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## ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,  
ABERDEEN, 20 February 2017

## **COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING**

The undernoted item is circulated in connection with the meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held here in the Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2017 at 2.00pm.**

FRASER BELL  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

### **BUSINESS**

- 1 Aberdeen: The Smarter City - Progress Report 2012-2017 (Pages 3 - 14)

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## SUBMISSION OF LATE REPORT

**NAME OF COMMITTEE** : Council  
**DATE OF COMMITTEE** : 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017  
**TITLE OF REPORT** : Aberdeen: The Smarter City – Progress Report 2012 - 2017

**Reason for late submission of report (to be completed by report author)**

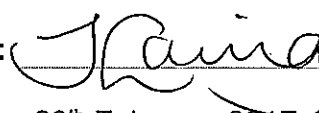
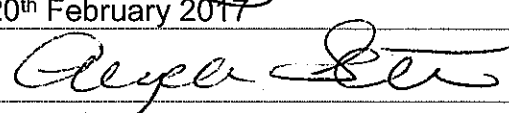
Consultation on the content of the report was not completed to allow circulation with the agenda.

**Reason why Convener is requested to consider accepting report as a matter of urgency / why the matter cannot wait for a future meeting (to be completed by report author)**

The report requires to be considered at this meeting if the terms of the Council's decision of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 are to be met.

**Reason why Convener / Vice Convener has agreed to accept the report (to be completed by Convener / Vice Convener)**

The report requires to be considered at this meeting if the terms of the Council's decision of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 are to be met.

**Convener/Vice-Convener** :   
**Date** : 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017  
**Director/Representative** :   
**Date** : 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017

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ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2017
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Aberdeen: The Smarter City - Progress Report 2012 - 2017
REPORT NUMBER	OCE/17/002
CHECKLIST COMPLETED	YES

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report responds to the undernoted decision of the Council on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016:-

*“Instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward to the Council’s budget meeting in 2017 a legacy report on the work of the Council for the period May 2012 until the present, providing a 12 page A4 magazine for public information; this magazine to be included in the Council tax bills for 2017/18, the content of the magazine complying with statutory requirements.”*

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:-

- i) Notes the content of the progress report;
- ii) Agree to the inclusion of the report in Council Tax bills for 2017/18.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Circulating the progress report with council tax bills requires c.116,000 copies at a cost, based on quotations received, of £6,900.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None direct

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

In response to the decision of Council on 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016, the attached progress report has been prepared.

The report identifies investment and performance relating to Aberdeen: the Smarter City.

6. IMPACT

**Improving Customer Experience –**  
None direct.

**Improving Staff Experience –**  
None direct.

**Improving our use of Resources –**  
None direct.

**Corporate –**  
None directly.

**Public –**  
The report is likely to be of public interest.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The content of the magazine and its inclusion within the Council Tax Bills for 2017/18 has been assessed as compliant with statutory requirements.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Aberdeen Strategic Business Plan 2016/17  
“Aberdeen: the Smarter City”

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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## Public Performance Reporting

All Councils have a statutory duty to report publicly on their performance.

There are a number of high level measures which can assist to show the performance in delivering the Smarter City programme throughout this document.

In addition, to help residents understand and compare the performance of one council with another, each Scottish Councils' performance against a much wider range of measures is recorded and reported every year on "mylocalcouncil" website.

This performance information can be accessed at

<http://scotland.mylocalcouncil.info/>

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# Aberdeen : The Smarter City

PROGRESS UPDATE 2012-2017



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**In 2012 Aberdeen City Council adopted a five year programme under the overarching theme of the Smarter City.**

A number of high level priorities were set with the overall aim of creating a better place to serve the people and businesses of Aberdeen and their future needs.

**The programme for a Smarter City was broken down into individual strands with a focus on people, the environment, the economy, mobility, living and governance.**

The Smarter City programme was reflected in the Strategic Business Plan of the Council when it was put in place in 2013. The council's plans will continue to evolve and expand in line with the challenges and opportunities Aberdeen faces, for example with a renewed focus on economic growth

