

**MINUTES of MEETING of POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held ON A HYBRID BASIS IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS  
on THURSDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2023**

**Present:** Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Liz McCabe
Councillor Amanda Hampsey	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly
Councillor Fiona Howard	Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Willie Hume	Councillor Dougie Philand
Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle	Councillor Alastair Redman

**Also Present:** Councillor Maurice Corry

**Attending:** Pippa Milne, Chief Executive  
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director  
Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director  
Anne Blue, Head of Financial Services  
Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth  
Shona Barton, Governance Manager

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Audrey Forrest and Andrew Kain.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dougie Philand declared a non-financial interest in item 8 of the agenda (Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) Projects: 2-4 and 6-10 Argyll Street, Lochgilphead) due to him having relatives in the building industry and possible tenderers for the works to be carried out in relation to this project. He advised that he would leave the room during the consideration of this item of business.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 12 October 2023 were approved as a correct record.

**\* 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS MONITORING PACK - 31 OCTOBER 2023**

The Committee gave consideration to a report providing a summary of the financial monitoring reports as at the end of October 2023. There were five detailed reports setting out the position as at 31 October 2023 which included the Revenue Budget Monitoring Report; Monitoring of Financial Risks; Capital Plan Monitoring Report; Treasury Monitoring Report and Reserves and Balances.

**Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee

1. noted the revenue budget monitoring report as at 31 October 2023;
2. noted the financial risks for 2023-24;
3. noted the capital plan monitoring report as at 31 October 2023 and approved the proposed changes to the capital plan outlined in Appendix 4 of that report;
4. noted the treasury monitoring report as at 31 October 2023;
5. noted the reserves and balances report as at 31 October 2023; and
6. agreed to recommend to Council that the revenue virements over £0.200m during September and October 2023 are approved.

(Reference: Report by Section 95 Officer dated 3 November 2023, submitted)

\* **5.**

## The Policy and Resources Committee

1. noted the budget update report;
2. noted that the items outlined i

Councillor Dougie Philand re-joined the meeting at this point.

## **9. NATURE RESTORATION FUND - SPEND OPTIONS**

The Committee gave consideration to a report recommending that the Council take forward a number of deliverable projects utilising the Nature Restoration Fund allocated by the Scottish Government.

## **Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee noted the content of the Workplan as at December 2023.

(Reference: Policy and Resources Committee Workplan dated December 2023, submitted)