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Town House,
ABERDEEN, 26 March 2013

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE

The undernoted items are circulated in connection with the meeting of the **EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE** to be held here in the Town House on **THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 2013 at 2.30 pm.**

JANE G. MACEACHRAN
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

B U S I N E S S

REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATION

- 2.1 Gary Forsyth - Torry Academy Parent Council - in relation to item 6.1 of the agenda (Preferred Site for Proposed Replacement School for Kincorth and Torry Academies) (Pages 1 - 2)

MINUTES AND COMMITTEE BUSINESS STATEMENT

- 3.4 Committee Business Statement (Pages 3 - 10)
Members: Please note that an update is now included under item 11.

CULTURE

- 7.5 Museums Collection Centre (Pages 11 - 16)

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Request for Deputation

Name

Gary Forsyth, Chair of Torry Academy Parent Council

Committee

ES&S, Thursday 28th March

Agenda Item

Proposed closure of Torry & Kincorth Academies and establishment of a new secondary School at Bobby Calder Park.

The action I wish the Council/Committee to take

Vote against the proposal to go to formal consultation on this issue on the basis of a pre-determined site. Instead vote for the council officers to carry out a formal consultation process based on a comparative Educational Benefits Statement for 5 sites.

- The status Quo, No change
- Bobby Calder Park
- Tullos
- Kincorth Academy
- Abbotswell road

If the EC&S decide it not possible to move ahead on this educational basis then I would move that a vote of this magnitude which is currently based on planning permission and funding alone is not within the remit of the EC&S committee – referred to here –

1. To be accountable for all services provided by the Education, Culture and Sport Service.
2. To receive and scrutinise performance information for the Education, Culture and Sport Service.
3. To take financial decisions concerning the Education, Culture and Sport Service budget where there will not be an adverse impact.
4. To develop and approve policies and strategies for all functions of the Council as education authority.
5. To oversee the functions of the Council as education authority under the Education (Scotland) Act and all other relevant legislation and regulations relating thereto.
6. To ensure that it delivers the services of the Education, Culture and Sport Service within the overall resources and management strategies as set by the Council and overseen by the Finance and Resources Committee; and to ensure that it achieve maximum value for money and best value in service delivery.
7. To approve changes to staffing structures and establishment within the agreed budget.
8. To develop and agree service policies.
9. To approve HR policies for teaching staff including instrumental music instructors, advisors and educational psychologists.

Therefore this decision should go to full council

**EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT
COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

MARCH 2013

Please note that this statement contains a note of every report which has been instructed for submission to this Committee. All other actions which have been instructed by the Committee are not included, as they are deemed to be operational matters after the point of committee decision.

<u>Minute Reference</u>	<u>Committee Decision</u>	<u>Update</u>	<u>Lead Officer(s)</u>	<u>Report Due</u> (items in bold are overdue)	<u>Report Expected</u> (if known)
1. Education, Culture and Sport Committee 07/06/12 article 9	<u>School Estates Review</u> (1) Officers were instructed to bring back a further report, summarising the feedback from the engagement exercise, and setting out detailed options and recommendations for a long-term School Estate Plan to the November 2012 Education, Culture and Sport Committee meeting. (2) to request that officers would report back to this Committee on Gaelic provision in the city.	Action (1) has been undertaken and is recommended for removal.	Head of Educational Development, Policy and Performance	30/05//13	
07/02/13 article 3 (resolution (ii))			Head of Schools and Educational Establishments		
2. Education, Culture and Sport 02/06/11 article 12	<u>Strategic Music Partnership – Big Noise: Sistema Scotland</u> The Committee resolved: to instruct officers to report to a future meeting of the Committee on the proposed business model, criteria for identifying an appropriate community, and possible funding sources.	A report is on the agenda – recommended for removal.	Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	22/11/12	
3. Education, Culture and Sport 24/03/11	<u>Reduced Communities Team / Leased Community Centres –</u> to instruct the Director of Education,	Update: This is included as part of the review of provision of community learning and library and information services	Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	autumn 2013	

