

## Minute of Meeting

### Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 15 December 2016	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

#### PRESENT

Councillors Bibby, B Brown, M Brown, Caldwell, M Devine, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Gilmour, Glen, Provost Hall, Councillors Harte, Henry, Holmes, Hood, Kelly, Lawson, Mack, J MacLaren, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, M Macmillan, McCartin, McEwan, McGee, McGurk, I McMillan, McQuade, Mullin, Murrin, Mylet, Nicolson, Noon, Paterson, Perrie, J Sharkey, M Sharkey and Williams.

#### CHAIR

Provost Hall presided.

#### IN ATTENDANCE

S Black, Chief Executive; P MacLeod, Director of Children's Services; S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources; M Crearie, Director of Development & Housing Services; D Leese, Chief Officer and I Beattie, Head of Adult Services (both Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); D Amos, Head of Policy & Commissioning and L Mahon, Head of Marketing (both Chief Executive's); and K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, A MacArthur, Head of Finance, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, L Belshaw, Democratic Services Manager and P Shiach Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

#### APOLOGIES

Councillors Cameron and E Devine

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Macmillan declared a financial interest in items 8 and 16 of the agenda as he was a member of the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board and indicated that it was his intention to take part in the discussions relating to these items as the general dispensation from the Standards Commission allowed him to take part in and to vote in relation to these matters.

Councillors J Sharkey and M Sharkey declared a non-financial interest in items 8 and 16 of the agenda as they were supporters of KNOW (Kid's Need Our Ward) and indicated that it was their intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Mullin declared a financial interest in items 8 and 16 of the agenda as he was an employee of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board and indicated that it was his intention to leave the meeting and not to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest in item 7 of the agenda as she was an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited and indicated that it was her intention to leave the meeting and not to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Andy Doig declared a financial interest in item 7 of the agenda as he was the spouse of an employee of Renfrewshire Leisure Limited and indicated that it was his intention to leave the meeting and not to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Nicolson declared a non-financial interest in item 1 of the agenda in relation to the Minute of the meeting of the Leadership Board as he was a member of the Renfrewshire Leisure Limited Board and indicated that it was his intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

In terms of Standing Order 16, Provost Hall intimated that she proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 10 of the agenda together with item 20, Notice of Motion 7.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Nicolson, having declared an interest in the following item of business, remained in the meeting.

### **1 MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COUNCIL, BOARDS AND PANELS**

There were submitted the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council, Boards and Panels on the dates specified:

Council, 29 September 2016

Appointment Board, 5 October 2016

Regulatory Functions Board, 6 October 2016

Appointment Board, 6 October 2016

Regulatory Functions Board, 2 November 2016

Education and Children Policy Board, 3 November 2016

Housing and Community Safety Policy Board, 8 November 2016

Planning and Property Policy Board, 8 November 2016

Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committee, 8 November 2016

Environment Policy Board, 9 November 2016

Finance and Resources Policy Board, 9 November 2016

Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 10 November 2016

Paisley North Local Area Committee, 10 November 2016

Paisley South Local Area Committee, 15 November 2016

Economy and Jobs Policy Board, 16 November 2016

Regulatory Functions Board, 17 November 2016

Johnstone and the Villages Local Area Committee, 17 November 2016

Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee, 23 November 2016

Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board, 28 November 2016

Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 29 November 2016

Leadership Board, 30 November 2016

Regulatory Functions Board, 1 December 2016

**DECIDED:** That the Minutes be approved except in so far as dealt with separately at item 2 hereof.

## **2 COUNCIL MEETING 29 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Under reference to item 29 - Notice of Motion 15 - of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 29 September 2016 in relation to the revised state pension age for women, Councillor McGurk intimated that members had been issued with letter dated 6 December 2016 from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) which intimated that the DWP had written to all those individuals affected informing them of the change to their state pension age. It was noted that not every one affected had received such a letter.

**DECIDED:** That the matter be noted and the Minute approved.

**3 UK GOVERNMENT AUTUMN STATEMENT**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the UK Government's Autumn Statement announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on 23 November 2016. The announcement set out the current position and forecast expectation across a range of key economic and fiscal indicators for the UK and also included a range of measures the Government would take with regard to tax and spending.

The report highlighted the principal elements of the announcement by the UK Government and how these might influence the financial settlement provided by the Scottish Government to local government and ultimately the Council. The key messages from the statement were outlined in the report. It was noted that the challenges for the Council in terms of revenue funding had been outlined in the Financial Outlook report discussed at the September 2016 Council meeting. It remained to be seen whether the more positive outcome for 2017/18 Scottish Block settlement fed through to a less significant cut for local government than had been outlined.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that the Scottish Government would make their own budget announcement on 15 December 2016.

**4 A PRUDENTIAL FRAMEWORK FOR CAPITAL FINANCE IN RENFREWSHIRE PROGRESS REPORT**

There was submitted a progress report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the Council's prudential indicators for 2016/17. The report detailed the position as at 14 October 2016 and intimated that total capital expenditure was £25.452m, of which £22.750m related to Non Housing and £3.307m related to Housing. A review of the updated capital spending plan for 2016/17 suggested that the indicators required to be revised for the current year, the details of which were contained within the report.

