



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the PLACE COMMITTEE held via MS TEAMS at 9.30 am on
THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021 at 9.30 am.**

PRESENT

Councillor Craig Holden (Convenor)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Jane McTaggart
Councillor Derek Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Leonard, Strategic Director (Place)
Emma Fyvie, Senior Manager, Development (Place)
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager, Housing (Place)
Michael Hilarion, Senior Manager, Property (Place)
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Management Accountancy Team leader (Partnership & Performance)
Lee Robertson, Solicitor, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Committee)
Gillian White, Committee Services (Partnership & Performance)

June Anderson, Chair of Clackmannanshire Tenants and Residents Federation was also in attendance as an observer.

PLC(21)01 APOLOGIES

None

PLC(21)02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PLC(21)03 MINUTE OF PLACE COMMITTEE HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2020

The minute of the meeting of the Place Committee held on Thursday 5 November 2020 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The Minutes of the meeting of the Place Committee held on Thursday 5 November 2020 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

PLC(21)04 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2020/21 – DECEMBER OUTTURN

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, provided an update on the financial performance for the Place Division of the Council in respect of revenue spend for General Fund and revenue and capital spend for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the current financial year 2020/21. This was based on forecast information at December 2020. General Fund Capital expenditure will be reported to the Audit Committee on 29 April 2021 as part of the overall Council's financial performance report.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note:

1. the forecast General Fund revenue underspend relating to the Place Division for the year of £(0.254)m;
2. the Housing Revenue Account revenue underspend of £(1.310)m;
3. the Housing Revenue Account Capital underspend of £(4.377)m of which £2.410m is requested to be carried forward to 2021/22, and
4. the forecasted delivery of planned savings in the year of 86.5%.

PLC(21)05 WESTHAUGH TRAVELLING PERSONS SITE - ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The report followed on from Council agreement on 10th December 2020 for the financial transfer of the Travelling Persons Site (Westhaugh) from the General Fund (GF) to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director (Place), updated the Committee in terms of recent engagement with residents, practice learning from a fellow local authority, and discussions with CoSLA and SG representatives on improving site standards. This covered the work the Service has been able to achieve since December Council, in terms of bringing forward a project plan and scope of works to the Place Committee.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Craig Holden. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. note the progress with residents in allocation of the £70k from SG for site improvements;
2. note the feedback from a council who embarked upon a similar project to improve site standards;
3. note possible future Scottish Government (SG) improvement grants;
4. note progression from SG in terms of consultation on new design standards for Gypsy traveller sites to meet now and in the future;
5. note the indicative financial commitment required to take this project forward using the approach set out in this paper, as outlined in section 4.22; and that financial governance for this will be sought via the HRA budget process for financial year 2021/22:

6. note the suggested working timeline of engagement for improvements, once conclusions have been reached on whether ground conditions will allow for the site to be extended;
7. Otherwise note the remainder of the report.

The Convenor and the Committee took the opportunity to congratulate Sauchie Community Group on the receipt of the Tenant Information Service's "Tenants Group of the Year" Award. The award was given in recognition of the work the community group has done over the last 30 years and also during the pandemic. June Anderson, Chair of the Clackmannanshire Tenants and Residents Federation (CTRF), who nominated the Group for the award, also took the opportunity to pass on her congratulations.

Ends 09:55 hrs