



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in Council
Chambers, Kilncraigs, Alloa on THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2026 at 9.30 AM.**

PRESENT

Councillor Janine Rennie (Chair)
Councillor Denis Coyne (Vice Chair)
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Kenneth Earle (via Teams)
Councillor Phil Fairlie
Councillor Jane McTaggart (S)
Councillor Bryan Quinn

IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Alliston, Strategic Director (Partnership & Performance)
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Kevin Wells, Strategic Director (Place)
Colin Bruce, Chief Education Officer (People)
Lee Robertson, Senior Manager, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance)
Sarah Goldberg, Team Leader, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Committee)
Alastair Hair, Senior Manager HR (Partnership & Performance)
Cherie Jarvie, Senior Manager, Partnership and Transformation (Partnership & Performance)
Nicola Mack, Chief Accountant (Partnership & Performance) (Via Teams)
Phil Mason, External Auditor, Deloitte (Via Teams)
Isabel Wright, Internal Audit Manager (Via Teams)
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Management Accountancy Team Leader (Partnership & Performance)
Derek Barr, Procurement Manager (Partnership & Performance)
Pauline Elloitt, Interim Chief Planner and Team Leader for Planning and Building Standards (Place) (Via Teams and in Council Chambers)
Veronica Cully, Senior Manager, Inclusion and Partnership (People)
Adrienne Aitken, Senior Manager (People)
Robbie Stewart, Senior Manager, Sport and Leisure (People)
Margaret Lewis, Senior Manager, Care and Protection (People) (Via Teams)
Scott McDonald, Senior Manager, Justice Service (People)
Johan Roddie, Senior Manager, Permanence (People)
Gillian Scott, Senior Manager, Early Intervention (People)
Michael Boyle, Improving Outcomes Business Manager (People)
Lesley Taylor, Principal Psychologist (People)
Dawn Brisbane, Team Leader, Environmental Health (Place) (Via Teams and in Council Chambers)
Julie McKenna, Quality Improvement Officer (People) (Via Teams)
Madeleine Muirhead, Strategic Lead, Community, collaboration and Redesign (People)
Kaylee Robshaw-Jones, Fraud Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Aiden Fleming, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Wendy Forrest, Head of Strategic Planning and Health Improvement (HSCP)
Judi Richardson, Performance and Information Adviser (Partnership & Performance) (Via Teams)
Wendy Robertson, Senior Manager (Transformation & Capital) (Via Teams)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Minute)
Gillian White, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance)

AS(26)01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Forson and Councillor Keogh. Councillor Jane McTaggart is in attendance today as substitute for Councillor Forson.

AS(26)02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**AS(26)03 MINUTE OF AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON
11 DECEMBER 2025**

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 11 December 2025 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 11 December 2025 were agreed as a correct record by the Committee and signed off by the Chair.

AS(26)04 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The report, submitted by the Internal Audit Manager, provided the Committee an update on the progress with completion of the 2025/26 Internal Audit Plan. The report also set out the work required to demonstrate compliance with the Global Internal Audit Standards.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note:

- Progress with completion of the 2025/26 Internal Audit Plan;
- The action taken on duplicate payments; and
- The update relating to the work on compliance with the Global Internal Audit Standards.

AS(26)05 EXTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS: PROGRESS REPORT

The report, submitted by the Strategic and Performance Adviser, provided an update on progress of ongoing improvement actions against recommendations made by external auditors from their review of Council's Financial Statements up to and including 2022/23 and from a Best Value themed audit 2022/23.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Jane McTaggart.

Decision

Having challenged and commented the Committee the Committee agreed to note the report.