Agenda Item 3.4

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article 19 & 15/09/11 article 13	Culture and Sport to review the number of community facilities within Aberdeen City, as part of the wider service asset management plan for Education, Culture and Sport.	as agreed at the meeting of 22/11/12 and forms part of item 9 on this statement. An update on the consultation will be reported to the committee in May 2013 and full report on autumn 2013.			
4. Education, Culture and Sport Committee 24/03/11 article 10 & 07/06/12 article 18	<u>Provision for Children With Additional Support Needs – Raeden</u> At its meeting of the 7/06/12, the Committee resolved: (i) to instruct officers to undertake further detailed investigations, including ground, environmental and ecological surveys, and to enter into discussion with planning officials on the development opportunities for the two preferred sites – Granitehill Road and former Smithfield School; and (ii) to instruct the General Manager, Asset Management to provide Members with costs and timescales for undertaking these surveys.	Update: A report on the land negotiations is being submitted to the next meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee and an update will be provided to Committee thereafter. A verbal update will be provided on this item in the exempt section of today's agenda.	Head of Educational Development Policy and Performance	22/11/12	
5. Education, Culture and Sport 27/05/10 article 14 & 18/11/10 article 21 & 07/06/12 article 19	<u>Progress report on proposals to redevelop Aberdeen Art Gallery and report on improving access to the Museums and Galleries collections</u> The Committee instructed officers to prepare a capital business case for further consideration and report to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee on 16/09/10, and Finance and Resources Committee on	Update: Approval was granted to submit a funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund at the Urgent Business Committee of 29 November 2012. An application has been submitted and the outcome is expected in Spring 2013 .	Head of Communities, Culture and Sport		28/03/13

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	<p>28/09/10, to include recommendations on the most appropriate option to redevelop the Art Gallery, and on the commitment the Council is being requested to make at that stage.</p> <p>At its meeting of 07/16/12, the Committee resolved:</p> <p>to report to Committee in advance of the deadline to make an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, to determine the Council's financial and wider commitment to the overall development.</p>				
<p>6. Education, Culture and Sport Committee 24/03/11 article 15 & 07/06/12 article 13</p>	<p><u>Move to a Cultural Trust</u></p> <p>To instruct the Director of Education, Culture and Sport to progress, by way of an officers' working group, an options appraisal on the transfer of services to a cultural trust, and that the options appraisal (1) include consideration of which services could transfer, including the Beach Ballroom, (2) examine a preferred governance model, including the option of community ownership of assets, and (3) to request that the options appraisal include SWOT analysis and options for governance arrangements; and to report the findings of the options appraisal to Committee by 24/11/11.</p> <p>At its meeting of 07/06/12, the Committee agreed:</p> <p>to instruct officers to report to a future meeting of the Committee on the outcome of the discussions and appraisal.</p>	<p>Update:</p> <p>Discussions are continuing with key partners. A report will be submitted to the next committee.</p> <p>A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.</p>	<p>Head of Communities, Culture and Sport</p>	<p>22/11/12</p>	<p>28/03/13</p>

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7. Education, Culture and Sport 15/03/11 article 15 & 23/02/12 article 12	<u>Newhills Primary School</u> (1) The Committee agreed to ask the Finance and Resources Committee to earmark the land at Newhills School for future educational use, subject to the Scottish Government agreeing to transfer the site from the HRA to the General Services Account, and to receive a report on the long term use, date of transfer and transfer value of the site, once a business case and funding was approved for a new school at Newhills. (2) At its meeting of 23/02/12, the Committee resolved: to instruct officers to continue to progress the matter in discussion with Scottish Futures Trust, and report back on progress and timelines to a future meeting.	Action (1) has been completed and is recommended for removal. (2) A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.	Head of Educational Development Policy and Performance/ Head of Asset Management and Operations	22/11/12	
8. Council 06/10/11 article 8	<u>Pupil Representation</u> Council resolved: to instruct officers to prepare a full report into the membership of the Committee including how best to achieve pupil involvement.	Update: A Pupil Voice Group was established in September 2012. All secondary schools are represented and the pupils are engaging on strategic issues as well as pupil led city-wide projects. A progress and evaluation paper will be presented to ECS committee after the end of this academic session. An update is included on the information bulletin.	Head of Schools and Educational Establishments	22/11/12	

