

Minute

Policy and Resources Committee

Thursday, 19 May 2022, 09:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors James W Stockan, Heather N Woodbridge, Graham A Bevan, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, David Dawson, P Lindsay Hall, Steven B Heddle, Rachael A King, Kristopher D Leask, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar, Raymond S Peace, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Gillian Skuse, Jean E Stevenson, Ivan A Taylor, Mellissa-Louise Thomson, Owen Tierney and Duncan A Tullock.

Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.
- Stephen Brown, Chief Officer, Orkney Health and Social Care Partnership.
- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

Observing

- Kirsty Groundwater, Communications Team Leader.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor James W Stockan.

1. Appointments to Sub-committees, Groups and Other Bodies

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions, copies of which had been circulated, the Committee:

Noted:

1.1. Council policy on appointments and/or nominations to external bodies, as outlined in section 6 of the report by the Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

1.2. That appointments and/or nominations made at this meeting would, unless stated otherwise, last until the Special General Meeting of the Council to be held in May 2024.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

1.3. To make the appointments/nominations to the various sub-committees, groups and other bodies, referred to at paragraphs 2 to 24 below, together with associated matters.

2. Asset Management Sub-committee

After a secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall – 15 votes.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle – 16 votes.
- Councillor James R Moar – 9 votes.
- Councillor John A R Scott – 6 votes.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson – 15 votes.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor – 16 votes.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson – 15 votes.
- Councillor Owen Tierney – 9 votes.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Asset Management Sub-committee:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

3. Community Asset Transfer Review Sub-committee

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Community Asset Transfer Review Sub-committee:

- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

4. Human Resources Sub-committee

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Human Resources Sub-committee:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

5. Investments Sub-committee

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Investments Sub-committee:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

6. Pension Fund Sub-committee

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Pension Fund Sub-committee:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

7. Police and Fire Sub-committee

The Committee noted:

7.1. That membership of the Police and Fire Sub-committee comprised seven members of the Council, to include one member from each of the six electoral wards.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

7.2. That the following members be appointed to the Police and Fire Sub-committee:

- Councillor Alexander G Cowie – representing Kirkwall West and Orphir.
- Councillor David Dawson – representing Kirkwall East.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace – representing East Mainland, South Ronaldsay and Burray.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock – representing West Mainland.
- Councillor Graham A Bevan – representing Stromness and South Isles.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson – representing North Isles.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

8. Staff Appeals Sub-committee

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Staff Appeals Sub-committee:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

9. Joint Consultative Committee

After a secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor Graham A Bevan – 13 votes.
- Councillor David Dawson – 10 votes.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle – 5 votes.
- Councillor John A R Scott – 7 votes.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer – 11 votes.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse – 12 votes.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Joint Consultative Committee:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse.

10. Climate Emergency Working Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

10.1. That the Climate Emergency Working Group be renamed the Climate Change Consultative Group.

10.2. That the remit for the Climate Change Consultative Group should be as follows:

- To review what the Council is already doing to reduce its carbon footprint.
- To consider and recommend new targets and priorities for including in the Council's Climate Change Strategy/Programme and the Council Plan.

10.3. That the following members be appointed to the Climate Change Consultative Group:

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

11. Communications and Engagement Consultative Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Communications and Engagement Consultative Group:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

12. Constitutional Reform Consultative Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Constitutional Reform Consultative Group:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.

13. Corporate Charging Consultative Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

13.1. That, as the Orkney Health and Care Committee had been disestablished, the constitutional arrangements for the Corporate Charging Consultative Group should be amended to the following:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Two of the Council's representatives on the Integration Joint Board, one of whom shall be the Chair or Vice Chair, whichever is the Council appointment.

13.2. That the following members be appointed to the Corporate Charging Consultative Group:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor David Dawson.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – to be appointed.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – to be appointed.
- Vice Chair, Integration Joint Board – Councillor Rachael A King.
- One other member of the Integration Joint Board – Councillor Jean E Stevenson.

14. Digital Strategy Consultative Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

14.1. That the remit of the Digital Strategy Consultative Group should be as follows:

- To oversee development of, and thereafter progress, the Digital Strategy, including associated Delivery Plan, focussing on three core strategic priorities, namely:
 - Digital Communities and Wellbeing – connecting communities, supporting ethical and sustainable digital islands and helping to foster thriving digital communities.
 - A Digital Islands Economy – enabling enterprising digital communities and supporting Orkney's digital technology sector.
 - Digital Local Government and Services – public service partnership and collaboration delivery digital transformation.

14.2. That the following members be appointed to the Digital Strategy Consultative Group:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor John A R Scott.

15. Innovation Fund Consultative Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the Innovation Fund Consultative Group be disestablished.

16. Procurement Consultative Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Procurement Consultative Group:

- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor David Dawson.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

17. Student Housing Working Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Student Housing Working Group:

- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor David Dawson.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

18. Single-Use Plastics Working Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the Single-Use Plastics Working Group be disestablished.

19. Working Group on Twinning and Friendship

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Working Group on Twinning and Friendship:

- Convener – Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Vice Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor David Dawson.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

20. Pension Board

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Pension Board:

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor James R Moar.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.

21. Strategic Projects Project Board

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

21.1. That the remit of the Strategic Projects Project Board be amended as follows:

- To provide oversight for the Scale Wind project and other strategic projects, including projects included within and related to the Orkney Harbours Masterplan, where relevant.

21.2. That the constitutional arrangements for the Strategic Projects Project Board be confirmed as follows:

- Leader.
- Depute Leader.
- Convener.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Chair/Vice Chair, Integration Joint Board, whichever is the Council appointment.
- Three other members.

After a secret ballot, the result of which was as follows:

- Councillor Kristopher D Leask – 11 votes.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson – 12 votes.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace – 13 votes.
- Councillor Gillian Skuse – 10 votes.
- Councillor Jean E Stevenson – 10 votes.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

21.3. That the following members be appointed to the Strategic Projects Project Board:

- Leader – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Depute Leader – Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Convener – Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor David Dawson.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Vice Chair, Integration Joint Board – Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor Kristopher D Leask.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor Raymond S Peace.

22. Empowering Communities Steering Group

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Empowering Communities Steering Group:

- Councillor Graham A Bevan.
- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Ivan A Taylor.
- Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

23. Orkney Research and Innovation Campus Limited Liability Partnership

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the following members be appointed to the Orkney Research and Innovation Campus Limited Liability Partnership:

- Chair, Policy and Resources Committee – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor David Dawson.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

24. Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership

The Committee noted:

24.1. That existing representation on the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership comprised the following:

- One Member of the Orkney Health and Care Committee.
- One Member of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

24.2. That the one Member of the Orkney Health and Care Committee be amended to one of the six Council representatives on the Integration Joint Board.

24.3. That Councillor Heather N Woodbridge be appointed as the Integration Joint Board's representative on the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership.

Councillor John A R Scott left the meeting at this point.

25. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:45 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: James W Stockan.