

MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Sederunt:

Depute Provost William Cormie, Chairperson; and

COUNCILLORS

GEORGE ADAM  
YVONNE ALLAN  
MARIE BOULTON  
NORMAN COLLIE  
NEIL COONEY  
JOHN CORALL  
IRENE CORMACK  
BARNEY CROCKETT  
KATHERINE DEAN  
ALAN DONNELLY  
JACQUELINE DUNBAR  
JAMES FARQUHARSON  
NEIL FLETCHER  
GORDON GRAHAM  
MARTIN GREIG  
JAMES HUNTER  
LEONARD IRONSIDE  
MURIEL JAFFREY  
JAMES KIDDIE  
JENNIFER LAING  
GORDON LESLIE

NEIL MacGREGOR  
CALLUM McCAIG  
MARK McDONALD MSP  
AILEEN MALONE  
ANDREW MAY  
ALAN MILNE  
JAMES NOBLE  
GEORGE PENNY  
JOHN REYNOLDS  
RICHARD ROBERTSON  
JENNIFER STEWART  
JOHN STEWART  
KEVIN STEWART MSP  
WENDY STUART  
GORDON TOWNSON  
JOHN WEST  
KIRSTY WEST  
JILLIAN WISELY  
WILLIAM YOUNG  
and  
IAN YUILL

Depute Provost William Cormie, in the Chair

**The agenda and reports associated with this minute can be found at:-**  
<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=122&MId=1974&Ver=4>

## **MICROPHONE SYSTEM**

1. The Council was advised that the microphone system within the Council Chamber had failed and was beyond repair as a result of its age. An interim solution had been put in place utilising microphones and a loop system from other meeting rooms within the Town House, and the Senior Democratic Services Manager thanked Philip Annand (Facilities Supervisor) and Cammy Campbell of Atmosphere Lighting & Sound for their hard work in this regard. He added that officers within Customer Service and Performance were working on options to replace the microphone system, which would also incorporate a replacement voting system.

### **The Council resolved:-**

to note the details.

## **ADMISSION OF BURGESSES**

2. The persons undermentioned were admitted into the presence of the Council and passed as Burgesses of Guild in respect of their respective Acts of Admission in the Guild Burgess Book:-

William Gordon, Assistant Chief Constable of Police, Aberdeen

Colin David Menzies, Assistant Chief Constable of Police, Aberdeen

Jennifer Ralph, Head Teacher, Aberdeen

David Robertson, Retired Teacher, Aberdeen

William John Sell, Retired Prison Officer, Aberdeen

## **DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS**

3. The Council was requested to determine that the following items of business, which contained exempt information as described in Schedule 7(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, be taken in private:-

11(a) Duthie Park Restoration - Outcome of Tender Process - Report by Director of Housing and Environment

11(b) Premises at 132 Wellington Road - Report by Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure

### **The Council resolved:-**

in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items 11(a) and 11(b) (Articles 24 and 25 of this minute refer) so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 2, 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

## **REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATIONS**

4. The Council had before it, in accordance with Standing Order 10(1), the following requests for deputations, all in relation to the report on the City Garden Project:-

Mr Mike Shepherd, Friends of Union Terrace Gardens

Mrs Dorothy Bothwell

Mr David Henderson

Ms Jennifer Craw, Aberdeen City Gardens Trust

**The Council resolved:-**

to accept the requests, and to hear the deputations immediately prior to the report being considered.

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL OF 6TH OCTOBER 2011**

5. The Council had before it the minute of meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the minute.

**PAMPHLET OF MINUTES**

6. The Council had before it a pamphlet of standing committee minutes from 18<sup>th</sup> August to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**The Council resolved:-**

to note the minutes.

**BUSINESS STATEMENT**

7. The Council had before it a statement of Council business which had been prepared by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to retain item 1 (50m Swimming Pool) in order that the Council could be kept informed of discussions with Aberdeenshire Council regarding their funding contribution; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the statement.

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF APPOINTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF 5TH DECEMBER 2011**

8. The Council had before it the minute of meeting of the Appointment Sub-Committee of 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the minute.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9. Councillor Kiddie highlighted the transformation within Children's Services across the city in recent times, which had been led by the Director of Social Care and Wellbeing. Susan Devlin, Head of Children's Services, Shona Manson, Children's Services Manager, and Lyn Ross, Youth Justice Programme Manager - Grampian Police, were in attendance following success at two national award ceremonies. Councillor Kiddie extended his congratulations to all those involved.

