

Council – 6 December, 2021

URGENT MOTION – RESPONSE TO EXTERNAL ASSURANCE REVIEW

Proposed by Councillor Janette Williamson

Seconded by Councillor Tom Anderson

That Council:

- (1) receives and notes the draft minutes of Policy & Resources Committee of 30th November 2021; and
- (2) endorses the decision of the Policy and Resources Committee to provide a written response to the Minister’s letter to the Council of 2nd November 2021, enclosing and publishing the two independent reports that make up the External Assurance Review, in the terms of this Council:
 - (a) acknowledging and accepting the content of the reports;
 - (b) developing the recommendations for implementation; and, in particular,
 - (c) emphasising the adoption of the recommendations concerning:
 - (i) development of a financial recovery plan;
 - (ii) appointing an independent Panel to support the Council;
 - (iii) moving to a whole council scheme of elections, subject to consultation, to take effect as of 2023 and then every fourth year thereafter; and
 - (iv) review the committee system to reduce the number of committees.