



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 9 August 2011

COUNCIL MEETING

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 17 AUGUST 2011 at 10.30am.**

JANE G. MACEACHRAN
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

B U S I N E S S

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

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

- 4(a) Minute of Meeting of Council of 29th June 2011 - for approval (circulated separately)
- 4(b) Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 19th July 2011 - for approval (Pages 1 - 2)

MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

BUSINESS STATEMENT AND OTHER MINUTES

- 6(a) Business Statement (Pages 3 - 6)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7(a) Aberdeen City Council Business Plan 2011/12 - 2015/16 - Report by Chief Executive (Pages 7 - 58)
- 7(b) Committee Places, Remits and Representation on Outside Bodies, Boards and Trusts - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 59 - 66)
- 7(c) Council Diary - January to June 2012 - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 67 - 100)

QUESTIONS

- 8(a) Councillor Allan (Pages 101 - 102)

- (1) Due to the full time Youth Worker complement being reduced to four for the whole city, can I be advised of the programme for youth work in Torry?

- 8(b) Councillor Young (Pages 103 - 106)

- (1) To ask the former Vice Convener for Corporate Policy and Performance and now Vice Convener for Finance and Resources if he can provide an explanation as to why a decision taken under his convenership in March 2011 at the Corporate Policy and Performance and Committee regarding Aberdeen City Gardens Trust Limited Board Membership Invitation which stated "The membership invitation will be considered by Council on 29 June 2011, and therefore will be removed from the business statement" was not discussed at the Council meeting of 29th June? Can he further confirm what discussions if any he has had with any officers of the Council relating to this matter and finally does he agree with me that when a Committee determines that a piece of business is put before Council for members to determine, that business should go before the Council without fear or favour?

- (2) To ask the Chief Executive to confirm how many meetings the Chief Executive, her predecessor or Council officials have had with Sir Ian Wood or his representatives since I last asked this question (December 2010) in order to finalise the £50million donation with regard to the Union Terrace Gardens project and to further ask the Chief Executive to confirm when the legal documents confirming the £50million gift will be ready for signature by both the donator and the City Council?
- (3) To ask the Chief Executive if it is normal for third parties who currently do not own, lease or have any pecuniary property rights over a public asset such as Union Terrace Gardens to actively promote, encourage architectural design briefs on an asset they currently do not own, lease or have any pecuniary right over?
- (4) To ask the Leader of the Council who owns the land in and around the proposed Union Terrace Gardens development and if it does belong mostly to the city of Aberdeen or is under their direct control what are the consequences to the Council tax payer or Council itself if for any reason the Council transfers control of Union Terrace Gardens by whatever means to a third party and for whatever reason the proposed development gets into financial difficulties and in this regard can he confirm or otherwise if any of the proposed businesses currently behind the scheme have indicated a willingness to underwrite the project in order that the Council tax payer is protected should any proposed development become financially challenged?
- (5) To ask the Leader of the Council to provide Council with the total financial cost to the Council from May 2007 until May 2011 of employing consultants regardless of capacity of employment giving a breakdown in terms of each year over the last 4 years.
- (6) To ask the Leader of the Council to provide Council with the total financial cost to the Council from May 2007 until May 2011 of employing agency staff regardless of capacity of employment giving a breakdown in terms of each year over the last 4 years.

MOTIONS

9(a) Councillor Yuill

"That, given the ongoing difficulties caused by HGVs using Broomhill Road as a through route, Council instructs officers to report to the appropriate committee on the introduction of an 'except for access' weight or width restriction on some or all of Broomhill Road between Holburn Street and South Anderson Drive."

9(b) Councillor Yuill

"That this Council instructs officers to report to the appropriate committee on the extension westwards to a point west of Northcote Road of the 30mph speed limit on North Deeside Road, Mannofield."

9(c) Councillor Yuill

"That, given the ongoing difficulties caused by lorries using Morningside Road, Cranford Road and Duthie Terrace as through routes so as to avoid the junction of Great Western Road and South Anderson Drive, Council instructs officers to report to the appropriate committee on the introduction of an 'except for access' weight restriction on these roads plus that part of Hammerfield Avenue not already covered by such a restriction."

9(d) Councillor Yuill

"That, given the significant inconvenience and difficulties caused to householders and others by bollards opposite the entrance from Deeside Drive to the rear lane lying between the rear of properties on Deeside Drive and Deeside Crescent, Council instructs officers to report to the appropriate committee on the removal of these bollards."

9(e) Councillor Young

"Council agrees that in order to provide proper scrutiny over an area of land currently under the City Council's direct control, and to ensure that no citizen or citizens of Aberdeen can accuse the Council of "losing control" over the City Garden Project, as well as to ensure beyond reasonable doubt that there will be a local democratic audit of plans for an area of the city centre that many Aberdonians care passionately about, Council undertakes without delay to determine a design brief to be provided to architects which meets the requirements of the citizens of Aberdeen as approved by elected members, the democratically elected guardians of this fine city."

BUSINESS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN PRIVATE

10(a) City Events - Report by Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure (Pages 107 - 112)

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