The report set out details of the proposed net decrease of £4.227m in the planned Non Housing capital expenditure during 2016/17 and the factors which had contributed to this decrease; the factors considered in relation to the proposed decrease of £4.280m in the planned Housing capital expenditure; and proposed revisions to the external debt indicators and the position with treasury management and affordability indicators.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That the changes to the prudential indicators as detailed in the report be approved.

## **5 REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to proposed new governance arrangements in relation to the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) in order to reflect the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and changes that had emerged over the last three years to partnership working structures in Renfrewshire. The proposals had been submitted to the meeting of Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 7 December 2016 and were outlined in Appendix A to the report.

The key features of the revised governance included the establishment of a CPP Oversight Board to provide enhanced Elected Member challenge and scrutiny to partnership working arrangements and performance and of a CPP Executive Group to drive partnership working focussed on the working of community planning to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities; changes to the structure of the existing Thematic Boards to establish five Boards: Renfrewshire Economic Leadership Board; Public Protection Chief Officers Group; Empowering Communities; Improving Life Chances; and Health and Social Care – Strategic Planning Group.

### **DECIDED:**

- (a) That the proposed governance structure for the Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership, as outlined in section 5 of the report and Appendix A, be agreed;
- (b) That it be noted that officers would work with partnership organisations to plan for the implementation of the new arrangements in the second quarter of 2017; and
- (c) That it be agreed that a review of the arrangements for community level governance, including Local Area Committees, would be undertaken and that community planning partners would be consulted as part of this process.

## **6 REVIEW OF POLLING PLACES AND POLLING DISTRICTS FOLLOWING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND - FIFTH STATUTORY REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to a review of polling places and polling districts following the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – Fifth Statutory Review of Electoral Arrangements.

The report advised that the Council at its meeting on 29 September 2016 noted that the Scottish Government had approved the electoral arrangements for the Renfrewshire Council area recommended by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland and that as a result an immediate review of the Council's Polling Scheme had been required, to enable the revised scheme to be in place for the Local Government elections on 4 May 2017. The proposed polling scheme and plans showing the polling places and polling district boundaries was attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Lawson, moved that St Margaret's Primary School be replaced with St Margaret's Church Hall in Polling district SS09, Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howwood and Lochwinnoch ward. This was agreed subject to a positive assessment in terms of disabled access.

**DECIDED:** That subject to the replacement of St Margaret's Primary School with St Margaret's Church Hall in Polling district SS09 - Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howwood and Lochwinnoch ward – following a positive assessment in terms of disabled access, the polling districts, polling places and polling stations, as set out in the Appendices to the report, be approved for use in all elections and referenda hereafter until the next review.

**7 EMPOWERING TEACHERS, PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE AND EQUITY IN EDUCATION: CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Children's Services relative to the Council's proposed response to the Scottish Government Consultation document "Empowering Teachers, Parents and Communities to Achieve Excellence and Equality in Education."

The report advised that the Scottish Government had committed to a review of governance arrangements for schools, which could have significant and far reaching implications for the way in which local authorities interacted with and managed schools.

The report intimated that the key proposals contained within the consultation document related to setting up "regional" arrangements for the organisation or delivery of education services and devolved further responsibilities, including devolved resources, to schools.

**DECIDED:** That the response to the Scottish Government consultation on 'Empowering Teachers, Parents and Communities to Achieve Excellence and Equity in Education', as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillors Andy Doig and Audrey Doig, having previously declared a financial interest in the following item of business left the meeting.

**8 PAISLEY TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION (LEARNING AND CULTURAL CENTRE)**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development and Housing Services relative to the regeneration of Paisley Town Centre.

The report advised that the Paisley Heritage Asset Strategy which had been approved in January 2014 set out an ambitious vision for Paisley including the development of a signature museum project of national status, developing opportunities to improve the visitor offer and rebrand Paisley as a visitor destination, providing employment and regeneration opportunities. The Paisley Museum redevelopment was the flagship project of this strategy and linked to this was the relocation of the existing Paisley Library to a new location in High Street.

The report indicated that following the purchase of 22/22a High Street in June 2016 work had been undertaken to examine options for refurbishment of the property to make it suitable to house a new Learning and Cultural Centre.

In the course of this work a number of options had been considered the estimated cost of which ranged from £2.6m to £5.1m dependent on the extent of the

refurbishment or rebuild involved. The recommended optimal solution, option 4 retained the existing facade at the upper levels with a complete new build behind at an estimated cost of £5m.

The report set out the options available to members and recommended that option 4 be approved as the preferred solution, subject to the outcome of the current bid for Regeneration Capital Grant Funding (RCGF). An artist's impression of the preferred option was circulated to members.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That option 4 be approved as the preferred option for the new learning and cultural centre;

(b) That it be agreed that subject to the outcome of the RCGF application an additional £800,000 capital resources be allocated towards the cost of the project, funded from secured capital receipts;

(c) That it be agreed that officers would take forward the commissioning of detailed studies and surveys of the building at 22/22a High Street, which would be required regardless of which option proceeded; and

(d) That it be agreed that should the Scottish Government RCGF funding application be unsuccessful the matter would be brought back for members' further consideration.

