



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held within the Council  
Chamber, Kilncraigs, ALLOA, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2017 at 9.30  
AM.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Dave Clark (In the Chair)  
Councillor Chris Dixon  
Councillor Archie Drummond  
Councillor Darren Lee  
Councillor Bill Mason  
Councillor Les Sharp (S)

Fr Michael Freyne, Religious Representative (Appointed Member)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Garry Dallas, Executive Director  
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services  
Anne Pearson, Chief Education Officer  
Celia Gray, Head of Social Services  
Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety  
Stephen Coulter, Head of Resources and Governance  
Lorraine Sanda, Improving Outcomes Manager  
Jennifer Queripel, Service Manager Housing Operations  
Murray Sharp, Service Manager Revenues and Strategy  
Roddie Keith, Clackmannanshire/Stirling, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Service  
Lindsay Thomson, Service Manger Legal and Democracy, Clerk to the Scrutiny Committee  
Melanie Moore, Committee Services

**SC(17)26      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Phil Fairlie, Councillor Derek Stewart, Councillor Ellen Forson and Rev Sang Y Cha. Councillor Les Sharp attended today as substitute for Councillor Forson.

**SC(17)27      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**SC(17)28      CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 OCTOBER 2017**

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 19 October 2017 were submitted for approval.

**Decision**

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 19 October 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Bill Mason.

**SC(17)29      TRANSFORMATION IN THE SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

A report was submitted by the Local Senior Officer Clackmannanshire and Stirling which provided the Committee with an overview of the need for transformation in the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and an outline of proposed changes that may be considered for introduction.

**Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Archie Drummond. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

**Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

**SC(17)30      EDUCATION SERVICE SIX MONTHLY UPDATE ON SERVICE BUSINESS PLAN 2017/18**

A report was submitted by the Chief Education Officer which updated the Committee on the six monthly progress across Education from April 2017 to the end of October 2017 in relation to the Education Service Business Plan 2017-2018.

**Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Archie Drummond. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

**Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

**SC(17)31      SOCIAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT APRIL 2017 – SEPTEMBER 2017**

A report was submitted by the Head of Social Services which outlined the Social Services performance in the first two quarters of 2017-2018. The report contained detail of the performance measures, actions and risks against the priorities and targets set out in the Social Services Business Plan.

**Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Archie Drummond. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

**Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

*The Convenor adjourned the meeting at 11.35 am for a comfort break. The meeting resumed at 11.50 am with 6 members present.*

### **SC(17)32 SOCIAL SERVICES REVIEW**

A report was submitted by the Head of Social Services, which summarised the actions undertaken and in depth review of Children and Families Social Work.

#### **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Archie Drummond. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

#### **Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to note:-

1. The context of the report and question/challenge as appropriate.
2. The conclusion of the scrutiny review.
3. The changes to the current caseload allocation system.

*Councillor Clark requested that the minute of the meeting record his appreciation for the contribution of Councillor Drummond to the process of the strategic review of social service provision in Clackmannanshire.*

### **SC(17)33 HOUSING, PROPERTY AND REVENUES PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 2**

A report was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety, which updated the Committee on the performance to the second quarter of 2017/18.

The officer advised that there was a typographical error on page 72, 6.2. Under Universal credit % of cases should be 18% and % of arrears should be 34%.

#### **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Archie Drummond. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

#### **Decision**

Having commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the progress on the performance indicators attached at appendix 2.

### **SC(17)34 RESOURCES AND GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2017-18**

A report was submitted by the Head of Resources and Governance, which updated the Committee on service activity and performance between 1 April 2017 and 30 September 2017.

#### **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Archie Drummond. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

**Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

**SC(17)35      STRATEGY AND CUSTOMER SERVICES: SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

A report was submitted by the Head of Strategy and Customer Services, which updated the Committee on the performance for Strategy and Customer Services for six month period from April – September 2017.

**Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Archie Drummond. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp.

**Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

**SC(17)36      DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES, PERFORMANCE REPORT, QUARTER 2, 2017**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director, which updated the Committee on performance for Development and Environment Services during the period April – September 2017.

**Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Archie Drummond.

**Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

Ends 1315 hrs