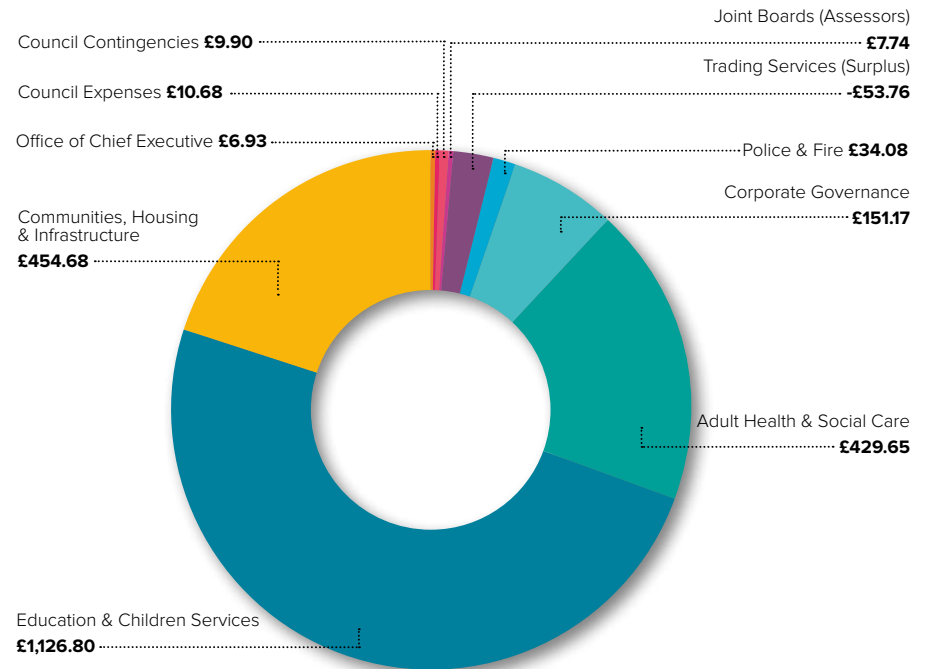
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# Introduction

through the introduction of the Regional Economic Strategy. One of the main commitments made in the Strategic Business Plan is that transparent analysis and reporting of Aberdeen City Council performance will be maintained to increase accountability.

The Council's revenue expenditure over the period 2012/13 to 2016/17 has totalled £2.17B. The areas of service where this has been invested is shown below.

## What we spent Council Tax on between 2012/13 and 2016/17 (£m)







The Smarter People theme revolves around investing in the next generation by ensuring Aberdeen's young people achieve their full potential as well as a commitment to lifelong learning – empowering people of all ages to develop the knowledge and skills required to meet the demands of the modern world.

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# Smarter People

Investing in our future

Education has naturally been a focal point.



New Capital Projects Committed since 2012	Progress	Budget (£,000)
New Academy to the South - ICT Infrastructure	On-going	£1,000
New Academy to the South - Infrastructure Improvements	On-going	£1,500
New Milltimber Primary	Ongoing	£13,000
Greenbrae Primary Extension & Internal Works	On-going	£4,631
Middlefield Community Project Relocation (Henry Rae CC)	Complete	£1,945
Free P1-3 School Meals Investment	Complete	£450
Stoneywood Primary	On-going	£13,000
St Josephs Primary Acquisition	Complete	£12,750
Tillydrone Primary School	On-going	£17,000
Torry Primary School & Hub	On-going	£20,000

Smarter People	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
% of pupils attaining 5+ awards at SCQF level 5 or better by end of S6	49%	51%	52.3%	54.6%
% of school leavers from publicly funded schools in positive initial destinations by reporting year	-	91.0%	91.1%	90.1%





The Smarter Environment theme is three-pronged – with a focus on reducing the city’s carbon footprint, maximising recycling whilst minimising waste sent to landfill and ensuring Aberdeen offers a clean and safe environment for all to enjoy.

Page 10 **Smarter Environment**



New Capital Projects Committed since 2012	Progress	Budget (£,000) (£,000)
Fleet Replacement Rolling Programme	On-going	£3,967
Energy from Waste (EfW) Construction	On-going	£75,000
Ness Landfill Leachate & Gas Control Measures	Complete	£132
Hill of Tramaud Change of Law Costs	Complete	£0
Energy from Waste (EfW) Procurement and Land Acquisition	On-going	£6,904
Waste: Implement Waste Strategy (Materials Recycling Facility & Refuse Derived Fuel Plant)	On-going	£26,941
Flood Prevention Measures: Flood Guards Grant Scheme	On-going	£500
Flood Prevention Measures: Riverside Drive at Bridge of Dee Court	On-going	£500
Flood Prevention Measures: Millside & Paddock Peterculter	On-going	£3,000
Flood Prevention Measures: Inchgarth Road	On-going	£1,000

Smarter Environment	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Percentage of Household Waste Arising that is Recycled	37.3%	37.1%	38.2%	38.5%
Street Cleansing - LEAMS (Local Authority Environmental Audit Management System)	71	77	75.8	77.9





Since the Smarter Economy objectives were set there have been significant changes to the economic landscape. Throughout the downturn in the North Sea energy industry, caused by the low oil price globally, the importance of the Smarter Economy objectives has intensified.

# Smarter Economy

Economic activity in the North East is high. Gross Value Added per head is £36,242, the second highest in the UK and 65% higher than the Scottish average. There are significant opportunities to sustain and grow activity in both the short and longer term.

