



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 27 January 2026

COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 2026 at 9.30am.** This is a hybrid meeting therefore Members can attend remotely.

JENNI LAWSON
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

B U S I N E S S

ADMISSION OF BURGESSES

- 1.1 Admission of Burgesses

NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 2.1 No urgent business at this stage

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 3.1 No exempt business at this stage

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

- 4.1 Members are requested to declare any interests or connections

DEPUTATIONS

- 5.1 Deputation Requests

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- 6.1 Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 3 December 2025 - for approval (Pages 7 - 10)
- 6.2 Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 10 December 2025 - for approval (Pages 11 - 24)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 7.1 No referrals at this stage

BUSINESS PLANNER AND OTHER MINUTES

- 8.1 Council Business Planner (Pages 25 - 28)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Treasury Management Strategy - Mid-Year Review - CORS/25/277 (Pages 29 - 42)

Carried forward from the Council meeting of 10 December 2025

- 9.2 Governance Review of Trusts - 2025 Update - CORS/25/283 (Pages 43 - 58)

Carried forward from the Council meeting of 10 December 2025

- 9.3 Treasury Management Policy - CORS/26/002 (Pages 59 - 84)

- 9.4 External Audit Recommendations - CORS/26/017 (Pages 85 - 92)

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir

“That the Council:

1. Notes with the ongoing road and utility works across Torry/Ferryhill and the disruption these closures are causing to residents, businesses, and commuters in the surrounding communities.
2. Recognises that:
 - a. Prolonged or repeated closures have a disproportionate impact on communities such as Torry and Ferryhill, increasing travel times, congestion on usually quieter streets and reducing accessibility to services.
 - b. Aberdeen’s road network is not based on a grid system, meaning that the closure of a single street often can cause significant spill over effect across a wider area, exacerbating disruption and congestion.
 - c. Local businesses and residents have expressed frustration over the lack of timely communication and mitigation measures during these closures.
3. Therefore instructs the Chief Officer - Operations to:
 - a. Engage with affected communities, including Torry and Ferryhill, to gather feedback and concerns, regarding the recent road closures, due to the SSEN utility works.
 - b. Continue to liaise with SSEN and other relevant stakeholders to ensure mitigation strategies are in place, including signage and alternative transport routes during closure periods.
 - c. Ensure a lessons-learned session is held with SSEN to review improvements following the recent utility works. This should include enhancing media communications from SSEN beyond statutory notices, such as providing clear, concise updates on social media and to Elected Members. These updates should move beyond only saying that the works are essential and explain the reasons for the works, what is being done and why and the expected timescales.”

Carried forward from the Council meeting of 10 December 2025

10.2 Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton

“That the Council agrees to:

- (1) Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to refer details of the funding required to develop further detailed studies for a flooding solution as described by the WSP consultants to provide protection for The Paddock, Peterculter to the budget process;
- (2) Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to refer details of the funding required to develop further detailed studies for a flooding solution as described by the WSP consultants to provide protection for Millside and Culter Den, Peterculter for a 1 in 200 and a 1 in 30 flooding event to the budget process;
- (3) Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to continue engagement with local residents, Culter Community Council and the Community Resilience Group on the progress in relation to these flood prevention schemes, subject to funding being awarded to support future activity, and to report these outcomes to a future meeting of the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee; and
- (4) Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to work in collaboration with The River Dee Trust where there is mutual benefit and to avoid duplication of effort.”

Carried forward from the Council meeting of 10 December 2025

10.3 Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton

“Instruct the Chief Officer - Education and Lifelong Learning, in collaboration with the Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC), to review national research on the impacts of banning mobile phones in schools and report findings to a future meeting of the Education and Children’s Services Committee.”

