

MINUTE of MEETING of the COUNCIL EXECUTIVE held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 17 NOVEMBER 2020.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Kirsteen Sullivan, Frank Anderson, Willie Boyle (substituting for Janet Campbell), Harry Cartmill, Tom Conn, David Dodds, Peter Heggie, Chris Horne, Charles Kennedy, Andrew McGuire (substituting for Cathy Muldoon) and George Paul

Apologies – Councillors Janet Campbell, Cathy Muldoon and Damian Timson

1. OPENING REMARKS

The Council Executive observed a minute's silence in respect of the recent passing of former councillor Alex Davidson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 12 (Petition – Speed Measures in Falside, Bathgate) - Councillor Harry Cartmill declared an interest in that he fully supported the contents of the petition so would not take part in the item of business;

Agenda Items 27 (General Fund Revenue) and 34 (WL Leisure Financial Statement) - Councillor Chris Horne declared an interest in that he was a council appointed member to the Board of West Lothian Leisure for which a special dispensation from the Standards Commission applied so would participate in the items of business;

Agenda Items 27 (General Fund Revenue) and 34 (WL Leisure Financial Statement) - Councillor Tom Conn declared an interest in that he was a council appointed member to the Board of West Lothian Leisure for which a special dispensation from the Standards Commission applied so would participate in the items of business;

Agenda Items 16 (Affordable Housing Delivery Update) and 17 (Deans South Update) - Councillor Andrew McGuire declared an interest in that he was employed by Canmore Housing Association so would not part in these two items of business; and

Agenda Item 27 (General Fund Revenue Budget) - Councillor David Dodds declared that his son was an employee of West Lothian Leisure but would participate in the item of business.

3. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair ruled in terms of Standing Order 11 that there was an additional item of business which he considered to be urgent as it concerned the appointment of an elected member to the Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees and who were due to meet on 20 November 2020. Therefore, the matter would be determined after agenda item 27.

The Chair also ruled that agenda items 12, 16 and 17 would follow was what now agenda item 28 (Cosla SJC Appointment) to facilitate those members who had made declarations of interest in these items of business and had to leave the meeting.

Members indicated that they wished to ask questions on some of the items that were on the agenda for information only; these being agenda items 30, 32, 33 and 34.

4. MINUTES

1. The Council Executive approved the minute of its meeting held on 6 October 2020.
2. The Council Executive approved the minute of its special meeting held on 22 October 2020.

Both minutes were thereafter signed by the Chair.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council Executive noted correspondence arising from previous decisions.

6. FREE SCHOOL MEAL PROVISION - SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (2020/21 ACADEMIC YEAR)

The Chair ruled in terms of Standing Order 28 (changing a decision within 6 months) that he considered there had been material change in circumstances with regards to the following item of business since it has last be determined by the Council Executive on 6 October 2020 and that the matter required to be addressed in relation to Christmas 2020 and Easter 2021 school holidays due to the ongoing Covid-19 crises.

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive seeking approval for a revision to the service delivery plan for the provision of free school meals to children eligible during the remaining school holidays period covering the 2020/21 academic year.

Council Executive was asked to note and approve the following direct payment to families of P4 – S6 children and young people eligible for free school meals; and P1-P3 pupils in receipt of school clothing grant.

1. A payment of £15 per week per eligible child (a total of £30 per eligible child) during the Christmas Holiday 2020-21;
2. A payment o £10 per eligible child during the February Half Term Holiday 2021; and

3. A payment of £15 per week per eligible child (a total of £30 per eligible child) during the Easter Holiday 2021.

Motion

To approve the terms of the report.

- Moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan

Amendment

A payment per week for all children entitled to free school meals during the remaining school holidays including Easter 2021 which fully uses the anticipated money from the Scottish Government for free school meals.

- Moved by Councillor Frank Anderson and seconded by Councillor Willie Boyle

A roll call vote was taken. The result was as follows: -

Motion

Harry Cartmill
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Andrew McGuire
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan

Amendment

Frank Anderson
Willie Boyle

Decision

Following a vote, the motion was successful by 10 votes to 2, with 1 member absent and it was agreed accordingly.

7. COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPECIAL PROJECT GRANTS

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services inviting the Council Executive to consider an application for a special project grant which had been received from Seafeld Community Council.

It was recommended that the Council Executive determines the valid application from Seafeld Community Council as detailed in the appendix attached to the report.