The Regional Economic Strategy sets out a long term plan for the wellbeing of our place and people under internationalisation, investment, innovation and inclusive economic growth. The Strategy provided a

framework from which to develop the Aberdeen City Region Deal. The Deal has an overarching funding package from 2016 over 10 years of £250 million from public and private sector partners.

New Capital Projects Committed since 2012	Progress	Budget (£,000)
City Centre Regeneration (Masterplan)	On-going	£29,450
City Deal (Preparatory Costs)	City Region Deal signed	£423
New Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre	On-going	£382,078

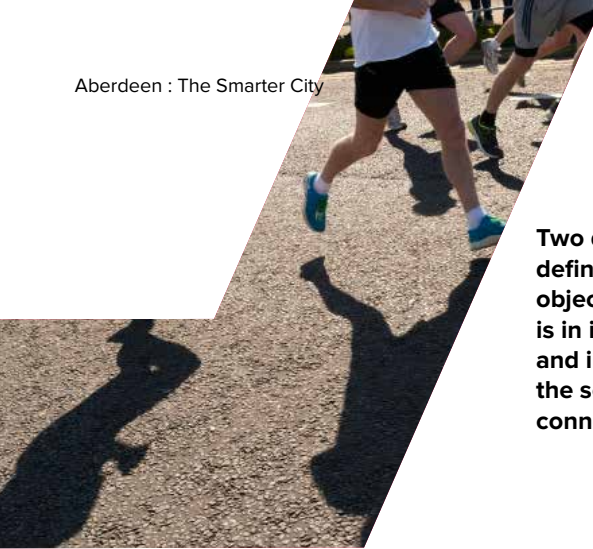


Two distinct areas of development define the Smarter Mobility objectives for Aberdeen. The first is in improving the transport links and infrastructure serving the city, the second in transforming digital connectivity.

Page 12 **Smarter Mobility**

New Capital Projects Committed since 2012	Progress	Budget (£,000)
New ICT Data Centre	On-going	£3,000
Digital Strategy	On-going	£4,557
South College Street	On-going	£5,533
Berryden Corridor (Combined Stage 1, 2 & 3)	On-going	£20,175
A96 Park & Choose / Dyce Drive Link Road	P&C on-going; Dyce Drive Link Road Complete	£15,399
Aberdeen City Hydrogen Energy Storage (ACHES)	Complete	£2,937
Street Lighting LED Lanterns (PACE 5 Year programme)	On-going	£7,500
Hydrogen Mobility Europe H2ME	Complete	£291
Sustrans Active Travel Infrastructure Fund	On-going	£1,230
City Deal: Strategic Transport Appraisal	On-going	£1,000
City Deal: Aberdeen Harbour Expansion Project	On-going	£5,500
City Deal: Digital Infrastructure	On-going	£3,500

Smarter Mobility	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
% Journeys by Walking, Cycling and Public Transport	-	-	33.6%	38.7%





**Aberdeen City Council's primary responsibility is to the people and the place it serves. Smarter living is a theme which includes both of those and is underpinned by the aim of ensuring all residents have a dry, warm and safe home within a welcoming environment. The wider objective is to enhance the physical and emotional wellbeing of all.**

# Smarter Living

New Capital Projects Committed since 2012	Progress	Budget (£,000)
Museums Collection Centre / Aberdeen Treasure Hub	Complete	£6,140
Art Gallery Redevelopment	On-going	£30,000
Replacement Woodside Pitch	Complete	£78
Social Care facilities - Burnside (new Rosehill)	On-going	£4,497
Kingsfield Children's Home	On-going	£1,550
Social Care Facilities - Quarry Centre Refurbishment	Complete	£147
Tillydrone Extra Care Village	On-going	£3,500
Community Hub		
Music Hall Refurbishment	On-going	£1,000
SIP New Build Housing Programme	On-going	£3,000
Dyce 3G Pitch	Complete	£748
Refurbish Throughcare Facility - 311 Clifton Road	On-going	£825
Station House Media Unit Extension	On-going	£1,042

Smarter Living	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
% properties meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard	89.1%	89.3%	89.2%	92.3%
Number of visits to Council managed, funded or part funded indoor and outdoor sports facilities including educational and community establishments	2,352,662	2,347,771	2,700,021	2,765,223
Number of attendances at cultural events and visits to places of culture managed and funded (or part funded) through Council investment	2,676,766	3,418,987	3,287,154	3,214,745
No. of affordable houses developed (year to date)	157	266	22	214



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# Smarter Governance



**Put simply, the intention of the Smarter Governance theme is to ensure Aberdeen is a fair and equal city.**

**The strategy for achieving this is centred on empowering individuals to make the decisions which will shape their lives.**

**Locality planning, with a focus on the multi-agency Local Outcome Improvement Plan, serves as the vehicle for delivery.**

