

Item: 11

Policy and Resources Committee: 21 June 2022.

Capital Programme Advisory Board.

Report by Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

1. Purpose of Report

To consider appointments to the Capital Programme Advisory Board.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to note:

2.1.

That, on 10 September 2014, when considering the Council element of the proposed 2015/16 social housing development programme for Orkney, the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee recommended a governance structure in respect of the House Build Programme, including the establishment of the Programme Board.

2.2.

That, on 24 November 2015, when considering an update on progress with governance and project management resources for capital programme activities, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended that a Capital Programme Advisory Board be established, to provide a forum for informal oversight and comment on matters concerning the capital programme.

2.3.

That, on 8 June 2022, when considering appointments and/or nominations to various Sub-committees, groups and other bodies, the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee noted that the remit and membership of both the Council House Build Programme Board and the Capital Programme Advisory Board were virtually identical.

2.4.

That the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee subsequently recommended that the Council House Build Programme Board be disestablished, and the remit subsumed within that of the Capital Programme Advisory Board.

2.5.

That appointments to the Capital Programme Advisory Board will last until the Special General Meeting of the Council to be held in May 2024.

It is recommended:

2.6.

That the remit of the Capital Programme Advisory Board be extended to include strategic oversight of the Council House build programme and key project modification or variations where these fall within the overall realm of delegated authority.

2.7.

That membership of the Capital Programme Advisory Board be confirmed as follows:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair or Vice Chair, Integration Joint Board, whichever is the Council appointment.

3. Background

3.1.

On 10 September 2014, when considering the Council element of the proposed 2015/16 social housing development programme for Orkney, the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee recommended a governance structure in respect of the House Build Programme, including the establishment of the Programme Board, with the following membership:

- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee.
- One other Member of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

3.2.

On 24 November 2015, when considering an update on progress with governance and project management resources for capital programme activities, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended that a Capital Programme Advisory Board, comprising the undernoted membership, be established, to provide a forum for informal oversight and comment on matters concerning the capital programme:

- Convener
- Vice Convener
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair or Vice Chair, Integration Joint Board, whichever was the Council appointment.

3.3.

As appointments to the Capital Programme Advisory Board are all ex officio (in 2015, the Convener and Vice Convener would have been the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee), they were inadvertently omitted from previous lists considered by the Policy and Resources Committee.

3.4.

Both the Council House Build Programme Board and the Capital Programme Advisory Board were established, following a review of governance surrounding capital projects, in response to recommendations in previous external audit reports relating to capital slippage.

4. Proposal

4.1.

On 8 June 2022, when considering appointments and/or nominations to the various Sub-committees, groups and other bodies, the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee noted that the remit and membership of both the Council House Build Programme Board and the Capital Programme Advisory Board were virtually identical.

4.2.

Accordingly, in order to streamline governance and reduce the number of groups undertaking very similar remits, the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee recommended that the Council House Build Programme Board be disestablished, and the remit subsumed within that of the Capital Programme Advisory Board.

4.3.

It is therefore proposed that the remit of the Capital Programme Advisory Board be extended to include strategic oversight of the Council House build programme and key project modification or variations where these fall within the overall realm of delegated authority.

4.4.

It is also proposed that membership of the Capital Programme Advisory Board be confirmed as follows:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair or Vice Chair, Integration Joint Board, whichever is the Council appointment.

4.5.

Appointments to the Capital Programme Advisory Board will last until the Special General Meeting of the Council scheduled for May 2024

5. Corporate Governance

This report relates to the Council complying with governance and procedural issues and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

6. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of the recommendations of this report.

7. Legal Aspects

7.1.

With limited exceptions, section 56 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 provides that a local authority may arrange for the discharge of any of their functions by a committee of the authority, a sub-committee, an officer of the authority or by any other local authority in Scotland. The discharge of functions also includes doing anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of these functions.

7.2.

A programme board is not a committee or sub-committee of the Council and therefore does not have delegated authority to make decisions.

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