



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 15 February 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2011 at 10.30am.**

JANE G. MACEACHRAN
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

B U S I N E S S

- 1 Members are requested to resolve that any exempt business on this agenda be considered with the press and public excluded
- 2 Admission of Burgesses
- 3 Requests for Deputations

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

- 4(a) Minute of Meeting of Council of 15th December 2010 - for approval (circulated separately)
- 4(b) Minute of Special Meeting of Council of 5th January 2011 - for approval (circulated separately)

MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- 5(a) Pamphlet of Minutes - for information (circulated separately)

BUSINESS STATEMENT AND OTHER MINUTES

- 6(a) Business Statement (Pages 1 - 2)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 7 None to date

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8(a) Land at Loirston Loch, Wellington Road - Proposal for 21,000 Capacity Sports and Leisure Stadium (Pages 3 - 96)

Members are requested to note that all letters of objection pertaining to this application will be circulated separately.

- 8(b) Robert Gordon's College Board of Governors - Appointment of Replacement Member for Councillor Kirsty West

- 8(c) Drinking in Public Places Byelaw - Temporary Suspension - Report by Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure (Pages 97 - 100)

- 8(d) Gordon Highlanders Commission - Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport (Pages 101 - 104)

- 8(e) Additional School Closure Day - Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport (Pages 105 - 106)

- 8(f) City Garden Project - Request for Nominations to the Council's Project Monitoring Group - Report by Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure (Pages 107 - 110)

- 8(g) Aberdeen City Council Business Plan 2011-2016 - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (to follow)

QUESTIONS

For the avoidance of doubt, one supplementary question, limited to clarifying any answer given, may be asked by the original questioner and one further supplementary question may be asked by one other member.

9(a) Councillor Young (Pages 111 - 114)

- (1) To ask the Chief Executive or Acting Chief Executive if he is aware of the report which went to Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure on the 18th January 2011, if not the report stated "During the course of January 2011, Council Officers will launch a procurement process to locate suitable development/investment partners to initiate a Hotel development as part of a larger development plan for Council owned land in and around the AECC. In parallel with this activity, the Council's asset management and legal teams will commence negotiations with AECC Ltd. to acquire control of all land and buildings currently owned by, or leased to, AECC." Can the Chief Executive or Acting Chief Executive confirm that this has been done in January 2011 and give Council an update on any progress?
- (2) To ask the Depute Council Leader if he agrees with his partner Council Leader John Stewart who insisted compulsory job cuts will go ahead even if more savings are found and who said "until there is additional money from the Government specifically for avoiding compulsory redundancies any additional money we find in the Council I would rather spend on saving services. Unless Alex Salmond is going to come along with a bail out I don't see any other solution"?
- (3) To ask the Leader of the Council if he agrees with the criticisms made against Councillor Kevin Stewart, his partner, by the SNP Finance Minister in Edinburgh regarding the SNP/Lib Dem Coalition's proposals to cut 900 jobs - would he agree with the Finance Secretary John Swinney who said "I do not think that the steps that have been considered in Aberdeen City Council are required. What I think is important is that there is dialogue with the trade unions to find a constructive way through this."?
- (4) To ask the Chief Executive or Acting Chief Executive the total cost in respect of Solicitor/Advocates/Counsel fees in respect of defending the need to honour Increments to our employees?
- (5) To ask the Chief Executive or Acting Chief Executive why and on whose instructions was the description of the most loved Public Gardens Union Terrace Gardens changed on the City Council's website and would the Chief Executive agree or otherwise that by publically degrading this Public Garden to what one constituent described as "a pile of rubble" on its website does the city's credibility no good and undermines the credibility of the Council?

Councillor Young has requested that the above questions be placed on the agenda in terms of Standing Order 20(2)(i), as he feels that insufficient details have been provided within the answers.

MOTIONS

10(a) Councillor Ironside

“That this Council write to the condemn coalition government in Westminster, demanding they listen to the voices of the disabled communities and drop the proposal to remove the mobility component of the Disability Living Allowance for adults and children living in state-funded residential care, which will impact on many of our residents.”

10(b) Councillor Boulton

“That Aberdeen City Council writes to Mike Russell, the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, asking for a review of ‘The Parent’s Charter’.”

10(c) Councillor Boulton

“That Aberdeen City Council writes to Mike Russell, the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning, requesting that a member of the National Parent Forum of Scotland be appointed to the McCormac Committee reviewing the McCrone deal.”

10(d) Councillor Boulton

“That Aberdeen City Council makes an official approach to the bus companies serving Aberdeen to negotiate a more appropriate fare structure for pupils still in full time education – raising the age at which children start paying an adult fare when still at school.”

10(e) Councillor Boulton

“That consideration is given to reducing the speed limit on the road from Countesswells to Kingswells due to the high level of accidents.”

BUSINESS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN PRIVATE

11(a) Board of Sport Aberdeen - Approval of Preferred Candidate - Report by Director of Education, Culture and Sport (Pages 115 - 116)

11(b) Event Proposal - Report by Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure (Pages 117 - 120)

11(c) 132 Wellington Road, Aberdeen - Report by Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure - referred by Finance and Resources Committee of 1st February 2011 (Pages 121 - 130)

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