**The Council resolved:-**

to concur with Councillor Kiddie's remarks.

## **POLLING PLACES REVIEW - OCE/11/014**

10. With reference to Article 12 of the minute of its meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011, the Council had before it a report by the Chief Executive which presented for final approval the list of polling places to be used at the 2012 local government elections, following the completion of the period of public consultation.

### **The report recommended:-**

that the Council approve the list of polling places appended to the report.

### **The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to approve the recommendation; and
- (ii) to request officers to provide members with a larger copy of the list of polling places.

## **ORDERS OF REFERENCE - CG/11/142**

11. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which sought approval to update the current Orders of Reference to allow service committees to take financial decisions without the requirement for a referral to the Finance and Resources Committee in circumstances where there would be no adverse impact.

### **The report recommended:-**

that the Council approve the Orders of Reference as appended to the report.

### **The Council resolved:-**

to approve the recommendation.

## **ABERDEEN PRISON VISITING COMMITTEE - APPOINTMENT OF REPLACEMENT MEMBERS - CG/11/158**

12. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which sought a decision on the continued membership of one existing external Council appointee on Aberdeen Prison Visiting Committee, and intimated the requirement to fill two vacant positions.

### **The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) consider the continued membership of Ms Robyn Warrender on Aberdeen Prison Visiting Committee, in light of her failure to undertake the duties required of a member as set out in part 17 of the Prison and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011; if the Council agree to cease this membership then to request the Council to make a replacement external appointment; and
- (b) make two appointments to Aberdeen Prison Visiting Committee, and that these be made either on the basis of two external members or one external and one Council member.

### **The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to cease the membership of Ms Robyn Warrender on Aberdeen Prison Visiting Committee; and

- (ii) to appoint Councillor Allan, Ms Eileen Lawson and Mr Fraser Forsyth to Aberdeen Prison Visiting Committee.

## **HOUSING FOR VARYING NEEDS REVIEW - H&E/11/229**

**13.** The Council had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which advised of the key outcomes identified within the review of housing for varying needs (sheltered and very sheltered housing) and sought agreement on the strategic direction identified.

### **The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) agree to continue with the current integrated service approach to the delivery of housing support for tenants;
- (b) agree to develop a four tier model of service provision to ensure a more person centred approach to housing support services, which reflects the needs of the individuals and not necessarily where they live;
- (c) instruct officers from Housing and Environment and Social Care and Wellbeing to develop an implementation plan designed to make maximum use of the existing housing stock and develop a more person centred approach to housing support;
- (d) note that proposals concerning the future use of individual properties/developments will be submitted to the Housing and Environment Committee for consideration; and
- (e) agree that officials enter into discussions with Registered Social Landlords to ensure an equitable and consistent approach to housing and service provision.

Councillor Malone moved, seconded by Councillor Kiddie:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Hunter moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Adam:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report, and agree that current residents of sheltered accommodation would not suffer detriment as a result of these proposals.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (27) - Depute Provost Cormie; and Councillors Corall, Cormack, Dean, Donnelly, Dunbar, Greig, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Leslie, MacGregor, McCaig, McDonald MSP, Malone, May, Noble, Penny, Reynolds, Robertson, Jennifer Stewart, Kevin Stewart MSP, Wendy Stuart, Townson, John West, Kirsty West, Wisely and Yuill.

For the amendment (13) - Councillors Adam, Allan, Boulton, Collie, Cooney, Crockett, Farquharson, Graham, Hunter, Ironside, Laing, Milne and Young.

### **The Council resolved:-**

to adopt the motion.

## **CITY GARDEN PROJECT - GAUGING PUBLIC SUPPORT - EPI/11/342**

**14.** (A) In terms of Standing Order 10(2), the Council received a deputation from Mr Mike Shepherd of Friends of Union Terrace Gardens.

Mr Shepherd advised that Friends of Union Terrace Gardens had voted to support the proposed referendum on the future of Union Terrace Gardens at its Annual General Meeting in October but stressed that a referendum had to be run fairly and both sides would have to accept the result. Mr Shepherd stated that he was against the idea of an opinion poll, instead of a referendum, as the vast majority of citizens would feel disenfranchised as their opinion would not be asked for. Mr Shepherd concluded by asking for land issues to be clarified before any referendum took place and called for fairness in terms of a limitation on expenditure on publicity by campaigning organisations.

