



Resources Committee

9 March 2023

Minutes of the Resources Committee held on 9 March 2023 via MS Teams

Board Members present:	Grant Macrae (Chair) Katharina Kasper (item 5.1 only) Fiona McQueen Caroline Stuart
Board Member apologies:	Tom Halpin Alasdair Hay
In attendance:	SPA Chris Brown, Deputy Chief Executive John McNellis, Head of Finance, Audit and Risk Deborah Christie, Governance Support Officer Police Scotland Lynn Brown, Head of Corporate Finance Patrick Brown, Head of Finance James Gray, Chief Financial Officer Brian Hamilton, Employee Relations Manager Yvonne Johnston, Estates Transformation and Portfolio Lead Iain McKie, Head of Strategic Procurement Superintendent Jon Millar HMICS Alan Wright Scottish Government Avril Davidson

1.1 WELCOME

Grant Macrae welcomed everyone to the MS Teams meeting. The Chair recorded the Committee's thanks to Catriona Stewart who has stepped down as a member of this committee.

1.2 APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded from Committee Members Tom Halpin and Alasdair Hay. It was explained that Fiona McQueen and Katharina Kasper would attend the meeting and that under section 58 of the Standing Orders, substitute Members of the Authority can participate with all the powers and duties of any ordinary member of the committee. The Chair confirmed Fiona McQueen will join for the full meeting and Katharina will join for the 2023/24 budget discussion.

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR CONNECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest or connections.

1.4 DECISIONS ON TAKING BUSINESS IN PRIVATE (ITEMS 4 - 10)

In accordance with paragraph 20 of the SPA Standing Orders, the Committee AGREED to consider items 4 - 10 on the agenda in private.

2.1 RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTE FROM MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2023 FOR APPROVAL

Members AGREED the Minute from the Resources Committee held on held on 7 February 2023 was an accurate record of the meeting.

2.2 DECISIONS SINCE LAST MEETING

No committee business was conducted between meetings.

3.1 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT P10 2022/23 – Lynn Brown

Members considered the paper which had been submitted to provide an update on the financial position of the SPA and Police Scotland for period 10 of the financial year 2022/23. During discussion and in addition to the written report the following points were raised and discussed;

- The Committee discussed at length, the year to date budget and forecast position for 2022/23. As has been a theme across the financial monitoring reporting to committee, Members commended the clarity of reporting.
- The Committee raised concern that despite the new budgeting approach, a large amount of capital budget remained unspent at the end of the calendar year and asked what was being done to mitigate against having unspent capital at the end of the Financial Year. It was explained that the capital budget would be
- Members were advised that although further work was required, some improvements had started to be seen. It was explained this will be an area of focus for the new Head of Finance as he takes up

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post and a number of workshops are to be planned to support budget holders in this area and drive future improvements.

- Members noted an update from the Chief Financial Officer on his plans to review internal governance arrangements with a view to refreshing the controls in place and this as being considered because of the robust financial projects management now seen across the organisation. He explained this will seek to remove unnecessary delays and blocks which may be in place. The Committee agreed that the financial rigour now in place meant it was an appropriate time for this review to be carried out.

Members noted the year to date position and forecast position within the finance report.

*The following items were taken in private.
End.*

Approved