

Minute

Policy and Resources Committee

Tuesday, 25 June 2019, 15:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors James W Stockan, W Leslie Manson, Stephen G Clackson, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, David Dawson, Andrew Drever, Barbara Foulkes, J Harvey Johnston, Rachael A King, John T Richards, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Graham L Sinclair, Magnus O Thomson, Owen Tierney, Duncan A Tullock and Kevin F Woodbridge.

Clerk

- John W Mundell, Interim Chief Executive.

In Attendance

- Gavin Barr, Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.
- Gillian Morrison, Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- Sally Shaw, Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.
- Gareth Waterson, Head of Finance.
- Peter Diamond, Head of Education (Leisure, Culture and Inclusion).
- Karen Greaves, Head of Executive Support.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.
- Clare Gee, Cultural Services Manager.
- Ross McEwen, Capital Projects and Programme Management Officer.
- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

Observing

- David Hartley, Communications Team Leader.
- Jude Callister, Visitor Services Team Leader.

Apologies

- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor Stephen Sankey.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor James W Stockan.

1. Disclosure of Exempt Information

The Committee noted the proposal that the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of Item 2, as the business to be discussed involved the potential disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

2. Scapa Flow Visitor Centre and Museum

On the motion of Councillor James W Stockan, seconded by Councillor W Leslie Manson, the Committee resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting for this item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended.

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing, together with an Equality Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing reports from the Head of Education (Leisure, Culture and Inclusion) and the Cultural Services Manager, the Committee:

Noted:

2.1. That refurbishment and improvements to Scapa Flow Visitor Centre and Museum was added to the capital programme in 2014 at an estimated capital cost to the Council of £1,547,000, subject to the Service Committee confirming it could accommodate the revenue consequences associated with the project.

2.2. That, on 9 March 2017, the Council agreed that the capital project to restore and improve Scapa Flow Visitor Centre and Museum be retained at its current scope, with the Council underwriting the additional costs, currently estimated at £684,000, subject to any external additional funding which might be secured.

2.3. That the additional cost of up to £684,000, referred to at paragraph 2.2 above, was to be met through additional General Fund borrowing, financed by the Loans Charges revenue budget and General Capital Grant.

2.4. That, following confirmation that the project budget, comprising Council and external sources of funding, was now in place, work was undertaken to proceed with the project, including attempts for the procurement of contractors to complete construction works.

2.5. The options, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Education, Leisure and Housing.

2.6. That, due to various factors, the preferred option was Option 2, namely to revise the project scope and seek further financial assurances in order that works could commence.

Councillor Stephen G Clackson left the meeting at this point.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

2.7. That the capital project to restore and improve Scapa Flow Visitor Centre and Museum be revised.

2.8. That the additional cost between the project cost and income be met through General Capital Grant or additional General Fund borrowing financed by the revenue Loans Charges budget.

The above constitutes the summary of the Minute in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 50C(2) as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

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3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 16:30 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: James W Stockan.