Members asked questions of Mr Shepherd and thanked him for his contribution.

(B) The Council then received a deputation from Mrs Dorothy Bothwell.

Mrs Bothwell stated that, in principle, a referendum was the obvious way forward, however she stressed that it had to be fairly run and expressed reservations that the result could not be legally binding, fearing that a vote to reject the City Garden Project could still be overturned, as had been the case with the result of the public consultation. Mrs Bothwell intimated that the consultation period on the referendum question had been insufficient and called on the Council to thank Sir Ian Wood for his generous offer but refuse it and take the matter no further.

Members asked questions of Mrs Bothwell and thanked her for her contribution.

(C) The Council next received a deputation from Mr David Henderson.

Mr Henderson gave credit to Sir Ian Wood for his very generous offer but pleaded for the process to be community led. He echoed Mr Shepherd's comments regarding opinion polls and the need for a limitation on expenditure by campaigning organisations emphasising the need for a level playing field. Mr Henderson added that he hoped that a compromise could be still found and appealed to the Council in such terms.

Members asked questions of Mr Henderson and thanked him for his contribution.

(D) The Council next received a deputation from Ms Jennifer Crow of Aberdeen City Gardens Trust, who was accompanied by Ms Lavina Massie, a Director of Aberdeen City Gardens Trust.

Ms Crow summarised the aims of Aberdeen City Gardens Trust in relation to the City Garden Project, and emphasised that it would be the catalyst for regeneration in the city centre, with private sector funding helping to unlock public sector funding for a number of different projects. She added that Aberdeen City Gardens Trust and Sir Ian Wood had always underlined that the project needed the support of the public, and of the Council, and hoped that a referendum would demonstrate this. Ms Crow suggested that the referendum question should be on the basis of voting for or against the City Garden Project.

Members asked questions of Ms Crow and thanked her for her contribution.

(E) With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011, the Council had before it (1) a report by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure which sought to obtain a decision on whether the Council wanted to undertake a referendum or an opinion poll to judge the level of public support for the City Garden Project; and (2) an updated report (OCE/11/017) by the Chief Executive, with revised recommendations as outlined below.

**The report by the Chief Executive recommended:-**

that should the Council decide to hold a referendum as a means of gauging public opinion with regard to the proposed City Garden Project, the Council -

- (a) accept the offer by Sir Ian Wood on behalf of the Wood Family Trust of 80% of the costs of the referendum up to a total of £200,000 payable by the Trust, subject to the terms of the offer to the Council being agreed by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services;
- (b) agree the appointment of Crawford Langley as independent Counting Officer responsible for the delivery of the referendum; and
- (c) note the draft Notice of Referendum, as appended to the report, to be published as soon as possible following the Council's decision.

Councillor Dean moved, seconded by Councillor Kevin Stewart MSP:-

That the Council:

- (a) agree to hold a public referendum, in accordance with section 5.7(i) - (xxi) of the previous report to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee, which must not prejudice the Council's future planning and fiduciary responsibilities;
- (b) approve the recommendations contained within the report by the Chief Executive;
- (c) instruct officers to continue all efforts to obtain the balance of the required funding from any other available source;
- (d) allocate up to £50,000 from the Council's contingency budget to meet the costs not covered by (b) and (c) above; and
- (e) agree that the referendum question be as printed in the draft Notice of Referendum in the report by the Chief Executive.

Councillor Greig moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Jennifer Stewart:-

That the Council does not contribute any funding towards the cost of the referendum.

Councillor Crockett moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Cooney:-

That the Council agrees to hold neither a public referendum nor an opinion poll recognising that the appropriate democratic way to gauge popular opinion should be through the electoral process in May 2012.

In terms of Standing Order 12(9), the Depute Provost accepted advice from officers that the amendment by Councillor Crockett implied mere negation of a decision, and therefore would require to be considered against the motion, before any possible consideration of the amendment by Councillor Greig.

On a division between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Crockett, there voted:-

For the motion (26) - Councillors Boulton, Corall, Cormack, Dean, Donnelly, Dunbar, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Leslie, MacGregor, McCaig, McDonald MSP, Malone, May, Milne, Noble, Penny, Reynolds, Robertson, Kevin Stewart MSP, Wendy Stuart, Townson, John West, Kirsty West, Wisely and Yuill.