**SEDERUNT**

Councillors Andy Doig and Audrey Doig returned to the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mullin, having previously declared an interest in the following item of business left the meeting.

Councillors M Macmillan, J Sharkey and M Sharkey having declared an interest in the following item of business remained in the meeting.

**9 REVIEW OF WARD 15 (CHILDREN'S WARD) ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL**

Under reference to item 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board held on 28 November 2016 there was submitted a report by the Lead Officer relative to the Board's review of Ward 15 (Children's Ward) at the Royal Alexandra Hospital.

The report advised that the purpose of the review had been to provide an evidence-based analysis of the current provision at Ward 15 and to inform the Council's position on any NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde consultation on the future of the Ward.

The report set out the background and scope of the review together with information gathered via local testimonials, including on-line consultation and from engagement with NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That the final report approved by the Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board be approved; and
- (b) That the Council's thanks be conveyed to those who participated in the review.

**SEDERUNT**

Councillor Mullin returned to the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

**10 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND MEMBERSHIP OF OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

Under reference to item 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 29 September 2016 there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to places allocated by the opposition group following the agreement to increase by one the membership of each of the six policy boards.

The report advised that the places had been allocated as follows:

Economy and Jobs, Councillor Paterson; Education and Children, Councillor Andy Doig; Environment, Councillor Paterson; Finance & Resources, Councillor Paterson; Housing & Community Safety, Councillor Paterson; and Planning & Property, Councillor K MacLaren.

The report further advised that at the meeting of the Council held on 5 November 2009, the Council had agreed to become a member of Mayors for Peace, an international organisation established by the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to pursue eventual elimination of all nuclear weapons and to address all issues which impacted on world peace. There were no costs associated with membership however correspondence had been received requesting a donation of £120 to allow the organisation to develop and to link with councils in supporting important peace-related events.

Councillor M Macmillan, seconded by Councillor Holmes, moved (i) that Council notes the appointments of Councillor Paterson to the Economy & Jobs, Finance & Resources and Housing & Community Safety Policy Boards; Councillor Andy Doig to the Education & Children Policy Board; and Councillor K MacLaren to the Planning & Property Board; (ii) that the Council approves the request for a donation of £120 to Mayors for Peace; and (iii) that Council appoints Councillor Hood to the Education & Children Policy Board; Councillor M Sharkey be appointed as Depute Convener of the Education & Children Policy Board and as a member of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff; and that Councillor Mullin be appointed as Convener of Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee. This was agreed unanimously.

**DECIDED:**

- (a) That the appointments of Councillor Paterson to the Economy & Jobs, Environment, Finance & Resources and Housing & Community Safety Policy Board; Councillor Andy Doig to the Education & Children Policy Board; and Councillor K MacLaren to the Planning & Property Policy Board be noted;

(b) That the request for a donation of £120 from Mayors for Peace be approved; and

(c) That Councillor Hood be appointed to the Education & Children Policy Board; that Councillor M Sharkey be appointed as Depute Convener of the Education & Children Policy Board and as a member of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Teaching Staff and that Councillor Mullin be appointed as Convener of Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside and Erskine Local Area Committee.

# **11 THOMAS COATS MEMORIAL CHURCH - REFERRAL FROM PAISLEY NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the referral by Paisley North Local Area Committee of the award of a grant to Coats Memorial Church. The report advised that in May 2016 the Trustees of Coats Memorial Church were awarded a multi-area Local Area Committee (LAC) grant of £30,000 consisting of £13,000 from the Paisley North LAC, £15,000 from the Paisley South LAC, and £2,000 from the Renfrew & Gallowhill LAC. The grant was awarded for repairs to the boiler which was part of the heating system for the church building.

The report intimated that following the award of the grant, the Trustees appointed a consultant to examine the boiler and recommend the most cost-effective solution. The outcome of the survey stated that due to the extensive works of such a large scale required to an old heating system, the cost of the works was estimated to be in the region of £350,000 to £500,000 which was higher than expected and out of the reach of available funding. As a result of the outcome of the survey, further reports were submitted to each of the three LACs which had approved funding recommending that the grant funding be retained by the Trustees for temporary repairs to the boiler and heating system to enable the building to remain in active use. This was approved by Renfrew & Gallowhill and Paisley South Local Area Committees on 8 and 15 November 2016 respectively. However at the Paisley North Local Area Committee on 10 November 2016 the following amendment to the report was approved by the LAC.

“Amendment: replace recommendation 2.1 with the following:

2.1 It is recommended that the committee only transfers the awarded grant to the new community trust which we were informed about in the Paisley North LAC meeting of 12 May 2016, which was meant to be taking over ownership of the building.

