendations have budgetary implications. These are summarised in the recommendations and set out in full detail in the relevant committee reports which are on the members' portal.

Staffing N/A

6.0 Declarations

6.1 The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)
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| The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are safer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vulnerable people and families are supported | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Substance misuse and its effects are reduced | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| The environment is protected and enhanced for all | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail) N/A

7.0 Equalities Impact

7.1 N/A

8.0 Legality

8.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

9.0 Appendices

9.1 None

10.0 Background Papers

- a) Housing, Health & Care Committee Agenda of 23 August, 2012
- b) Enterprise & Environment Committee Agenda of 6 September, 2012
- c) Minutes of the above committee meetings.

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