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9.	<p><u>Audit of Community Learning and Development, and Library Provision</u></p> <p>To note the progress of this project, and to request an update on the outcomes of the consultation and other related streams of work in April/May 2013.</p>		Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	30/05/13	
10	<p><u>Review of Inclusion – Pupil Support Assistants</u></p> <p>To instruct officers (1) to take account of the findings of the review within the overarching Review of Inclusion, and (2) to report back to a future meeting.</p>	An update is included in the information bulletin.	Head of Schools and Educational Establishments	September 2013	
11	<p><u>Community Centres – Current Issues</u></p> <p>To instruct officers to consult with the management committees for Cummings Park community centre and Henry Rae community centre on a proposal to merge these two community centres, and report back to this committee on the outcome of the consultation.</p>	<p>Update:</p> <p>Since the last Committee, Cummings Park Management Committee have been advised of the end date for their current lease (15 May 2013). It is intended to offer the Management Committee a six month licence to occupy to cover the decision making period relating to this proposal. A financial audit has now been carried out at Henry Rae Community Centre, and work is underway to ensure the implementation of the audit recommendations. Consultation with the Management Committees and the local community in relation to the proposal to merge these two community centres is ongoing and a report will be brought to the May Committee with the outcome of this consultation and recommendations.</p>	Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	28/03/13	30/05/13

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			<p><u>Froghall Community Centre</u> - since this Community Centre was handed back to the Council at the end of January arrangements have been made for all groups to be relocated (note that one group currently continues within the centre with keyholder access.) Community Groups with an interest in running Froghall as a leased community centre have been asked to send in Expressions of Interest. These will be evaluated and recommendations brought to Committee in May 2013.</p> <p><u>Ruthrieston CC</u> - the expiry date for their current lease is 3 April 2013. The Management Committee is currently in the process of forming a SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Association.) While this process is ongoing, it is intended to offer the Management Committee a month by month Licence to Occupy. The lease will then be entered into by the new SCIO.</p>			
12	Finance and Resources 06/11/12 article 21	<p><u>Provost Skene's House</u> To instruct officers to identify and cost extended opening hours at other museums and the Art Gallery, and to undertake a survey to gauge public demand for extended open hours at these locations, thereafter, to report to Education, Culture and Sport, and Finance and Resources Committees, with recommendations.</p>	<p><u>Update:</u> Report went to the Finance and resources Committee of 15 January. An update will come to the next committee meeting. A report is on the agenda, recommended for removal.</p>	Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	28/03/13	

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13	Education, Culture and Sport 31/01/13 article 4	Rubislaw Field Committee to instruct officers to make an effort to obtain the agreement of the Rubislaw Field Committee to implement a revised Agreement in the terms set out in the report at paragraph 5.8 by 31 March 2013 and to report back on the outcome of these discussions to the meeting of 30 May 2013.		Head of Communities, Culture and Sport	30/05/13	
14	Education, Culture and Sport 31/01/13 article 10	City Campus (iii) to instruct officers to complete a further evaluation of travel provision following the completion of the courses in 2013; (iv) to request that officers provide details of (1) how many pupils signed up to courses, how many pupils completed the courses, and how many pupils passed the courses; and (2) the schools that pupils travelled from to attend the courses, in the report back to this Committee.		Head of Schools and Educational Establishments	September 2013	
15	Audit and Risk Committee 27/11/12 article 6(ii)	Internal Audit Report – Tesco Gift Cards in relation to the review of the policy which would be undertaken as detailed at 3.01 of the detailed report on the review of Control Surrounding the purchase of Gift Cards, to instruct that this review be reported to the appropriate committee, and for this review to take on board the issues and suggestions raised at this meeting.	Update: A new process for the purchase of Tesco gift cards was issued in December to all those responsible for the requisitioning and authorising of orders in Pecos. This communication reiterated the policy that the cards should only be purchased and used for small purchases of items such as nursery snacks. The purchase and use of	Head of Educational Development, Policy and Performance		30/05/13

