

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUSINESS CONTINUITY COMMITTEE held in the BY SKYPE
on THURSDAY, 14 MAY 2020**

Present: Councillor Aileen Morton (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Lorna Douglas	Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Sandy Taylor

Also Present: Councillor John Armour Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Jim Findlay Councillor Jean Moffat
Councillor Bobby Good Councillor Alastair Redman

Attending: Pippa Milne, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director
Kirsty Flanagan, Interim Executive Director
Louise Connor, Head of Education, Teaching and Learning
David Logan, Head of Legal and Regulatory Support
Laurence Slavin, Interim Head of Financial Services
Anne MacDougall, Interim Head of Financial Services
Jane Fowler, Head of Customer and Support Services
Fergus Murray, Head of Development and Economic Growth
Tricia O'Neill, Governance Manager
Fergus Walker, Revenue and Benefits Manager
Joanna MacDonald, Chief Officers, HSCP

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no

(Ref: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support dated 12 May 2020, submitted)

5. BUDGET:

(a) BUDGET OUTLOOK 2021-22

outturn for Social Work is an overspend of £1.165m.

Decision:

The Business Continuity Committee agreed to approve that the repayment of 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 Social Work overspends are deducted from the Council's payment to the HSCP on a five year phased basis.

(Ref: Report by Section 95 Officer, dated 5 May 2020,

pandemic to facilitate Community Council's in continuing to fulfil the important role of representing and supporting local communities at this time.

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The Business Continuity Committee noted the arrangements for the functions of the PPSL Committee and the Licensing Board on an interim basis during the response period to the Covid-19 pandemic.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support, dated 5 May 2020, submitted.)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following two items of business on the grounds that they were likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 6 & 9 respectively of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

13. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCE

The Committee considered a report which advised that in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, Section 35, if a Councillor fails to attend a meeting for a continuous period of 6 months then they cease to be a Councillor unless prior approval to the absence has been taken by Council.

Decision:

The Business Continuity Committee approved the absence from Council business of a Councillor due to health related issues until 18 December 2020, or until their return to business, whichever is the earlier.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support dated 23 April 2020, submitted)

14. STRATEGIC HOUSING FUND - ASSOCIATED FUNDING REQUEST

Consideration was given to a report outlining a request from Colonsay Community Development Company for additional funding from the Strategic Housing Fund (SHF) in order to enable an affordable housing project in Argyll and Bute.

Decision:

The Business Continuity Committee agreed to the recommendation, as outlined at section 3.1 of the report.

(Ref: Report by Interim Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, dated 14 May 2020, submitted.)