For the amendment by Councillor Crockett (13) - Councillors Adam, Allan, Collie, Cooney, Crockett, Farquharson, Graham, Greig, Hunter, Ironside, Laing, Jennifer Stewart and Young.

Declined to vote (1) - Depute Provost Cormie.

The Council then divided between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Greig.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (27) - Depute Provost Cormie; and Councillors Boulton, Corall, Cormack, Dean, Donnelly, Dunbar, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Leslie, MacGregor, McCaig, McDonald MSP, Malone, May, Milne, Noble, Penny, Reynolds, Robertson, Kevin Stewart MSP, Wendy Stuart, Townson, John West, Kirsty West, Wisely and Yuill.

For the amendment by Councillor Greig (12) - Councillors Adam, Allan, Collie, Cooney, Crockett, Graham, Greig, Hunter, Ironside, Laing, Jennifer Stewart and Young.

Declined to vote (1) - Councillor Farquharson.

**The Council resolved:-**  
to adopt the motion.

## **ANNUAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2010/11**

**15.** With reference to Article 10 of the minute of meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee of 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011, the Council had before it (1) the audited annual accounts for Aberdeen City Council for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011; (2) a report by Henderson Loggie, the Council's external auditor, to members and the Controller of Audit; and (3) a report by Henderson Loggie to those charged with governance on the Audit of Aberdeen City Council 2010/11.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to approve the audited accounts for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011;
- (ii) to thank the relevant officers and the external auditor for their hard work, noting that Henderson Loggie had now finished its term as the Council's external auditor and had been replaced by Audit Scotland; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the reports.

## **GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2012/13 TO 2016/17 - CG/11/152**

**16.** With reference to Article 14 of the minute of meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011, the Council had before it, by way of remit, a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which provided information to enable a balanced budget to be set for 2012/13 and subsequently a capital programme for 2012/13 to 2016/17.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Finance and Resources Committee -

- (a) note the content of the report and refer it to Council with any recommendations on service options;
- (b) agree that the service options be prioritised; and
- (c) agree that elected members provide officers with their full budget proposals by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

And that Council on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 -

- (a) agree the service options to be implemented for 2012/13 and future years to achieve a balanced budget taking account of growth pressures and feedback obtained as part of the ongoing Priority Based Budgeting process (as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report);



- (b) agree the budget for each service detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
- (c) agree the level of Council Tax for the financial year 2012/13 and indicative level to 2016/17;
- (d) agree the recommendation of the Head of Finance to retain working balances of 2.5% or approximately £11.5million; and
- (e) agree that the capital programme be set such that no capital borrowing is undertaken and that the programme be set in line with the level of capital grant, capital receipts and contributions.

**The Finance and Resources Committee had resolved:-**

to agree to forward the proposals as contained below as the Administration's recommendations, to the meeting of Council of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2011 with the following two amendments (1) to move option EPI\_AMO29 (item 23 - introduction of charges to residents for Garthdee CPZ (Trading)) from the 'recommended for rejection' section to the 'recommended for further information' section; and (2) to move option ACC\_S08 (item 94 - corporate bond issue) from the 'recommended for rejection' section to the 'recommended for further information' section.

## **Service Options recommended for accepting**

### **Prioritisation**

#### **Savings**

No

Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000	Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score
Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5		

### **Social Care & Wellbeing**

#### **Stop/Reduce Options**

SCW27	34 Reduce Directorate Policy and Strategic Development by 50% - deletion of under commitment	(96)	(96)	(96)	(96)	(96)	Stop/ Reduce	0
SCW29	35 Request payment holiday from Grampian Data Sharing Partnership (currently no budget)	0	0	0	0	0	Stop/ Reduce	0
		<b>(96)</b>	<b>(96)</b>	<b>(96)</b>	<b>(96)</b>	<b>(96)</b>		

### **Education, Culture & Sport**

#### **Transformation Options**

ECS_E9b	37 RISK Redesign of secondary school estate	0	0	0	0	3,102	Transform- ation	1
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#### **Efficiency Options**

ECS1-C27	15 Library & Information Service: New ways of working	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	Efficiency	0
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#### **Stop/Reduce Options**

ECS_E34	48 Stop Curriculum for Excellence training in Modern Foreign Languages	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	Stop/ Reduce	8
		<b>(113)</b>	<b>(113)</b>	<b>(113)</b>	<b>(113)</b>	<b>2,989</b>		