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			<p>gift cards was independently reviewed by Officers within the Education, Culture and Sport Directorate, in conjunction with colleagues from Finance and Central Procurement. The introduction of Purchase Cards is being explored as a more appropriate payment method for current operating circumstances. The use of Purchase Cards would address many, if not all of the concerns raised in the report from Internal Audit. Documentation has been signed off to commence the roll out of Purchase Cards, initially trialling their use in four schools. Management will ensure that the same controls being recommended for the use of the gift cards will be applied to the use of Purchase Cards.</p> <p>Recommended for removal.</p>			

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Education, Culture and Sport
DATE	28 th March 2013
Acting DIRECTOR	Gayle Gorman
TITLE OF REPORT	Museums Collections Centre – site appraisal
REPORT NUMBER:	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise the Committee on the recently undertaken Site Appraisals for the proposed new Museums Collections Centre.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Committee:

1. Notes that the site at Granitehill scored highest when marked against the agreed criteria detailed in the site options appraisal for the new Museums Collections Centre.
2. Agrees that should the ongoing negotiations with the University of Aberdeen result in other comparable options that meet the Council's requirements, enable closer partnership working and ensure that the Museums Collections Centre can be opened on time, that a report be brought to the earliest appropriate Committee.
3. Remits the report to the next meeting of the Finance and Resources meeting, seeking its support for the site to be transferred to the Education, Culture and Sport account, with agreement on the exact boundaries to have been agreed in advance between Education, Culture and Sport, and Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Council has committed £3m Non-Housing Capital funding to build, fit out and pay the fees for the Museums Collections. The expenditure will enable the Museums Collections Centre to be completed by December 2014 to accommodate the relocation of the collections displayed and stored in the Art Gallery, in early 2015.

3.2 Work is underway to assess the revenue implications, however these will not be concluded until the design and specifications are finalised. As it is also intended to relocate aspects of the current

Gallery operations to the Centre, this may offer flexibility in how the former operates. The revenue implications will also be assessed once the operation and management has been determined.

3.3 The logistics of the redevelopment programme will be considerable; staff already have considerable experience of the implications of relocating the Collections and emptying the Art Gallery will require considerable planning, preparation and care. The Art Gallery redevelopment costs will include the removal costs, as well as costs accounted against the replacement Museums Collections Centre.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There will be legal implications in terms of both financial and legal commitments the Council is being asked to make, including design, construction and related contracts.

4.2 The building designs will incorporate sustainable and other related environmental standards.

4.3 There will be staff implications in order to be able to deliver the movement and re-location of the Collection currently in the Art Gallery and then ongoing relocation of other parts of the Museums and Galleries Collection. The programme will result in the whole Collection, not on display, being housed in the new Museums Collections Centre, with the benefit of making space available at Kittybrewster and a unit at Crombie Road for re-use, in due course.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

5.1 Following confirmation of funding, work has been underway to identify an appropriate site which will house the Museums and Galleries Collection and aspects of the service's work, which will be transferred from the Art Gallery, as part of the overall review of operational requirements. Both a Project Board and Project Team have been set up to ensure the project progresses to meet the tight timelines required. A range of sites across the city have been assessed against a number of objectives and suitability criteria in a site-based option appraisal. The site appraisal document is available in the Members Lounge.

