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THE FIFE COUNCIL - FINANCE, ECONOMY AND CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

24 August 2023

10.00 am – 11.35 am

PRESENT: Councillors Allan Knox (Convener), Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Auxi Barrera, Ian Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Eugene Clarke, Colin Davidson, Sean Dillon, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Robin Lawson, James Leslie, Gordon Pryde, Alistair Suttie and Ann Verner.

ATTENDING: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services; Charlie Anderson, Head of Business Technology Solutions; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services, Michael O’Gorman, Service Manager - Estates and Asset Management and Ross Tulloch, Lead Professional – Civil/Structural Engineering, Property Services; Jackie Johnstone, Accountant and Donna Grieve, Accountant, Fiona Williams, Team Manager (Digital Skills and Learning), Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Graeme Downie.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 22.

56. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of meeting of the Finance, Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee of 15 June 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

57. DIGITAL PROGRESS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT - UPDATE ON FIFE POSITION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Business Technology Solutions outlining Fife's progress and areas of further consideration in relation to Audit Scotland's report "Digital Progress in Local Government", published in January, 2021, which highlighted both progress made and challenges encountered in delivering true digital transformation in Scottish Councils.

Decision

The committee noted progress made in Fife and areas for further development and improvement.

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58. **ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2023 -2028**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services outlining the draft Asset Management Strategy for the five years from 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the information contained within the report.

59. **2022/23 REVENUE MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN – PLANNING SERVICE, BUSINESS AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE**

The committee considered a joint report by the Chief Executive and Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) updating members on the provisional outturn financial position for the 2022/23 financial year for the areas in scope of the Finance, Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

60. **2022/23 CAPITAL MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN – BUSINESS AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE**

The committee considered a joint report by the Chief Executive and Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) updating members on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the provisional financial position for the 2022/23 financial year for the areas in scope of the Finance, Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

61. **2023/24 REVENUE MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN – PLANNING SERVICE, BUSINESS AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE**

The committee considered a joint report by the Chief Executive and Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) updating members on the projected outturn financial position for the 2023/24 financial year for the areas in scope of the Finance, Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

62. **2023/24 CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN – BUSINESS AND EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE**

The committee considered a joint report by the Chief Executive and Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) updating members on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position for the 2023/24

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financial year for the areas in scope of the Finance, Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

63. 2022/23 REVENUE MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN – FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) updating members on the provisional outturn financial position for 2022/23 for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate.

Decision

The committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

64. 2022/23 CAPITAL MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN – FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the provisional financial position for the 2022/23 financial year for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate.

65. 2023/24 REVENUE MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN – FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) providing an update on the projected outturn financial position for 2023/24 for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate.

Decision

The committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

66. 2023/24 CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN – FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position for the 2023/24 financial year for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate.

Decision

The committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

67. FINANCE, ECONOMY & CORPORATE SERVICES FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) outlining a draft workplan for future meetings of this committee.

Decision

The committee noted the current Finance, Economy and Corporate Services Scrutiny Work Plan and added the following report:-

- Asset Management Strategy 2023 – 2028 - Annual update to committee detailing activity and progress during the year whilst identifying immediate challenges and opportunities.