

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**CABINET**

**Minute of Meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 24 January 2019.**

**Present:**

Councillor Tony Buchanan (Leader)	Councillor Alan Lafferty
Councillor Caroline Bamforth	Councillor Colm Merrick
Councillor Danny Devlin	Councillor Paul O’Kane

Councillor Buchanan, Leader, in the Chair

**Attending:**

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Andy Cahill, Director of Environment; Margaret McCrossan, Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer); Phil Daws, Head of Environment (Strategic Services); Robert Spencer, Principal Accountant (Revenue); John Wilson, Senior Estates Surveyor; and Paul O’Neil, Committee Services Officer.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**756.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**ESTIMATED BUDGET OUT-TURN 2018/19**

**757.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Chief Financial Officer, detailing the projected Revenue Budget Out-turn for 2018/19 and providing details of the expected year-end variances for each department, together with summary cost information for each of the undernoted services as at 9 November 2018:-

- (i) Objective and Subjective Summaries;
- (ii) Education Department;
- (iii) Contribution to Integration Joint Board;
- (iv) Environment Department;
- (v) Environment Department – Support;
- (vi) Chief Executive’s Office;
- (vii) Chief Executive’s Office – Support;
- (viii) Corporate and Community Services Department – Community Resources;
- (ix) Corporate and Community Services Department – Support;
- (x) Other Expenditure and Income;
- (xi) Joint Boards;
- (xii) Contingency – Welfare;
- (xiii) Health and Social Care Partnership; and
- (xiv) Housing Revenue Account.

Whilst noting that as at 9 November 2018, the estimated year-end position showed a net favourable variance on net expenditure of £705,000 based on current information, the report indicated that for General Fund services the projected underspend was £705,000. However, the Council Tax collection position was slightly lower than budgeted with a reduction in income of £250,000 now anticipated, bringing the total forecast underspend on General Fund services to £455,000. It was noted that the projected revenue out-turn variance reflected the increased pressures arising from the latest pay award offers to both local government employees and teaching staff. The report also contained details of a number of service virements and operational adjustments for which approval was sought.

The report concluded by indicating that the Council's projected revenue out-turn position was reported as an operational underspend of £455,000 or 0.2% of the annual budget. However, a number of operational variances required management action to ensure that expenditure would be in line with budget at the end of the financial year. At this time, it was expected that management action would lead to all overspends being recovered.

Furthermore, in view of the tighter than anticipated 2019-20 provisional grant settlement and the impact on the recent increases in pay offers, all departments were expected to consolidate and maximise underspends wherever possible in the current year in order to help address future budget provision.

The Cabinet, having noted the probable out-turn position, agreed:-

- (a) to approve service virements and operational adjustments as set out in the report;
- (b) that management action be taken to remedy any forecast overspends; and
- (c) that all departments continue to closely monitor their probable out-turn position and consolidate and maximise underspends wherever possible.

### **Resolution to Exclude Press and Public**

At this point in the meeting, on the motion of the Leader, the Cabinet unanimously resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A to the Act.

### **DISPOSAL OF THE FORMER CALDERWOOD LODGE PRIMARY SCHOOL, NEWLANDS, GLASGOW**

**758.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment, providing an update on the marketing of the former Calderwood Lodge Primary School, Newlands, and seeking approval to progress the disposal with the highest conditional offer.

The Cabinet agreed that delegated authority be granted to the Director of Environment, in consultation with the Chief Officer – Legal and Procurement, to progress and complete the disposal of the former Calderwood Lodge Primary School site at 28 Calderwood Road, Newlands, to the company referred to in the report for the sum stated for a residential development.