

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE PANEL  
OF 23 NOVEMBER 2022**

**Continuation of Call in from Cabinet – “Proposal to Deliver an Airshow in September 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027”**

Reference was made to

- (1) the Minutes of the Cabinet of 1 November 2022 (Page 3, paragraph 8) when the Cabinet had decided
  - (a) to agree that officers progress with the planning of the Airshow including work to identify sponsors;
  - (b) to approve that funding for the Airshow of £300,000 per year, for a period of five years, would be considered as part of the budget setting process for 2023-2024;
  - (c) to approve the name for the Airshow - The International Ayr Show – Festival of Flight;
  - (d) to approve the proposal to have the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund as the charity partner for the event; and
  - (e) to note the progress made by the SKYLAB in relation to expressions of interest with military display teams; and
- (2) the Minutes of the Audit and Governance Panel of 9 November 2022 (Page 2, paragraph 2) when the Panel had decided that officers progress the planning of the Airshow as per the Cabinet decision of 1 November 2022, with the proviso that officers bring forward information on a robust scoping exercise and indicative costs to a future meeting of this Panel, prior to the budget setting meeting of South Ayrshire Council of 2 March 2023.

Following the decision of the meeting of this Panel of 9 November 2022, there was submitted a [report](#) (issued) of 22 November 2022 by the Director of Strategic Change and Communities providing information on a scoping exercise with indicative costs for the delivery of an Airshow in September 2023; and seeking approval to progress with the recommendations as outlined in the report.

The Director advised that extensive work was required in the planning and delivery of an Airshow and that a scoping exercise had been carried out which involved scrutinising previously available financial information and consultation with the Council's strategic partner which subsequently allowed for the provision of an estimated indicative financial projection (attached as Appendix 1 to the report). She further advised that detailed projections could not be produced until potential sponsors had been contacted and until the charity partner could contact their potential sponsors and advertisers, which once carried out, further information on this and other indicative projections could be further interrogated and details brought forward in the budget setting process.

Questions were raised by Panel Members in relation to:

- (i) the period of funding; and the Director of Strategic Change and Communities advised that funding had been sought for a period of 5 years, ie 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027; and that separately the contract with the Council's strategic partner was on a 2+1+1+1 basis;
- (ii) whilst acknowledging the challenges faced by Officers, the lack of robust financial information was a concern and what options were open to the Panel when considering the report; and the Chief Executive outlined the options open to the Panel when considering this call-in which were:
  - (A) to agree the Cabinet decision of 1 November 2022; or
  - (B) to refer the matter back to Cabinet, with recommendations, for final determination..

### **Adjournment**

The time being 2.46 pm., the Panel adjourned for twenty five minutes.

### **Resumption of Meeting**

The meeting resumed at 3.11 p.m.

Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Kilpatrick, moved that the Panel

- (I) note the financial projections contained in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (II) request that officers present further more detailed financial information to Members through the budget setting process and in advance of the meeting of the Council on 2 March 2023; and
- (III) agree the decision of Cabinet at its meeting of 1 November 2022, as outlined at paragraphs 3.2(1), 3.2(2), 3.2(3), 3.2(4) and 3.2(5) of the report.

By way of Amendment, Councillor McGinley, seconded by Councillor Ramsay, moved that the Panel

- (aa) note the financial projections contained in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (bb) request that officers present further more detailed financial information to Members through the budget setting process and in advance of the meeting of the Council on 2 March 2023;
- (cc) agree part of the decision of Cabinet at its meeting of 1 November 2022, namely paragraphs 3.2(1), 3.2(3), 3.2(4) and 3.2(5) of the report; and
- (dd) refer the matter back to Cabinet recommending that officers be requested to present a detailed financial report to Audit and Governance Panel on 22 February 2023.

A Panel Member requested a roll call vote and the Service Lead – Democratic Governance then took the vote by calling the roll as follows:-

Peter Henderson	Amendment
Kenneth Bell	Motion
Chris Cullen	Amendment
Mary Kilpatrick	Motion
Brian McGinley	Amendment
Cameron Ramsay	Amendment
Gavin Scott	Amendment
George Weir	Amendment

Six Members voted for the Amendment and two for the Motion. The Amendment was accordingly declared carried and the Panel

**Decided:**

- (AA) to note the financial projections contained in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (BB) to request that officers present further more detailed financial information to Members through the budget setting process and in advance of the meeting of the Council on 2 March 2023;
- (CC) to agree part of the decision of Cabinet at its meeting of 1 November 2022, namely paragraphs 3.2(1), 3.2(3), 3.2(4) and 3.2(5) of the report; and
- (DD) to refer the matter back to Cabinet recommending that officers be requested to present a detailed financial report to Audit and Governance Panel on 22 February 2023.