

## The Highland Council

Minutes of **Special Meeting** of the **City of Inverness Area Committee** held remotely on **Thursday, 22 April 2021** at 10.00am.

### Present:

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| Mr R Balfour     | Mr A Jarvie      |
| Mr B Boyd        | Ms E Knox        |
| Mr I Brown       | Mrs I MacKenzie  |
| Mrs C Caddick    | Mr D Macpherson  |
| Miss J Campbell  | Mrs B McAllister |
| Mrs H Carmichael | Mrs T Robertson  |
| Mrs M Davidson   | Ms E Roddick     |
| Mr D Fraser      | Mr G Ross        |
| Mr A Graham      | Mr C Smith       |
| Mr J Gray        |                  |

### Officials in Attendance:

Mr A Gunn, Executive Chief Officer Transformation and Economy  
Ms L Denovan, Executive Chief Officer Resources and Finance  
Mr S Fraser, Head of Corporate Governance  
Ms A Clark, Head of Policy  
Mr D Haas, Inverness City Area Manager  
Mr K Forbes, Property Manager (Estates Management)  
Mr P Nevin, Legal Manager  
Miss J MacLennan, Democratic Services Manager  
Ms M Zavarella, Committee Officer

**An asterisk in the margin denotes a recommendation to the Council. All decisions with no marking in the margin are delegated to Committee.**

**Mrs H Carmichael in the Chair**

### Business

#### 1. **Apologies for Absence** **Leisgeulan**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair, Mr A Christie, Mr K Gowans and Mr R MacWilliam.

#### 2. **Declaration of Interest** **Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt**

The Committee **NOTED** the following declaration of interest:-

Item 5: Mr A Jarvie (Non-Financial)

### **3. Membership of the Committee Ballarachd Chomataidhean**

It was **NOTED** that, following the By-Election held on 11 March 2021, Mr David Fraser (Independent) had been elected as a Member of Ward 12 (Aird and Loch Ness).

In this regard, Mr Fraser was welcomed accordingly.

### **4. Exclusion of the Public As-dunadh a' Phobail**

Mrs H Carmichael, seconded by Mr J Gray, **MOVED** that, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and following legal advice which had been received, the public should be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

As an **AMENDMENT**, Mr A Jarvie, seconded by Mr C Smith, moved that discussion should be undertaken on the general principles of the report and that the meeting should only move into private as and when necessary thereafter.

On a vote being taken, the **MOTION** received 13 votes and the **AMENDMENT** received 2 votes, with 4 abstentions, and the **MOTION** was therefore **CARRIED**, the votes having been cast as follows:-

#### **For the Motion:**

Mr R Balfour, Mr B Boyd, Mr I Brown, Mrs C Caddick, Miss J Campbell, Mrs H Carmichael, Mrs M Davidson, Mr D Fraser, Mr A Graham, Mr J Gray, Mrs B McAllister, Mrs T Robertson and Mr G Ross.

#### **For the Amendment:**

Mr A Jarvie and Mr C Smith.

#### **Abstentions:**

Ms E Knox, Mrs I MacKenzie, Mr D Macpherson and Ms E Roddick.

### **5. Inverness Common Good Fund – Tenancies (Covid-19 Implications) – Models for Financial Support Maoin Math Coitcheann Inbhir Nis – Ath-sgrudadh air Taic do Luchd- gabhail**

**Declaration of Interest – Mr A Jarvie declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Director of High Life Highland but, having applied the test as outlined in Paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, concluded that his interest did not preclude him from taking part in the discussion.**

There had been circulated to Members only Joint Report No. CIA/8/2021 dated 8 April 2021 by the Executive Chief Officer (Resources and Finance), Executive Chief Officer (Infrastructure and Environment), Executive Chief Officer

(Communities and Place) and the (Executive Chief Officer) Performance and Governance.

Following discussion, and following a vote, the Committee **AGREED** the recommendations as detailed in the report.

The meeting ended at 11.10am.