2.2 If the new community trust is not established the grant should be returned to the committee to be re-allocated to any suitable community groups seeking funding; and

2.3 The Committee will refer this issue to the next full council meeting on Thursday 15 December 2016 with a proposal that a full investigation is carried out on this application including progress towards a new community trust to own the building and options for funding the boiler replacement or repair, in part or in full, from other council budgets such as the £1.85million underspend from last year’s council budget.”

As indicated by the Provost at the start of the meeting in terms of the order of business, there was also submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors K MacLaren and M MacLaren in the following terms:

## “Coats Memorial Church

Council notes the decision of Paisley North Local Area Committee regarding the award of a grant to Coats Memorial Church. If the new community trust has not been established to receive the grant then the full grant award of £13,000 will be returned to Paisley North Local Area Committee for distribution to local community groups.

Council will also carry out a full investigation on the progress towards establishing a new community trust to own Coats Memorial Church and examine options for funding the full costs of the repair or replacement of the heating system, including the potential for using Council resources such as the £1.85million underspend from last year's Council budget.”

Councillor K MacLaren, seconded by Councillor M MacLaren, then moved the motion.

Councillor Macmillan, seconded by Councillor Holmes, moved as an amendment that Council agrees to carry out an investigation into the costs of repair or replacement of the heating system at Coats Memorial Church. Council agrees to work with the trustees of the church and support them with funding applications to heritage and other bodies to meet these costs. Council will also consider what other financial support it can provide to assist the church.

Council notes the decision of Paisley North, Paisley South and Renfrew and Gallowhill Local Area Committees to support Coats Memorial Church by providing grant funding and remits the decision to recall these grants to the respective Local Area Committees.

The amendment was agreed unanimously and the Notice of Motion was thereafter withdrawn by the mover and seconder of the motion in terms of Standing Order 27.

### **DECIDED:**

(a) That Council agreed to carry out an investigation into the costs of repair or replacement of the heating system at Coats Memorial Church. Council agreed to work with the trustees of the church and support them with funding applications to heritage and other bodies to meet these costs. Council would also consider what other financial support it could provide to assist the church; and

(b) That Council noted the decision of Paisley North, Paisley South and Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committees to support Coats Memorial Church by providing grant funding and remitted the decision to recall these grants to the respective Local Area Committees.

## **12 CONTRACT AUTHORISATION REPORT - PUBLIC ACCESS WIFI**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the award of a single source framework agreement for public access wifi.

The report advised that at the deadline for the return of tenders seven bids had been received which were evaluated against a pre-determined set of criteria in the form of the European Single Procurement Document (ESPD). Three of the seven failed to meet the minimum requirements. The remaining four bids were evaluated against a set of award criteria which was based on a price/quality ratio of 60:40. Details of the scores relative to the award criteria of each tenderer were contained within the report.

### **DECIDED:**

(a) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to conclude on behalf of Renfrewshire Council and all other framework agreement public bodies and, subject to disclosure of insurance document all to the satisfaction of the Council, the award of the single source framework agreement for the public access wifi, tender reference RC-FA-130-16 to Boston Networks Limited;

(b) That it be noted that the framework agreement duration was four years from the commencement date, which would be specified in the letter of award; and

(c) That it be noted that the ceiling value of call off contracts made under this framework agreement by all participating Public Bodies was £6,000,000 ex VAT.

### **SEDERUNT**

Councillor Mack left the meeting prior to the following item of business.

## **13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Head of Corporate Governance advised that members required to deal with planning applications in an objective manner to ensure that they could not be challenged with accusations of bias or predetermination and that votes on planning applications required to be seen to be impartial and not influenced by party political issues.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION - 16/0594/PP – EPIC LTD/ELDERSLIE ESTATES AND HALLAM LAND MANAGEMENT - ERECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT (IN PRINCIPLE), LAND BETWEEN DUNVEGAN AVENUE AND GLENIFFER HOUSE, GLENPATRICK ROAD, ELDERSLIE, JOHNSTONE.**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to planning application 16/0594/PP: EPIC Ltd/Elderslie Estates and Hallam Land Management for the erection of a residential development (in principle) at land between Dunvegan Avenue and Gleniffer House, Glenpatrick Road, Elderslie, Johnstone, that required to be determined by the Council.

**DECIDED:** That the application be refused for the following reasons:

1. The proposal did not accord with the Spatial Development Strategy and related Spatial Frameworks of the approved Glasgow and the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan and Clydeplan's Strategic Development Plan Proposed Plan 2016 in terms of its location and development compatibility and therefore failed to support the Spatial Vision of the Plan;

2. The proposal was contrary to Policy ENV 1 of the Adopted Renfrewshire Local Development Plan in that it would result in development within the designated Green Belt without appropriate justification and due to its location and scale would not be commensurate with the aims of maintaining the identity of settlements and protecting and enhancing the landscape setting of an area;

3. The proposal was contrary to the Adopted Renfrewshire Local Development Plan New Development Supplementary Guidance - Delivering the Environment Strategy as

it does not require a specific green belt location and did not maintain or support an established activity which was suitable in the green belt. The proposal would thereby introduce an inappropriate form of development into the Green Belt, result in an unacceptable erosion of the Green Belt and result in an adverse and detrimental impact on its character; and

4. The proposal was contrary to Policy P2 of the Adopted Renfrewshire Local Development Plan and the Housing Land Supply Supplementary Guidance 2015, and due to its scale and location, the proposed development would undermine the Spatial Strategy of the Adopted Renfrewshire Local Development Plan. The proposal would thereby introduce an inappropriate form of development into the Green Belt, result in an unacceptable erosion of the Green Belt and result in an adverse and detrimental impact on its character.