### **Housing & Environment**

#### **Efficiency Options**

HE_DSM_01	31 Re-design of H&E Directorate Support Service	(86)	(86)	(86)	(86)	(86)	Efficiency	0
HE_ES_ASSL6	40 Create new working methodologies to retain and	49	(26)	(27)	(29)	(30)	Efficiency	2

**Prioritisation Savings**

No		Net Costs/	Net Costs/	Net Costs/	Net Costs/	Net Costs/	Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score	
		Savings 2012/13 £'000	Savings 2013/14 £'000	Savings 2014/15 £'000	Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Savings 2016/17 £'000			Yr 1
HE_HCS_S04(i)	capture profitable work at Lab 30 Use Private Sector Housing Unit Surplus (2012/13 only)	(200)	0	0	0	0	0 Efficiency	0	
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>									
HE_HCS_CS05o	33 Remove funding contribution for non-HRA activity within Aberdeen Families Project	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	Stop/ Reduce	0	
HE_HCS_S04(iv)	45 Stop Occupational Therapist Dedicated Grant Post	(38)	(38)	(38)	(38)	(38)	Stop/ Reduce	4	
HE_HCS H07	54 Reduce Homelessness Furniture Scheme	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	Stop/ Reduce	11	
HE_HCS H06	59 Reduce Homelessness Advice, Information & Support	(35)	(35)	(35)	(35)	(35)	Stop/ Reduce	13	
HE_HCS H05	64 Reduce Homelessness Prevention	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	Stop/ Reduce	14	
HE_HCS_S04(v)	65 Stop Funding top SCARF (Save Cash & Reduce Fuel) (managed by EP&I)	(16)	(16)	(16)	(16)	(16)	Stop/ Reduce	14	
		<b>(386)</b>	<b>(261)</b>	<b>(262)</b>	<b>(264)</b>	<b>(265)</b>			

**Environment, Planning & Infrastructure**

**Transformation Options**

EPI_EBD05	28 Income Generation Option (or equivalent) for Economic Development Activities	0	(104)	(104)	(104)	(104)	Transform- ation	0
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**Efficiency Options**

EPI_AMO27	18 Estates Team charged to Cost of Capital Sales	(111)	(111)	(111)	(111)	(111)	Efficiency	0
EPI_AMO28	19 Monitoring Officer to be partially funded from Developers Fund	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	Efficiency	0
EPI_PSD16	20 Reduction in Net Expenditure for Roads Projects Unit Budget	(231)	(81)	(71)	(71)	(71)	Efficiency	0
EPI_AMO31	21 Re-assess and increase Roads Charges	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)	Efficiency	0

**Stop/Reduce Options**

EPI_PSD15	22 Reduction in NESTRANS revenue budget	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	Stop/	0
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**Prioritisation Savings**

No		Net Costs/	Net Costs/	Net Costs/	Net Costs/	Net Costs/	Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score
		Savings 2012/13 £'000	Savings 2013/14 £'000	Savings 2014/15 £'000	Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Savings 2016/17 £'000		
		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5		
							Reduce	
EPI_PSD17	24 Reduce Development Plan budget	(80)	(80)	(80)	(80)	(60)	Stop/ Reduce	0
EPI_PSD18	25 Reduce (Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) Team	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	Stop/ Reduce	0
EPI_AMO32	26 Regional Communications Centre - move to Frederick Street (EP & I) - Tabled by CG	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	Stop/ Reduce	0
		<b>(538)</b>	<b>(492)</b>	<b>(482)</b>	<b>(482)</b>	<b>(462)</b>		

**Corporate Governance**

**Efficiency Options**

CG_F_26	1 RISK: Bed tax (Approved previously but changed in change control and now being resubmitted)	0	0	0	10	(400)	Efficiency	0
CG_CS_FS04	3 Fairer Scotland Fund - target corporate sponsorship to contribute to fund areas	0	0	0	0	0	Efficiency	0
CG_CS_FOS11	7 Channel shift programme	0	0	0	0	0	Efficiency	0
CG_F_28	4 Accounts Payable - automated process	(52)	(60)	(60)	(60)	(60)	Efficiency	0
CG_HR_25	5 Reduced costs on Occupational Health Contract	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	Efficiency	0
CG_HR_26	6 Reduced costs re Employee Assistance Programme	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	Efficiency	0
CG_HR_27	Further revision of HR Services	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	Efficiency	0