5.2 The Museums Collections Centre has been included within a wider discussion about closer partnership working with the University of Aberdeen. The Centre is seen as a tangible way in which the partnership might be strengthened. The new Museums Collections Centre will provide an important space for the public to access, including a facility for learning and research. Other potential aims include regeneration within a community, the importance of which has

been considered within the option appraisal. This report, however, can only deal with the Council's assessment of potential sites; the University is currently considering the findings and will respond at an early date.

5.3 The Council's appraisal did include two sites close to the University Campus, one in the latter's and the other in the Council's ownership. As the Site Appraisal shows, the requirements assessed are those of the Council alone, before the University confirms its physical storage needs. The requirements assessed include the timescales to achieve a new build, current planning constraints and a range of other factors which present a limited number of options for the new Centre. Nevertheless, the Appraisal has identified the three sites that scored the highest, with one these scoring considerably higher.

5.4 While officers are keen to have the Granitehill site progressed, they are conscious of the benefits that closer working with colleagues in the University may offer. The recommendations identify the option that best satisfies the Council's requirements and would wish this site secured at this time. Should the University respond with strong, compelling arguments about other sites, not currently considered within the Site Appraisal, or any other proposals which might be beneficial and will continue to enable the Council's Collections Centre to be delivered on time, then it is proposed a report be brought to a subsequent appropriate Committee.

6. IMPACT

Corporate - This report relates to 'Aberdeen – the Smarter City', in particular:

- We will improve access to and increase participation in arts and culture by providing opportunities for citizens and visitors to experience a broad range of high quality arts and cultural activities.
- We aspire to be recognised as a City of Culture, a place of excellence for culture and arts by promoting Aberdeen as a cultural centre hosting high quality and diverse cultural events for the whole community and beyond.
- We will embrace the distinctive pride the people of Aberdeen take in their city and work with them to enhance the sense of well-being here, building strong communities which look out for, and look after one another.
- We aim to leave a legacy which will make compelling reading in a new chapter in the history of Aberdeen and we aim to do this with one voice.
- We will provide a high quality education service within our schools and communities which will improve attainment and life chances of our children and young people to achieve their full potential in education, employment or training.

- Working with our third, public and private sector partners, we will provide opportunities for lifelong learning which will develop knowledge, skills and attributes of our citizens to enable them to meet the changing demands of the 21st century.
- We will aim to have a workforce across the city which has the skills and knowledge to sustain, grow and diversify the city economy.

There are also clear links with the delivery of the city's Cultural Strategy, "Vibrant Aberdeen" and the bid development to become UK City of Culture. It also has direct links to the city's Learning Strategy and in supporting the experiences and outcomes of the Curriculum for Excellence.

In terms of the Single Outcome Agreement, the programme contributes to Outcome 3, "We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation" and Outcome 13, 'We will take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity'. The new SOA guidance for Community Planning Partnerships includes inclusion of the following key national priorities as appropriately, including particular focus on how local inequalities of outcome will be reduced through a clear strategic focus on the:

- Early years and early intervention
- Outcomes for older people
- Employment
- Economic recovery and growth
- Health inequalities
- Safer and stronger communities

The Programme offers opportunities to contribute to a number of these, particularly in partnership.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Aberdeen Art Gallery Redevelopment Programme, Urgent Business Committee, 29th November 2012.

Aberdeen Art Gallery redevelopment, Education, Culture and Sport Committee, 7th June 2012 and Finance and Resources Committee, 21st June 2012.

Condition and Suitability Programme 2012-13, Finance and Resources Committee 15th March 2012.

Cultural Priorities 2011-2015, Education, Culture and Sport Committee, 24th March 2011.

Progress report on proposals to redevelop Aberdeen Art Gallery, 18th November 2010.

Finance and Resources Committee, 17th June 2010, referral of report from the Education, Culture and Sport Committee, 27th May 2010.

Progress report on proposals to redevelop Aberdeen Art Gallery and report on improving access to the Museums and Galleries collections, Education, Culture and Sport Committee, 27th May 2010.

Best Value Report on Museums and Galleries Service, Education and Leisure Committee, 16th May 2006.

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