Carried forward from the Council meeting of 10 December 2025

10.4 Notice of Motion by Councillor Farquhar

“That the Council:

1. Notes with extreme disappointment the Chancellor’s decision on 26 November 2025 to keep the Energy Profits Levy (EPL), despite significant lobbying from industry in Aberdeen.
2. Recognises the Fraser of Allander Institute’s *“Is the energy sector at a turning point?”* report of 20 November 2025 which shows that the North East economy has contracted by 21% since 2015.
3. Further recognises Robert Gordon University’s *“Striking the Balance”* report of 2 June 2025 which shows that we could lose 1,000 oil and gas jobs a month if current policies continue. The equivalent of a Grangemouth refinery closure every two weeks for the next 5 years.
4. Notes with regret the misery that this will cause many families in and around Aberdeen.
5. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor to outline our city’s concerns about the continuation of the EPL and formally ask that this be reconsidered.”

Carried forward from the Council meeting of 10 December 2025

10.5 Notice of Motion by Councillor Thomson

“That this Council:

- (1) notes that STV’s revised proposals seek to end production and broadcast of a weekday peak-time news programme from Aberdeen serving the North of Scotland region, so centralising all Scottish television news production in the Central Belt, depriving the North of Scotland region of its own TV news for the first time since the establishment of Channel 3 in the 1960s, and undermining Aberdeen’s standing as an independent media centre;
- (2) believes that the case for a weekday peak-time North of Scotland news programme on Channel 3 is as strong now as it was when Ofcom approved the current licence conditions in September 2024, and as it has been since the first elections to the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, rejecting entirely the notion that devolution has reduced the need for a particular focus on the distinctive economic, cultural, political and other news stories and issues which are specific to the North of Scotland region;
- (3) disagrees with the contention that changes in the way we receive news and opinions mean we have less need of objective, professional journalism informed and delivered by people living in our communities, believing instead that such changes make news programmes like STV News at Six made in and for the North of Scotland even more important;
- (4) agrees with those who live in Scotland’s rural and island communities who believe that STV’s revised proposals will materially disadvantage these areas, by depriving them of news programmes made in and for the North of Scotland region of which they are such an important part;
- (5) notes the consultation by Ofcom on STV’s revised proposals, which opened on 16 December 2025 and will close on 9 February 2026, which invites representative organisations, individuals and communities to respond directly to three specific questions, providing reasons for such responses; and
- (6) instructs the Chief Executive to respond to this consultation before the closing date of 9 February 2026, stating in answer to question 1 our opposition to the revised STV proposals, and in answer to question 3 our view that these proposals fail to deliver equal treatment to Scotland’s rural and island areas, and to the North of Scotland generally, setting out the Council’s reasons for these answers in the terms set out in this motion.”

10.6 Notice of Motion by Councillor Watson

“That the Council -

1. Notes that the previous offer from the Council to RAAC-affected home owners, following a huge community campaign and intervention from the Scottish Government, was an improvement. However, while the SNP gave an improved offer with one hand, they took away compensation for the home loss with the other. It is now evident that many residents have inadequate money to pay for removal costs.
2. Believes both the Council and RAAC owners have a mutual interest in moving on from the RAAC crisis. But if residents cannot afford to move, this process will drag on even longer with heartache and costs to all.
3. Therefore instructs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to amend the offer to residents to reinstate the previous home loss payment at 10% of the current Market Value of the property and also to meet reasonable incurred disturbance costs and Legal and other professional fees.
4. Instructs the Chief Officer - Finance to utilise the Capital Fund to release funding to make payments to homeowners who wish to voluntarily sell their property to the Council and notes the Chief Officer - Finance will report on the use of any fiscal flexibilities provided by Scottish Ministers to support that expenditure in the Quarter 4 Financial Performance Report.”

10.7 Urgent Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton

“That the Council:

Instruct the Chief Executive to:-

Write to the Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, requesting that he seek a formal apology from President Donald Trump to the UK Armed Forces and their families, following his disrespectful comments made in relation to NATO troops who served in Afghanistan.”

EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

11.1 No exempt/confidential business at this stage

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