#### **14 STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND: DECISION OF HEARING**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Corporate Governance, as Monitoring Officer, relative to a complaint made to the Commission for Ethical Standards in Public life in Scotland alleging that Councillor Mack had contravened the Councillors' Code of Conduct by failing to respect the chair at the meeting of the Education & Children Policy Board held on 20 August 2015 and failing to comply with her rulings.

The report advised that the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Scotland (the Commissioner) had conducted an investigation into the complaint and concluded that Councillor Mack had contravened the Code. The Commissioner had subsequently submitted a report to the Standards Commission for Scotland (the Commission) on the outcome of his investigation.

The report indicated that the Commission, following receipt of the report, decided to hold a hearing which took place in Renfrewshire House on 17 October, 2016. Details of the outcome of the Hearing were contained within the report. The Council, in terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life (Scotland) Act 2000 was required to consider those findings within three months of receiving them.

**DECIDED:** That the findings of the Standards Commission on this complaint be noted.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10.38 am and reconvened at 10.52 am.

#### **SEDERUNT**

Councillor Mack was present when the meeting reconvened.

#### **15 NOTICE OF MOTION 1**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors I McMillan and Mullin in the following terms:

- "Council notes that, currently, legislation enables personal care to be provided free for people in Scotland aged 65, provided they are assessed as needing it.

- Of the 85,807 dementia sufferers in Scotland 3,201 are under the age of 65 and therefore not entitled to help.
- Council commends the campaign by Mrs Amanda Kopel – “Frank’s Law” – to request that the Scottish Government extends free personal care to anyone under the age of 65 who requires such care for their dementia, motor neurone disease, Parkinson’s, multiple sclerosis, cancer, progressive supranuclear palsy (or any other degenerative brain disease).
- Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister requesting her to consider the introduction of a “Frank’s Law” so that free personal care is extended to under 65s as set out above.”

Councillor I McMillan, seconded by Councillor Mullin, then moved the motion.

Councillor M MacLaren, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, moved as an amendment to be added at the end of the final sentence:

“and include recommendations on how this could be funded by the Scottish Government”

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Paterson, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mack, McGurk, McGee, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, M Brown, McQuade and Nicolson.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, McCartin, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Provost Hall and Councillors Holmes, J MacLaren, Harte and Mullin.

16 members having voted for the amendment and 21 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

**DECIDED:** Council noted that, currently, legislation enabled personal care to be provided free for people in Scotland aged 65, provided they were assessed as needing it; of the 85,807 dementia sufferers in Scotland 3,201 were under the age of 65 and therefore not entitled to help;

Council commended the campaign by Mrs Amanda Kopel – “Frank’s Law” – to request that the Scottish Government extends free personal care to anyone under the age of 65 who required such care for their dementia, motor neurone disease, Parkinson’s, multiple sclerosis, cancer, progressive supranuclear palsy (or any other degenerative brain disease); and

Council instructed the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister requesting her to consider the introduction of a “Frank’s Law” so that free personal care was extended to under 65s as set out above.

## 16 NOTICE OF MOTION 2

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Provost Hall and Councillor Lawson in the following terms:

“Council notes the outstanding contribution which 102 Field Squadron, 71 Engineer Regiment has made to Renfrewshire and to the wider UK community.

As army reservists, they sacrifice precious time with their families in the service of their country.

As Royal Engineers their three main functions are to help the Army live, move and fight. To carry out these functions they are trained firstly as soldiers, then as combat engineers and finally in specific trades.

The Squadron was formed in 1967 but can trace their history back to 1884. Renfrewshire Royal Engineers Volunteers were involved in the defence of the Forth and Clyde during World War 1 and in engagements during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars. Squadron personnel have deployed on many exercises to diverse locations such as Kenya, the Falkland and Ascension Islands as well as expeditions to Greenland and Canada.

They have provided individual reinforcements on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the United Nations peacekeeping missions in Bosnia, Cyprus and South Sudan. The Squadron has assisted with floods in Paisley and across the UK and supported local charities and family days.

The Royal Engineers have served all over the world as recognised by their motto “Ubique”, which means everywhere. The Squadron recruit predominantly in Renfrewshire but cover the West of Scotland.

In recognition of their contribution, Renfrewshire Council formally resolves that the 102 Field Squadron, 71 Engineer Regiment be admitted as honorary Freemen of Renfrewshire.”

