

**MINUTES of MEETING of POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL
CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2020**

Present:

Councillor Aileen Morton (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Lorna Douglas
Councillor Bobby Good
Councillor Kieron Green
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly

Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Douglas Philand
Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Richard Trail

Also Present:

Councillor Jim Findlay
Councillor George Freeman

Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Donald MacMillan

Attending:

Pippa Milne, Chief Executive

summarised within the executive summary including the Revenue Budget Monitoring Report as at 31 December 2019, monitoring of Policy Savings Options as at 31 December 2019, Monitoring of Financial Risks as at 31 December 2019, Capital Plan Monitoring Report as at 31 December 2019, Treasury Monitoring Report as at 31 December 2019 and Reserves and Balances as at 31 December 2019.

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee –

1. Noted the revenue budget monitoring report as at 31 December 2019 and note the comments in respect of the Health and Social Care Partnership.
2. Noted the progress with the policy savings options as at 31 December 2019.
3. Noted the financial risks for 2019-20.
4. Noted the current financial position with the employability team and note that a report will be brought to the Policy and Resources Committee in May 2020.
5. Noted the capital plan monitoring report as at 31 December 2019 and approved the proposed changes to the capital plan as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.
6. Noted the treasury monitoring report as at 31 December 2019.
7. Noted the reserves and balances report as at 31 December 2019.
8. Agreed to recommend to Council that the revenue virements over £0.200m during November and December are approved.

(Reference: Report by Interim Head of Financial Services dated 13 February 2020, submitted)

Councillor Rory Colville joined the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

* **5. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Committee gave consideration to a report which sought approval of

2. Agreed to refer to Council, at their meeting on 27 February 2020, to –

a) Approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy and the indicators contained within.

b) Approve the use of the statutory method for the repayment of loan fund advances prior to 1 April 2019 in respect of existing capital expenditure using a 5.1% annuity interest rate over an average period of 32 years. For those loans fund advances outstanding at 1 April 2004 a repayment period of 14 years will be used.

c) Approve the use of the asset life method for the repayment of loan fund advances after 1st April 2019 using a 5.1% annuity interest rate, with the exception of spend to save schemes where the funding/income profile method could be used.

d) Approve the proposed asset repayment periods as detailed within section 2.6 of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement.

e) Approve the ability to continue to use countries with a sovereign rating of AA- and above, as recommended by Link Asset Services.

(Reference: Report by Section 95 Officer dated 13 February 2020, submitted)

* **6. BUDGETING PACK 2020-2021**

The Committee gave consideration to the full package of papers included in the Budget Pack 2020/21 in relation to the Revenue and Capital Budgets for 2020/21.

The Interim Head of Financial Services highlighted amendments to be made to the

b) Panel sizes are amended for Executive Director and Head of Service

Decision

The Policy and Resources Committee –

1. Noted the contents of the report.
2. Approved a further drawdown from the approved budget to facilitate the delivery of the electrical point of connection, electrical enabling works contract, and professional fees.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services dated 28 January 2020, submitted)