Decision

To approve the special project grant application received from Seafeld Community Council

8. ACCESSIBILITY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES TO THE ROAD AND FOOTWAY NETWORK 2020/21 AND 2021/22

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services seeking approval for the programme of works for accessibility improvement schemes (2020/21 and 2021/22).

It was recommended that the Council Executive notes the contents of the report and approves the programme of accessibility improvement schemes identified in the Appendix attached to the report.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report

9. PROPOSED 30MPH SPEED LIMIT - U29 HARBURN VILLAGE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services to seek approval to initiate the statutory procedures to install a new 30mph speed limit on the U29 through Harburn Village.

It was recommended that the Council Executive approve the initiation of the statutory procedure to install a new 30mph speed limit on the U29 through Harburn Village.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

10. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON A MINISTERIAL STATEMENT FOR MODIFYING LOCAL CONNECTION REFERRALS IN SCOTLAND

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) seeking approval on the council's proposed response to the Scottish Government's consultation paper on modifying local connection referrals. The paper was inviting views on whether the content of a ministerial statement setting out the new power for Scottish Ministers to modify local connection referrals between local authorities in Scotland was to be exercised.

It was recommended to note and approve the council's proposed response as set out in Appendix 2 attached to the report for submission to the Scottish Government.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report

11. HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY REVIEW

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing the outcome of the council's Housing Allocations Policy Review consultation and seeking approval of the revised Allocations Policy.

The report recommended that the Council Executive

1. Note the outcome of the council's Housing Allocations Policy Review Consultation;
2. Note the updated national/local position for housing allocations and homelessness along with the impact of Covid-19;
3. Note the outcome of the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scoping exercise;
4. Approve the updated Housing Allocations Policy (Appendix 5) for implementation in accordance with paragraph D.9;
5. Agree that a CBL approach is adopted as the council's letting process with appropriate procedures and guidance being introduced and maintained by officers within the terms of the new policy once the service has reviewed and renewed/replaced the existing housing management IT System, and
6. To agree that the new policy will be reviewed every three years with the outcome of the review and recommendations reported to PDSP and to Council Executive for approval

Decision

1. To approve the terms of the report; and
2. To agree that officers provide training for elected members on the new housing application policy.

12. CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO SCOTLAND'S ROAD SAFETY FRAMEWORK TO 2030

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services informing of the consultation that was being carried out by the Scottish Government in relation to Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030. The report contained the suggested the council response to the consultation questions.

The report recommended that the Council Executive note the content of the Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 consultation document and approve the proposed response as detailed in Appendix 1.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

13. RESPONSE TO "CONSULTATION ON FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR PEOPLE RESIDENT IN SCOTLAND AGED UNDER 19"

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising of a formal consultation by the Scottish Government seeking the view of the council on the introduction of a new statutory concessionary travel scheme providing free bus travel for young people resident in Scotland aged under 19 and to seek approval on the proposed response.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Note the Scottish Governments proposals for the introduction of the under 19s concessionary travel scheme; and
2. Approve the proposed response to the consultation document as set out in Appendix 1.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

14. LOCAL BUS FESTIVE SERVICES

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising of the outcome of a recent tender and contract variation process relating to Local Bus Festive Services and to agree to the award of the festive local bus network.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Note the proposed festive local bus network outlined in Appendix 2;
2. Note the available budget and cost of proposed services; and
3. Agree to the award of contracts for the festive local bus network.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

15. PROCUREMENT APPROVAL REPORT

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services seeking approval to enter

into contracts where committee authorisation was required by Standing Orders.

The report recommended that the Council Executive approves:

1. The tender for Specialist Disability Services, using the Light Touch Regime, for a 4-year period, with the option to extend for a further 4 years, at a total estimated value of £51,084,840 including extensions;
2. A direct award to the Crisis Prevention Institute, for a contract with a start date of 1 December 2020 for a period of 4 years to 30 November 2024 to the value of £112,800;
3. A direct award to Red Sky IT Ltd for use of annual support and maintenance of the Axim Application Software from 30 January 2021 to 29 January 2022 for a value of £34,137.60;
4. A direct award of a contract for the provision of care and support services to Key Housing Association from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 for £94,680; and
5. A direct award to the University of Stirling for a contract for the delivery of Masters level professional learning opportunities for West Lothian teaching staff, from the start of the academic year in 2021 to 30 June 2024, with a total estimated contract value of £80,000.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

16. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND CITY REGION DEAL ELECTED MEMBERS OVERSIGHT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to appoint two elected members to the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Sub-Committee.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Notes the establishment of the Elected Members Oversight Sub-Committee as part of the governance structure of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal as agreed by Council Executive on 6 October 2020;
2. Notes the remit and membership arrangements of the Elected Members Oversight Sub-Committee as shown in Appendix 1; and
3. Appoints two elected members to the Elected Members Oversight

Sub-Committee

Motion

To appoint Councillors Cathy Muldoon and Tom Conn

- Moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor George Paul

Amendment

To appoint one Labour Councillor and Councillor Robert De Bold

- Moved by Councillor Frank Anderson and seconded by Councillor Willie Boyle

A roll call vote was taken. The result was as follows :-

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Harry Cartmill	Frank Anderson	Peter Heggie
Tom Conn	Willie Boyle	Chris Horne
Dave Dodds		
Lawrence Fitzpatrick		
Andrew McGuire		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		

Decision

Following a roll call vote the motion was successful by 7 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions and 1 member absent and it was agreed accordingly.

17. A NATIONAL MISSION LOCAL IMPACT: DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PLAN FOR SCOTLAND 2021 TO 2025-26

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of publication of the Scottish Government's draft infrastructure plan for Scotland 2021-22 to 2025-26 for consultation and to set out the council's response to the consultation.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Note the terms of the report; and
2. Agree the response as set out in Appendix 2 for submission to the Scottish Government as the council's response to the consultation.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

18. SCOTLAND LOVES LOCAL FUND

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration detailing the fund application process for the Scottish Government's £1 million Scotland Loves Local Fund. Two applications had been received to date, and council officers were continuing their dialogue with local community groups to encourage, support and develop proposals. The fund requires that any application be supported and countersigned by the relevant local authority and the report proposed a delegation to allow that to happen.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Notes the scope and remit of the Scotland Loves Local Fund;
2. Note that it is anticipated that potential funding proposals will come forward from local constituted community groups in West Lothian;
3. Notes the deadline for the submission of countersigned applications; and
4. Delegates to Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Development & Transportation, to support and countersign any bids to the fund, provided they meet the terms of the fund and are aligned with the council's objectives

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

19. SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE: DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration seeking approval of amendments to the council's Supplementary Guidance: Developer Contributions Towards Transport Infrastructure in relation to developer contributions towards the A801.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Approves the amendments to Supplementary Guidance Developer Contributions Towards Transport Infrastructure (Appendix 1);
2. Approves the 'Screening Report' which is to be submitted to SEA Gateway and the Consultation Authorities and which sets out the Council's justification that the guidance is exempted from additional Strategic Environmental Assessment because it will not in itself have any significant environmental effects (Appendix 3);

3. Delegates authority to the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to timeously issue a 'Screening Determination' in the event that SEA Gateway and the Consultation Authorities confirm their agreement that the guidance will not in itself have any significant environmental effects, and to report the outcome of the SEA screening process to a future meeting of the Council Executive for information; and
4. Notes that following consideration by Council Executive (and having secured exemption from additional SEA) the guidance will require to be submitted to Scottish Ministers for scrutiny and consideration before it can be adopted as statutory supplementary guidance in support of the West Lothian Local Development Plan

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

20. CLIMATE CHANGE DECLARATION - ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to inform of West Lothian's annual Climate Change Declaration Report for 2019/20 and to seek approval for its submission to the Scottish Government.

The report recommended that the Council Executive

1. Note the contents of the report and the Declarations at Appendix 1; and
2. Approve the Declaration for submission to the Scottish Government for publication.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

21. PLANNING GUIDANCE: NON-EMPLOYMENT USES WITHIN EMPLOYMENT AREAS

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising on the outcome of consultation on draft Planning Guidance on non-employment uses within employment areas and to seek approval of the guidance. The Planning Guidance is required to support the West Lothian Local Development Plan.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Agrees the responses to the consultation comments (Appendix One);
2. Agrees the content of the Planning Guidance: Non-employment uses in employment areas (Appendix Two);
3. Approves the 'Screening Report' which is to be submitted to SEA Gateway and the Consultation Authorities and which sets out the Council's justification that the guidance is exempted from additional Strategic Environmental Assessment because it will not in itself have any significant environmental effects (Appendix Three);
4. Delegates authority to the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to timeously issue a 'Screening Determination' in the event that SEA Gateway and the Consultation Authorities confirm their agreement that the guidance will not in itself have any significant environmental effects, and to report the outcome of the SEA screening process to a future meeting of the Council Executive for information.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