Provost Hall, seconded by Councillor Lawson, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

**DECIDED:** Council noted the outstanding contribution which 102 Field Squadron, 71 Engineer Regiment has made to Renfrewshire and to the wider UK community; as army reservists, they sacrifice precious time with their families in the service of their country; as Royal Engineers their three main functions are to help the Army live, move and fight. To carry out these functions they are trained firstly as soldiers, then as combat engineers and finally in specific trades; The Squadron was formed in 1967 but can trace their history back to 1884. Renfrewshire Royal Engineers Volunteers were involved in the defence of the Forth and Clyde during World War 1 and in engagements during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World Wars. Squadron personnel have deployed on many exercises to diverse locations such as Kenya, the Falkland and Ascension Islands as well as expeditions to Greenland and Canada. They have provided individual reinforcements on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and the United Nations peacekeeping missions in Bosnia, Cyprus and South Sudan. The Squadron has assisted with floods in Paisley and across the UK and supported local charities and family days; The Royal Engineers have served all over the world as recognised by their motto “Ubique”, which means everywhere. The Squadron recruit predominantly in Renfrewshire but cover the West of Scotland; in recognition of their contribution.

Renfrewshire Council formally resolved that the 102 Field Squadron, 71 Engineer Regiment be admitted as honorary Freemen of Renfrewshire.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mullin, having previously declared a financial interest in the following item of business left the meeting.

Councillors M Macmillan, J Sharkey and M Sharkey, having declared an interest in the following item of business remained in the meeting.

## **17 NOTICE OF MOTION 3**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors I McMillan and Henry in the following terms:

“Council believes that the SNP led government are failing the people of Renfrewshire and Scotland in their mishandling of NHS Scotland.

Furthermore, Council reaffirms its support for the KNOW campaign in their attempts to stop the closure of the children’s ward at the RAH.”

Councillor I McMillan, seconded by Councillor Henry, then moved the motion.

Councillor Paterson, seconded by Councillor McEwan, moved as an amendment that Council recognises and thanks all our hardworking NHS staff who strive to deliver the high quality healthcare that is fundamental to a forward thinking progressive society.

Council welcomes the ongoing commitment of the Scottish Government to the NHS and notes the additional £500million to be invested in the NHS over the lifetime of the current parliament. With £250million invested in the integration of health and social care, it will take the total health spending to record levels of nearly £13billion.

Council also notes that NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde’s budget will increase by 21.3% under the SNP Government, producing a record budget.

Council further agrees that any decisions on the provision of local services should be based on clinical need and to provide the best possible healthcare for the people of Renfrewshire.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Paterson, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McGurk, McGee, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, M Brown, McQuade and Nicolson.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, Glen, Mack, Henry, M Macmillan, McCartin, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Provost Hall and Councillors Holmes, and Harte.

The following member abstained: Councillor J MacLaren.

15 members having voted for the amendment, 20 members having voted for the motion, and one member having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

**DECIDED:** Council believed that the SNP led government were failing the people of Renfrewshire and Scotland in their mishandling of NHS Scotland. Furthermore, Council reaffirmed its support for the KNOW campaign in their attempts to stop the closure of the children's ward at the RAH.

## **SEDERUNT**

Councillor Mullin returned to the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

### **18 NOTICE OF MOTION 4**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors McEwan and Paterson in the following terms:

"Council instructs Community Resources to investigate why there continues to be on-going complaints and concerns about inadequate street lighting in many areas of our communities."

Councillor McEwan, seconded by Councillor Paterson, then moved the motion.

Councillor Gilmour, seconded by Councillor Bibby, moved an amendment that as an addition to the motion that Council agrees to ask for a report to the next Environment policy board to provide an update on the implementation of the £11million LED Street Lighting Programme.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors McEwan and Paterson, as mover and seconder of the Motion, agreed to the amendment. The Motion, as amended, was agreed unanimously

**DECIDED:** Council instructed Community Resources to investigate why there continued to be on-going complaints and concerns about inadequate street lighting in many areas of our communities; and Council agreed to ask for a report to the next Environment Policy Board to provide an update on the implementation of the £11million LED Street Lighting Programme.

## **SEDERUNT**

Councillor Noon left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

### **19 NOTICE OF MOTION 5**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Gilmour and Bibby in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council calls on the Scottish Government to carry out improvements to the A737 road.

These improvements should include, but not exclusively, dual carriageway from Kilbarchan to Dalry, an additional slip road lane at the Johnstone exit, a new slip road at the Howwood exit, and a footbridge and small car parking area at the Roadhead Roundabout Lochwinnoch."

Councillor Gilmour, seconded by Councillor Bibby, then moved the motion.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Audrey Doig, moved as an amendment that Council recognises the £500million contribution from the SNP Government to the Glasgow City Deal Project. However, Council notes that the City Deal Cabinet - comprising solely of Labour councillors – failed to recognise the A737 as a priority.

