

Clerk Name: Karen Swan
Clerk Telephone: 07919 730272
Clerk Email: committee@northlan.gov.uk



17 February 2025

**Members of the
Finance and Resources Committee**

Chief Executive's Office

Archie Aitken
Chief Officer (Legal & Democratic)
Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street,
Motherwell ML1 1AB
www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk

Notice is given that a Meeting of the **Finance and Resources Committee** is to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street, Motherwell, ML1 1AB on Wednesday, 26 February 2025 at 10:00 AM which you are requested to attend.

The agenda of business is attached.

Archie Aitken
Chief Officer (Legal & Democratic)

Members :

A Duffy-Lawson, H Dunbar, A Ballinger, M Boyd, G Brennan, A Bustard, T Carragher, S Coyle, D Crichton, G Currie, K Duffy, H Gray, J Hume, D Johnston, T Johnston, P Kelly, J Keltie, K Larson, G Lennon, J Logue, H Loughran, A Masterton, P McDade, R McKendrick, J McLaren, M McPake, J McPhilemy, L Nolan, P Patton, C Quigley, L Roarty, G Robinson, W Shields, A Smith, A Stubbs, L Stubbs, R Sullivan, S Watson, C Williams, G Woods.

Agenda

- 1 **Declarations of Interest In Terms of the Ethical Standards In Public Life Etc. (Scotland) Act 2000**

- 2 **Minute of Joint Consultative Committee for Local Government Employees of 10 December 2024** 9 - 12
Submit Minute of Meeting of the Joint Consultative Committee for Local Government Employees of 10 December 2024.

- Operational**

- 3 **Annual Freedom of Information Report Financial Year 2023-24** 13 - 22
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Democratic) providing details of Freedom of Information and Environmental Information requests received by the Council during 2023/24

- 4 **Revenues and Benefits Update** 23 - 42
Submit a report by Chief Officer (Finance) providing an update on the performance within the Revenues and Benefits functions of Finance as at 31 December 2024.

- 5 **Review of Employee Code of Conduct** 43 - 66
Submit report by the Chief Officer (People Resources) seeking approval of the updated and revised Employee Code of Conduct.

- 6 **Update to Special Leave Policy - Bereavement Leave** 67 - 76
Submit report by the Chief Officer (People Resources) outlining the current leave provisions available to employees who are dealing with the bereavement of a close relative and seeking approval of the proposed enhancement to bereavement leave for employees.

7	<p>Connectivity Programme – Wide Area Network Project Completion</p> <p>Submit report by Chief Officer (Business and Digital) providing details on the successful completion of the Connectivity Programme Wide Area Network project.</p>	77 - 82
8	<p>Land Reallocation - Former Columba High, Coatbridge</p> <p>Submit report by the Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) seeking approval to the transfer of land at the former Columba High for inclusion in the new build programme.</p>	83 - 88
9	<p>Land Surplus to Operational Requirements at Ailsa Road, Coatbridge</p> <p>Submit report by the Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) seek approval to declare and at Ailsa Road, Coatbridge surplus to Council requirements.</p>	89 - 96
10	<p>Property Surplus to Operational Requirements - Rockburn Pavilion and Pitch, Carnoustie Place, Bellshill</p> <p>Submit report by the Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) seeking approval to declare a pavilion, sports pitch and ancillary ground at Carnoustie Place, Bellshill surplus to Council requirements.</p>	97 - 102
11	<p>Local Government in Scotland - Financial Bulletin 2023-24</p> <p>Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) examining a number of areas including Council Funding and Budgets, Financial Performance, Financial Position and outlook at end of 2023/24.</p>	103 - 144
Performance		
12	<p>Strategic Performance Framework - latest performance results for Legal and Democratic</p> <p>Submit report by the Chief Officer (Legal and Democratic) providing an update on the suite of performance indicators used by Legal and Democratic.</p>	145 - 154

13 **Digital North Lanarkshire Programme of Work – Performance Optimisation Innovation Fund** 155 - 162
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Business and Digital) providing an overview on Services ability to access the Innovation Fund, and the progress of the Performance Optimisation Sub Group.