22. LADY PARK LINLITHGOW - PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF 0.336 HA (0.83 ACRE)

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services seeking approval for the acquisition of a 0.336 hectare (0.83acre site) at Lady Park, Linlithgow by the use of a Compulsory Purchase Order.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Approves the promotion of a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the land shown hatched and cross-hatched black on the plan in Appendix 1, extending to 0.336 Ha (0.83 acre) under Section 189 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997; and,
2. Grants delegated powers to the Head of Finance and Property Services and the Chief Solicitor to take matters forward, including any negotiation and payment of statutory compensation or amendments to the statement of reasons associated with the submission.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

23. 2020/21 GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL BUDGET - MONTH 6 MONITORING REPORT

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing the financial position in relation to the General Services capital programme following the completion of the month 6 monitoring exercise.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Notes the outcome of the month 6 monitoring exercise and the projected outturn;
2. Agrees that Asset Lead Officers and the Head of Finance and Property Services keep under review factors that impact on delivery of the approved capital programme;
3. Notes the progress on the key capital projects including engagement with the community to be undertaken by officers in relation to community facilities in Winchburgh; and
4. Notes the additional Town Centre Funding of £658,000 which requires to be fully committed in 2020/21.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

24. 2020/21 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET - MONTH 6 MONITORING REPORT

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the outcome of the General Fund revenue budget monitoring exercise at month 6, including an update on recurring budget pressures and delivery of approved budget savings for the period 2020/21 to 2022/23.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Notes that the outcome of the month 6 monitoring exercise is a projected overspend of £3.807 million, after accounting for all currently confirmed funding from Scottish Government and £994,000 from the General Fund Balance (GFB) as agreed by Council Executive on 18 August 2020;
2. Notes the recurring pressures of £1.259 million, and the agreed actions being progressed to mitigate these pressures;
3. Notes the good progress in delivery of approved budget savings for 2020/21 to 2022/23;

4. Agrees that Heads of Service take all management action necessary to ensure, wherever possible, that 2020/21 expenditure is managed within budgeted resources;
5. Agrees that officers should continue to engage with Scottish Government and COSLA around further government funding for the council so that the significant additional costs being incurred in relation to Covid-19 are fully funded; and
6. Agrees that the previously reported £500,000 included as a contingency in the 2020/21 budget forecast is paid to WLL to assist in managing their financial and cashflow position.

Motion

To approve the terms of the report

- Moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan

Amendment

To add a further recommendation to the report which was to discuss with West Lothian Leisure the option of utilising APSE solutions for an option of bringing West Lothian Leisure back in-house.

- Moved by Councillor Frank Anderson and seconded by Councillor Willie Boyle.

A roll call vote was taken. The result was as follows :-

Motion

Harry Cartmill
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Andrew McGuire
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan

Amendment

Frank Anderson
Willie Boyle

Decision

Following a vote, the motion was successful by 9 votes to 2, with 1 member absent and it was agreed accordingly.

25. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBER TO SCOTTISH JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

The Council Executive considered a letter from COSLA advising that the Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees was the negotiating body for the majority of local government workers (SJC).

The constitution of the SJC allowed each council to nominate an elected member representative to take part in meetings of the full SJC and therefore invited the council to nominate an elected member to participate in these meetings.

Decision

To appoint Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick.

26. PETITION - REQUEST FOR SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES IN FALSIDE, BATHGATE

Councillor Harry Cartmill having previously declared an interest left the meeting and took no part in the following item of business,

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising of a petition from the residents in the Falside area, Bathgate. This petition was remitted to the Environment PDSP from the Council Executive at its meeting on the 18 August 2020.

The report recommended that the Council Executive approves that the Falside area in Bathgate continues to be monitored through the annual AIP programme and any accident trends or changes be analysed accordingly through this programme.

Motion

To move the terms of the report

- Moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan

Amendment

To further engage with the community of Falside to better understand their concerns around road safety and what measures they feel could address those concerns.

A roll call vote was taken. The result was as follows :-

Motion

Tom Conn
David Dodds
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Andrew McGuire
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan

Amendment

Frank Anderson
Willie Boyle

Decision

Following a vote, the motion was successful by 8 votes to 2, with 3 members absent and it was agreed accordingly.

27. AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY UPDATE

Councillor Andrew McGuire having previously declared an interest took no part in the following item of business.