### **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

On seeing the content of the amendment, Councillor M Macmillan declared a non-financial interest in this item as he was a member of the City Deal Cabinet. He indicated that it was his intention to take part in the discussion and voting on this item.

On the roll then being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Paterson, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McGurk, McGee, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, M Brown, McQuade and Nicolson.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, Glen, Mack, Henry, M Macmillan, McCartin, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Provost Hall and Councillors Holmes, J MacLaren, Harte and Mullin.

14 members having voted for the amendment and 22 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

**DECIDED:** Council called on the Scottish Government to carry out improvements to the A737 road; and these improvements should include, but not exclusively, dual carriageway from Kilbarchan to Dalry, an additional slip road lane at the Johnstone exit, a new slip road at the Howwood exit, and a footbridge and small car parking area at the Roadhead Roundabout Lochwinnoch.

## **20 NOTICE OF MOTION 6**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and Mack in the following terms:

“Council recognises the great strides being made by the 2021 Board and staff in developing our submission for the bid for the Paisley City of Culture.

Council also recognises the work of the Creative Renfrewshire Steering Group in developing and focussing on creative activities through our Cultural Strategy.

Council recognises that much work is being done on the Weaving heritage of Paisley, and on the legacies left by the thread making families of the Coats and Clarks which identify much of the uniqueness of Paisley’s contribution to that world.

However, at present, it seems little is being done to explore the actual development and work of the Thread mills themselves, their workforce and their history. Given that this is where the 19th Century wealth of Paisley can from, it is important that this is acknowledged and that efforts are made in the short, medium and long terms to help this part of our heritage to be fully explored and told.

The very active, but small charitable trust, the Paisley Threadmill Museum which holds the core of artefacts, papers, photographs, machinery etc from our former thread mills, brings in visitors from all over the world, but their temporary facilities

leave them very limited in what they can provide. As part of the cultural development of our heritage, we need to incorporate this Tourism attraction into a much wider focus on a Renfrewshire Textile Heritage Trail.

Several groups within the Renfrewshire Creative Network Tourism Heritage Sub-group are currently working together to begin to develop the Train and the potential visitor attractions within it, (with the obvious exception of the Paisley Museum which is already underway), and are requesting some assistance from the Council in support of this. Their aims are:

1. To work together to develop a Renfrewshire Textile Heritage Trail.
2. To develop a properly functioning Thread Mill Museum, possibly in the old Silk Mill in Blackhall Street, (possibly the only purpose-built Silk Throwing Mill in Scotland), to include the Renfrewshire Tapestry, on completion and, much needed “artisan workspace” for use by schools, local residents and artists, so developing new creative and textile interest and skills.
3. To help preserve, develop and reuse, a number of old building around Paisley and in the wider Renfrewshire area which have links to weaving, thread making or other textile heritage in the area and to promote them through the Trail.
4. To help promote tourism heritage regeneration and creative economic development within Renfrewshire.

Council is asked to support this community-led group in terms of its inclusion as part of the direction of the Creative Renfrewshire Steering Group, its aims recognised by the 2021 Bid team, direct support from museums staff and funding from a feasibility study into the potential redevelopment of the former Silk Mill.

We believe that this, if achieved, could provide one of the major lasting legacies of the drive for the City of Culture and, in the longer term, the inclusion of a Renfrewshire Textile Heritage Trail in the wider Scottish Textile Heritage Trail presently being developed.”

Councillor McCartin, seconded by Councillor Mack, then moved the motion.

Councillor M Macmillan, seconded by Councillor Holmes, moved as an amendment that

“Council recognises the great strides being made by the 2021 Board and staff in developing our submission for the bid for the Paisley City of Culture.

Council also recognises the work of the Creative Renfrewshire Steering Group in developing and focussing on creative activities through our Cultural Strategy.

Council recognises that much work is being done on the Weaving heritage of Paisley, and on the legacies left by the thread making families of the Coats and Clarks which identify much of the uniqueness of Paisley’s contribution to that world.

Council recognises the need to explore further the actual development and work of the Thread mills themselves, their workforce and their history. Given that this is where the 19th Century wealth of Paisley came from, it is important that this is acknowledged and that efforts are made in the short, medium and longer terms to help this part of our heritage to be fully explored and told.

The very active, but small charitable trust, the Paisley Threadmill Museum which holds the core of artefacts, papers, photographs, machinery etc from our former thread mills, brings in visitors from all over the world, but their present temporary facilities leave them very limited in what they can provide. As part of the cultural development of our heritage, we need to incorporate this Tourism attraction into a much wider focus on a Renfrewshire Textile Heritage Trail.

Council further recognises several groups within the Renfrewshire Creative Network Tourism Heritage Sub-group are currently working together to begin to develop the Trail and the potential visitor attractions within it, (with the obvious exception of the Paisley Museum which is already underway), and are requesting some assistance from the Council in support of this. Their aims are:

To work together to develop a Renfrewshire Textile Heritage Trail.

To develop a properly functioning Thread Mill Museum that includes the Renfrewshire Tapestry and much needed “artisan workspace” for use by schools, local residents and artists, so developing new creative and textile interest and skills.

