

Decision

The Committee –

1. Noted the revenue budget

- a) approve that an additional £0.110m of funding in respect of the Living Wage is added to the IJB's 2016-17 recurring baseline budget allocation and note that, the 2016-17 allocation, would be funded from the General Fund Balance.
- b) not approve an additional payment of £0.185m in respect of the decision to pause the redesign of service in Struan Lodge and Thomson Court for a period of 6 months on the basis that the IJB should look for alternative savings options and report back later in the financial year.

That the Policy and Resources Committee instruct the Head of Strategic Finance to obtain a copy of the recovery plan and assess the current forecast overspend against the recovery plan in order to quantify the risk that the Council may require to make an additional payment to the IJB at the financial year end.

Moved Councillor James Robb, seconded Councillor Sandy Taylor.

Amendment

The Policy and Resources Committee makes a recommendation to Council to:

- a) Approve that an additional £0.110m of funding in respect of the Living Wage is added to the IJB's 2016-17 recurring baseline budget allocation and note that the 2016-17 allocation would be funded from the General Fund Balance;
- b) Note that the IJB agreed a Quality and Financial Plan for 2016-17 and this included savings options in respect of Struan Lodge and Thomson Court;
- c) Note that if a forecast overspend situation arises within Council departments, the Council department in the first instance would be expected to find alternative savings within their department to fund any overspend and requests that the IJB prepares a

7. PERFORMANCE REPORT - FQ2 2016-17

A report presenting the Committee with the Customer Services Departmental Performance Report and associated Scorecards was considered. The report covered the period of Financial Quarter 2 2016-17 (July to September 2016).

Decision

The Committee noted the Customer Services Departmental Performance Report and associated Scorecards for the period July to September 2016.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated December 2016, submitted)

8. PEOPLE STRATEGY ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report updating Members on the progress against the actions

subcontractors, with the exception of the small amount of services that will be delivered by Adult Learning and Literacy.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services and Head of Strategic Finance dated 9 December 2016, submitted)

10. NEW SCHOOLS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT - CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OBAN HIGH SCHOOL AND KIRN PRIMARY SCHOOL - CONTRACT MONITORING

Consideration was given to a report updating Members on ongoing monitoring covering financial, legal and technical risk in respect of Campbeltown Grammar School, Oban High School and Kirn Primary School which were now in construction.

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services and Executive Director – Community Services dated 8 December 2016, submitted)

11. FUTURE GRANT DISTRIBUTION: THIRD SECTOR AND EARLY YEARS GRANTS

The Committee considered a report outlining the potential to combine grants, the ability for Community Councils to apply for third sector grants and the future of grant distribution including participatory budgeting.

Motion

That the Committee agree –

1. Third Sector Grant funding is allocated by Area Committees in one round from April 2017.
2. The criteria for grant funding are extended to allow community councils and parent councils to apply.
3. The scoring of grant applications is opened to community participation through a panel of community members making recommendations to Area Committee, for funds distributed from April 2018.
4. Participatory budgeting as a method to distribute grant funding is looked at in future following the pilot participatory budgeting project run with the Argyll and Bute Gaelic Forum, funded by Scottish Government in 2016/17.
5. The Third Sector Grant fund is renamed 'Supporting Communities Fund'.
6. The Argyll and Bute 'Supporting Communities Fund' is not combined with Early Years fund due to the risk this poses to Early Years provision within Argyll and Bute.

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the potential to combine the Argyll and Bute Supporting Communities Fund with
the Health and Wellbeing Grant Fund run by the Health and Social Care
Partnership. A recommendation is made to the Integrated Joint Board for Officers to explore
the potential to combine the Argyll and Bute Supporting Communities Fund with
the Health and Wellbeing Grant Fund run by the Health and Social Care
Partnership.

9. That a report is brought back to a future meeting reviewing the impact of the
aforementioned changes to the distribution of grants.

Moved Councillor Dick Walsh, seconded Councillor Robin Currie.

Amendment

That the Committee agree – is

1. That Area Committees are invited to provide input on the matter of whether Third
Sector Grant funding is allocated by Area Committees in one round from April
2017 or allocated in two rounds as is currently done.
2. The criteria for grant funding are extended to allow community councils and

Decision

On a show of hands vote the Motion was carried by 8 votes to 3 and the Committee resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services dated November 2016, submitted)

12. CARBON MANAGEMENT: WIND TURBINE AT GLENGORM LANDFILL SITE UPDATE

The report proposed that the Council progress the detailed design subject to agreement from the community group to take the lead on the funding application.

Decision

The Committee –

1. Agreed that the Council carries out the detailed design of the road on behalf of the community on the understanding that the community group lead in progressing grant applications and seek to secure contributory funding via the sale of building plots on the island.
2. Instructed the Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services to write to the community group seeking their agreement to the arrangement prior to the commencement of the detailed design.
3. Noted that the Social Enterprise Team would provide advice and support to the community group on accessing external funding.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated 24 November 2016, submitted)

15. TARBERT AND LOCHGILPHEAD REGENERATION FUND

The Committee, at their meeting on 12 May 2016, agreed criteria and objectives for the Tarbert and Lochgilphead Regeneration Fund. Following the principles set down at that meeting, a number of potential projects were identified and an assessment process undertaken. The Committee considered a report requesting agreement to undertake further assessment on shortlisted projects with a view to developing outline business cases.

Decision

The Committee –

1. Noted the projects shortlisted by the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee detailed at paragraph 4.2 of the submitted report.
2. Approved development funding of up to £25