14 **Senior Information Risk Officer (SIRO) - Information Governance -Assurance and Performance Report 2024** 163 - 202
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Business and Digital) outlining information governance activity and performance in respect of the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Financial

15 **Revenue Monitoring Report Council Summary 1 April 2024 to 3 January 2025** 203 - 214
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) (1) providing an update on the overall position for the General Fund Account, Housing Revenue Account and Adult Health and Social Care, for the financial year to 31 March 2025; (2) consolidating the budget monitoring position of all Services, and (3) highlighting and explaining major outturn variances as per the Council's approved Financial Regulations.

16 **Revenue Budget Monitoring Report; Chief Executive's Service 1 April 2024 to 3 January 2025 (Period 10)** 215 - 226
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) (1) providing a summary of the Chief Executive's financial performance for the period from 1 April to 3 January 2025 (Period 10) and (2) illustrating the provisional outturn as at 31 March 2025, with major outturn variances highlighted and explained as per the Council's approved Financial Regulations.

- 17 **Capital Programme 2024-25 Monitoring Report** 227 - 238
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) providing an update on the 2024/25 resources and expenditure for the Council's Strategic Capital Investment Programme; and (2) detailing the 2024/25 projected outturn position and the resultant variances.
- 18 **Chief Executive Service - Capital Monitoring Report 1 April 2024 to 3 January 2025 (Period 10)** 239 - 246
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) highlighting the financial performance and projected outturn of 2024/25 Chief Executive capital programme for the period ended 3 January 2025.
- 19 **Treasury Management Monitoring Report for Quarter Ended 31 December 2024** 247 - 264
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) informing on the quarterly Treasury Management activity for the period from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 and compliance with the mandatory treasury and prudential indicators.
- 20 **Treasury Management Strategy 2025-26 - Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators 2025-2026 to 2029-2030** 265 - 310
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) seeking approval the Treasury Management Strategy 2025/2026 and adopts the Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators for 2025/2026 to 2029/2030.
- 21 **Procurement Strategy 2025-26** 311 - 338
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) outlining the evolution of the Procurement Strategy with the refinements to provide the new "Procurement Strategy 2024/25" to cover the period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.
- 22 **Review of 2024-25 to 2026-27 Budget Savings** 339 - 344
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) providing an update on the achievement of the three-year financial savings total of £28.778m approved as part of the 2024/25 budget setting process.

23 **Local Taxation Debt Write-Off 2024-25** 345 - 350
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Finance) providing a summary of outstanding local taxation accounts which are deemed uncollectible following all attempts at recovery.

Remit

24 **Remit - Housing Committee - Former Tenant Arrears Write Off to 31 March 2023** 351 - 356
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Housing) providing a summary of outstanding Housing Rent debts which are deemed uncollectable following all attempts at recovery by the Housing Rents and Court teams or are considered uneconomically viable to continue pursuing.

Contracts

25 **Contract award for enabling works at Strathclyde Park Watersports Centre** 357 - 362
Submit report by Chief Officer (Community Operations) notifying the award of a contract to deliver the design and construction work required for the net zero led redevelopment of the Watersports Centre at Strathclyde Country Park to Linear Design and Construct.

26 **Contract Award for Recover NL Programme Pitch Upgrades** 363 - 370
Submit report by Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) notifying the award of a contract to upgrade pitches to W H Malcolm Limited.

27 **Contract Awards Below Committee Approval Threshold** 371 - 376
Submit report by the Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) notifying of the Contracts Awarded since the last meeting of the Committee with a value below the financial threshold requiring approval.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

The Sub-Committee is asked to consider passing the following resolution: "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

28

Cumbernauld Town Centre – Freedom City Church and JD Wetherspoon Property Transactions

Submit report by Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) seeking approval to purchase Freedom City Church and the lease of JD Wetherspoons.