To help preserve, develop and reuse, a number of the old buildings around Paisley and in the wider Renfrewshire area which have links to weaving, thread making or other textile heritage in the area and to promote them through the Trail.

To help promote tourism heritage regeneration and creative economic development within Renfrewshire.

Council is asked to support this community-led group in terms of its inclusion as part of the direction of the Creative Renfrewshire Steering Group, its aims recognised by the 2021 Bid team, direct support from museums staff and funding for a feasibility study into the potential of a properly functioning Thread Mill Museum in Paisley

We believe that this, if achieved, could provide one of the major lasting legacies of the drive for the City of Culture and, in the longer term, the inclusion of a Renfrewshire Textile Heritage Trail in the wider Scottish Textile Heritage Trail presently being developed”

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors McCartin and Mack as mover and seconder of the Motion, agreed to accept the amendment which was then agreed unanimously.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That Council recognised the great strides being made by the 2021 Board and staff in developing our submission for the bid for the Paisley City of Culture;

(b) That Council also recognised the work of the Creative Renfrewshire Steering Group in developing and focussing on creative activities through our Cultural Strategy;

(c) That Council recognised that much work is being done on the Weaving heritage of Paisley, and on the legacies left by the thread making families of the Coats and Clarks which identify much of the uniqueness of Paisley’s contribution to that world;

(d) That Council recognised the need to explore further the actual development and work of the Thread mills themselves, their workforce and their history. Given that this is where the 19th Century wealth of Paisley came from, it is important that this is acknowledged and that efforts are made in the short, medium and longer terms to help this part of our heritage to be fully explored and told;

(e) That Council noted that the very active, but small charitable trust, the Paisley Threadmill Museum which holds the core of artefacts, papers, photographs, machinery etc from our former thread mills, brings in visitors from all over the world, but their present temporary facilities leave them very limited in what they can provide. As part of the cultural development of our heritage, we need to incorporate this Tourism attraction into a much wider focus on a Renfrewshire Textile Heritage Trail;

(f) That Council further recognised several groups within the Renfrewshire Creative Network Tourism Heritage Sub-group are currently working together to begin to develop the Trail and the potential visitor attractions within it, (with the obvious exception of the Paisley Museum which is already underway), and are requesting some assistance from the Council in support of this. Their aims are:

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To develop a properly functioning Thread Mill Museum that includes the Renfrewshire Tapestry and much needed “artisan workspace” for use by schools, local residents and artists, so developing new creative and textile interest and skills.

To help preserve, develop and reuse, a number of the old buildings around Paisley and in the wider Renfrewshire area which have links to weaving, thread making or other textile heritage in the area and to promote them through the Trail.

To help promote tourism heritage regeneration and creative economic development within Renfrewshire;

(g) That Council supported this community-led group in terms of its inclusion as part of the direction of the Creative Renfrewshire Steering Group, its aims recognised by the 2021 Bid team, direct support from museums staff and funding for a feasibility study into the potential of a properly functioning Thread Mill Museum in Paisley; and

(h) That Council believed that this, if achieved, could provide one of the major lasting legacies of the drive for the City of Culture and, in the longer term, the inclusion of a Renfrewshire Textile Heritage Trail in the wider Scottish Textile Heritage Trail presently being developed.

## **21 NOTICE OF MOTION 7**

This item was dealt with at item 10 of this Minute.

## **22 NOTICE OF MOTION 8**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors M MacLaren and K MacLaren in the following terms:

“Customer Contact Centre

Council notes the continuing poor performance of the council’s Customer Contact

Centre where targets for answering calls are regularly missed and the failure of the current administration to make improvements to the centre a priority in the council service improvement plans. Council therefore agrees to establish a cross party working group to analyse all the problems within the customer contact centre and to bring forward proposals to the next full council meeting to improve the service this centre provides to residents and businesses within Renfrewshire.”

Councillor M MacLaren, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, then moved the motion.

Councillor Holmes, seconded by Councillor Bibby, moved as an amendment that Council notes that the Customer Contact Centre is achieving the primary target of answering 90% of all calls. Council notes that the latest weekly figure is at 96%. Council recognises the importance of allowing residents to contact us at their convenience and developing new methods such as the MyAccount Service and the call-back option. Council agrees to a standing report on the performance of the Customer Contact Centre at meetings of the Finance & Resources Policy Board.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Provost Hall and Councillors Holmes, Harte and Mullin.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Paterson, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mack, McGurk, McCartin, McGee, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, M Brown, J MacLaren, McQuade and Nicolson.

19 members having voted for the amendment and 17 members having voted for the motion, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

**DECIDED:** Council noted that the Customer Contact Centre was achieving the primary target of answering 90% of all calls. Council noted that the latest weekly figure was at 96%. Council recognised the importance of allowing residents to contact us at their convenience and developing new methods such as the MyAccount Service and the call-back option. Council agreed to a standing report on the performance of the Customer Contact Centre at meetings of the Finance & Resources Policy Board.