Minute

Harbour Authority Sub-committee

Tuesday, 14 March 2023, 09:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.

Present

Councillors David Dawson, Gillian Skuse, P Lindsay Hall, Ivan A Taylor and Heather N Woodbridge.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillors Graham A Bevan and Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

• Hazel Flett, Service Manager (Governance).

In Attendance

- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Buck, Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master.
- Karen Bevilacqua, Solicitor.

Declarations of Interest

• No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

• Councillor David Dawson.

1. Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port

Draft Budgets 2023/24

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

1.1. That the respective budgets for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port, as trading activities, should normally be based on an assumption that a surplus could be generated from their activities.



1.2. That, after applying inflationary and budgetary assumptions detailed in sections 4.1 and 4.2 respectively of the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, the draft revenue budget in respect of Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours for 2023/24, attached as Annex 1 to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, was indicating a net surplus of £1,660,000.

1.3. That provision of £2,096,500 had been made within the revenue budget for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours in respect of maintenance and repair works, which included an anticipated underspend on the planned and funded programme of maintenance and repair works for 2022/23 which would be carried forward into 2023/24.

1.4. That, after applying inflationary and budgetary assumptions detailed in sections 4.1 and 4.4 respectively of the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, the draft revenue budget in respect of the Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2023/24, attached as Annex 1 to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, was indicating a net surplus of £211,000.

2. Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and Scapa Flow Oil Port

Minor Capital Improvement Programmes – Proposed Programmes 2023/24

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

2.1. That the Non-General Fund capital programme included annual budget allocations for 2023/24 as follows:

- Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours £300,000.
- Scapa Flow Oil Port £150,000.

2.2. That the draft programmes in respect of minor capital improvements for 2023/24 were costed as follows:

- Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours £991,000.
- Scapa Flow Oil Port £280,000.

2.3. That, although revenue budgets in respect of Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and the Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2023/24 had not yet been set, the draft budgets reflected the associated loan charges in respect of the proposed minor capital improvement programmes.

The Sub-committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

2.4. That, subject to an adequate budget being established, the minor capital improvement programmes for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours and the Scapa Flow Oil Port for 2023/24, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 respectively to this Minute, be approved.

The Sub-committee resolved to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee:

2.5. That the capital allocation within the Non-General Fund capital programme for 2023/24 be increased from £300,000 to £991,000 in respect of minor capital improvement works for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours.

2.6. That the capital allocation within the Non-General Fund capital programme for 2023/24 be increased from £150,000 to £280,000 in respect of minor capital improvement works within Scapa Flow Oil Port.

3. Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours

Revenue Maintenance Programme – Proposed Programme 2023/24

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master, the Sub-committee:

Noted:

3.1. That provision had been made within the draft budget for 2023/24 in respect of revenue maintenance works for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours, amounting to $\pounds 2,096,525$, to be funded from an anticipated underspend on maintenance and repair works in 2022/23 of £459,500 and the remainder from within the Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours Account.

The Sub-committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

3.2. That, subject to an adequate budget being established, the revenue maintenance programme for Miscellaneous Piers and Harbours for 2023/24, attached as Appendix 3 to this Minute, be approved.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:03 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: David Dawson.