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an update on various initiatives to increase the supply of affordable housing in West Lothian. The report also provided an update on the likely impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on both the timescale for delivery and completion of the Council's 3,000 Affordable Houses programme.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Notes the progress being made on delivering 3,000 affordable homes in West Lothian over the period 2012-2022;
2. Notes the estimated delay to the affordable housing programme due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and
3. Approves the replacement sites in Bathgate to accommodate 82 units following the Council Executive decision to remove Guildiehaugh from the council new build programme.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

28. DEANS SOUTH, LIVINGSTON REGENERATION UPDATE AND PROPOSED SALE OF LAND TO SPRINGFIELD PROPERTIES PLC - REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES AND HEAD OF FINANCE AND P

Councillor Andrew McGuire having previously declared an interest took no part in the following item of business.

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services and Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the proposed regeneration of Deans South, Livingston and to seek approval for the sale of land to Springfield Properties PLC for £430,000 (Four Hundred and Thirty Thousand Pounds). In addition, approval was sought to enter into an Agreement with Springfield Properties PLC under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 or such other agreement as may be considered appropriate

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Notes the background and current position in relation to the wider regeneration of Deans South, Livingston;
2. Approves the sale of Land at Deans South, Livingston to Springfield Properties PLC, for £430,000, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the report;
3. Approves the entering into of an Agreement with Springfield Properties PLC under Section 191 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 or such other agreement as may be considered appropriate;
4. Delegates authority to the Head of Finance and Property Services to negotiate detailed terms and conditions of any agreements necessary to enable the redevelopment of Deans South on the basis that any revised terms and conditions still represent the achievement of best value for the council; and
5. Notes that further updates will be provided as the proposals outlined in the report were progressed.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

29. 2020/21 HOUSING CAPITAL REPORT

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing an update on the financial position in relation to the Housing Capital Programme following the completion of the month 6 monitoring exercise.

The report recommended that the Council Executive note the outcome of the month 6 housing capital monitoring exercise and the projected outturn for 2020/21.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

30. 2020/21 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - MONTH 6 MONITORING REPORT

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing an update on financial performance following the month 6 monitoring exercise.

The report is recommended that Council Executive notes the outcome of the month 6 monitoring exercise and the projected outturn.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

31. SOCIAL POLICY CONTRACT ACTIVITY UPATE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy providing an update on contracting activity for the provision of care and support services for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

The report recommended that the Council Executive note the contracting activity for the provision of care and support services for the period 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020 which totalled £20.7 million. The Council Executive was also asked to note that this reporting period did not include extensions to social care and support contracts as a result of COVID-19 under regulation 33 in the procurement regulations for unforeseen emergencies.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

32. WEST LOTHIAN ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE 20-18-2020
ADULT PROTECTION BIENNIAL REPORT

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy advising on the content of West Lothian Adult Protection Committee 2018-2020 Adult Protection Biennial Report.

The report recommended that the Council Executive note the content of the West Lothian Adult Protection Committee 2018-2020 Adult Protection Biennial Report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

33. CONSULTATION ON CYCLE 2 OF THE FORTH ESTUARY FLOOD
RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND PLANS

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing an update on the forthcoming public consultation for the Draft 2021 - 2027 Forth Estuary Flood Risk Management Strategy and the Draft 2022-2028 Forth Estuary Local Flood Risk Management Plan.

The report recommended that the Council Executive note the content of the report, the forthcoming Forth Estuary consultation dates for the flood risk management strategy and plans, and the Council's agreed Objective Target Areas.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

34. WEST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019/20

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive (Health & Social Care Partnership) advising that the West Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) has published its Annual Performance Report for 2019/20.

The report recommended that the Council Executive:

1. Note the summary report and performance against the core suite of integration indicators; and
2. Note performance against local and national indicators which support National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

35. WEST LOTHIAN LEISURE - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the West Lothian Leisure (WLL) 2019/20 financial statements which were approved and signed off by the WLL Board on 10 September 2020.

The report recommended that the Council Executive note that the WLL Board had approved WLL's 2019/20 financial statements.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

36. COVID-19 PANDEMIC - RESTRICTIONS

The Chief Executive provided the Council Executive with an update on Covid-19 restrictions following an announcement that afternoon by the First Minister.

The Council Executive was advised that West Lothian had been moved into Tier 4 Covid-19 restrictions, which would commence on Friday 20 November 2020 and would run until 11 December 2020. Members would be provided with details of the implications of the council moving into Tier

4 restrictions, but included matters such as all non-essential businesses closing including those in the hospitality sector

It was further noted that during the three-week period there would be no further review of the situation.

Decision

To note the update from the Chief Executive in relation to Covid-19 restrictions.