AS(26)06 COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2025/26 AS AT SEPTEMBER 2025

The report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, provided Committee an update on the financial performance for the Council, as at 30 September 2025, in respect of the General Fund (GF) revenue spend and the achievement of savings for the financial year 2025/26, and the Clackmannanshire element of the Stirling and Clackmannanshire Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) revenue spend.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

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

1. General Fund revenue forecast underspend of £(2.640)m for the year to 31 March 2026;
2. The Clackmannanshire element of the Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) forecast overspend of £6.456m, for the year to 31 March 2026;
3. The balances of earmarked reserves used to date and remaining balances at 30 September 2025; and
4. Forecast delivery of £3.294m of the £3.814m approved savings programme, representing a forecasted achievement of 86.4%, as at September 2025.

AS(26)07 TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

This report, submitted by the Chief Finance Officer, presented an update of Treasury Management activity for the first two quarters of the 2025/26 financial year – 1st April to 30th September 2025.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Bryan Quinn.

Decision

Having noted, challenged and comment on the Committee agreed to note the review of the Council's Treasury Management activities report.

AS(26)08 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

This report, submitted by the Senior Manager, Partnership and Transformation, provided Committee with the 2025/26 Quarter 3 update on Clackmannanshire council's Corporate Risk Register (Appendix A).

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

Having challenged and commented the Committee the Committee agreed to note the report.

AS(26)09 INTERIM REPORT – PEOPLE COMMUNITY WELLBEING PLAN (APRIL 2025 – DECEMBER 2025)

This report, submitted by the Director, People, provided an interim update on progress against the People Community Wellbeing Plan 2025-26 (One Fund Plan, One Report). It sets out progress from April to December 2025 and demonstrates how the outcomes and actions delivered by the Council, The Clackmannanshire Alliance (the Community Planning Partnership), and wider partners contribute to the Wellbeing Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (WLOIP) 2024-2034.

The WLOIP is the overarching strategic plan that binds together all Community Planning Partnership shared priorities and activity within Clackmannanshire. Its vision, Working together to reduce inequality and improve the wellbeing of all people in Clackmannanshire, provides the strategic direction for The Alliance and its supporting partnerships and partners.

The full report, as set out in Appendix 1, evidences how the Community Wellbeing Plan supports delivery of the WLOIP priorities, aligned with national commitments on child poverty, whole family support, economic growth, and sustainable public services. Key highlights and summary of impact are noted at section 4 of the report.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Phil Fairlie.

Decision

1. Having challenged and commented the Committee agreed to note the report.

The Committee also agreed to note:

2. The explicit alignment between the Community Wellbeing Plan and the WLOIP Strategic Outcome and Priority Themes for a Wellbeing Economy (Appendix 2);
3. The explicit alignment to the Be the Future Transformation Plan (Appendix 2); and
4. The explicit alignment to Best Value Duties (Appendix 2).

**AS(26)10 HSCP – CLACKMANNANSHIRE LOCALITY PERFORMANCE REPORT
2025/26 Q3 (1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2025)**

This report, submitted by the Head of Strategic Planning and Health Improvement, highlighted the work and performance of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership in relation to performance for the locality of Clackmannanshire.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note:

1. This paper and the continuing work being undertaken across Clackmannanshire; and
2. The performance of Clackmannanshire Locality within the Clackmannanshire and Stirling HSCP.

AS(26)11 REVISION OF CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

This report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, provided Committee with a clear and concise summary of the proposed substantive changes made to the council's Contract Standing Orders, comparing the previous version effective from June 2015 (revised October 2021) with the relevant version effective from 19 March 2026.

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Bryan Quinn.

Decision

1. Having challenged and commented the Committee the Committee agreed to note the report.
2. The Committee agreed to submit the revised Standing Orders, as set out in Appendix 1, to the next available Council meeting for approval, and to recommend their adoption and implementation with effect from 19 March 2026 considerations.

Action

Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance

**AS(26)12 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICIAL FOOD CONTROL PROGRESS
REPORT**

This report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Place presented an overview of the progress of the Council's Official Food Control Service Plan. April 2025 to March 2026 (appendix 1).

Motion

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

Moved by Councillor Janine Rennie. Seconded by Councillor Marth Benny.

Decision

Having challenged and commented the Committee agreed to note the performance of the Council's food law regulation service.

Ends 11:29 hrs