**Stop/Reduce Options**

CG_CS_FOS10	8 Discontinue iKiosks	(65)	(65)	(65)	(65)	(65)	Stop/ Reduce	0
CG_CS_ICT10	9 ICT Education Connectivity Support	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	Stop/ Reduce	0
CG_CS_ICT11	10 Establishment of ICT Enterprise Architecture Framework	0	0	0	0	0	Stop/ Reduce	0
CG_F_27	12 Rationalise Administration Posts in Finance (not duplication with Corporate Option)	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)	Stop/ Reduce	0
		<b>(402)</b>	<b>(410)</b>	<b>(410)</b>	<b>(400)</b>	<b>(810)</b>		

**Council wide Options**

**Prioritisation Savings**

No		Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000	Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score
		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5		
ACC_SO25	2 CORPORATE - salary sacrifice schemes (buying holidays back / reduced working week)	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	Transform- ation	0
ACC_SO26	Procurement Savings (across ACC)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	Efficiency	0
		<b>(1,020)</b>	<b>(1,020)</b>	<b>(1,020)</b>	<b>(1,020)</b>	<b>(1,020)</b>		
<b>Office of Chief Executive</b>								
OCE_DS_01	14 OCE - Streamline business management	(26)	(26)	(26)	(26)	(26)	Stop/ Reduce	0
OCE_EM01	13 Elections - refocus administrative assistance	(17)	(17)	(17)	(17)	(17)	Stop/ Reduce	0
		<b>(43)</b>	<b>(43)</b>	<b>(43)</b>	<b>(43)</b>	<b>(43)</b>		
		<b>(2,598)</b>	<b>(2,435)</b>	<b>(2,426)</b>	<b>(2,418)</b>	<b>293</b>		

## **Service Options recommended for further information**

### **Prioritisation**

#### **Savings**

No		Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000	Transform- ation Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score
		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5		
<b>Social Care &amp; Wellbeing</b>								
<b>Efficiency Options</b>								
SCW32	36	Review/Cap Kinship Payments	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	Efficiency	0
		Review Social Work charging policy (REPLACES						
SCW31	52	SCW_LT25 AND SCW_SD6)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	Efficiency	9
			<b>(100)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(100)</b>		
<b>Education, Culture &amp; Sport</b>								
<b>Efficiency Options</b>								
ECS_E8d	53	Increase class sizes in Primary school - P1 classes become 25	(66)	(440)	(440)	(440)	Efficiency	11
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>								
ECS_E9a	16	Secondary school estate - close 2 schools - recosted	(147)	(1,619)	(1,992)	(1,992)	Stop/ Reduce	0
			<b>(213)</b>	<b>(2,059)</b>	<b>(2,432)</b>	<b>(2,432)</b>		
<b>Housing &amp; Environment</b>								
<b>Transformation Options</b>								
HE_ES_PT06	38	Close all Public Toilets and replace with Community Toilet scheme (To be revised)	(160)	(220)	(220)	(220)	Transfor- mation	1
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>								
HE_HCS_CS05n	32	Remove funding contribution for non-HRA activity within ASBIT (Anti-Social Behaviour)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)	Stop/ Reduce	0
HE_HCS_CS05(xi)	47	Remove funding for deploying street urinals	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	Stop/ Reduce	7



**Prioritisation Savings**

No

**Council wide Options**

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			<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000</b>	<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000</b>	<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000</b>	<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000</b>	<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000</b>	<b>Transform- ation Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce</b>	<b>Prioriti- sation Score</b>
			<b>Yr 1</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>		
			(4,750)	400	400	400	400	Transfor m- ation	12
			<b>(4,750)</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>400</b>		
			0	0	0	0	0	Stop/ Reduce	0
			0	0	0	0	0	Stop/ Reduce	0
			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
			<b>(5,450)</b>	<b>(2,031)</b>	<b>(2,469)</b>	<b>(2,469)</b>	<b>(2,528)</b>		

**Officer of Chief Executive**



## Service Options recommended for rejection

### Prioritisation

#### Savings

No		Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000	Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score	
		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5			
<b>Social Care &amp; Wellbeing</b>									
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>									
SCW33	88	Stop funding mental health day care-REJECTED AT SC&W ROUND TABLE					(1,000)	Stop/ Reduce	24
SCW34	84	Reduce threshold for service eligibility/provide emergency only-REJECTED AT SC&W ROUND TABLE					0	Stop/ Reduce	22
SCW36	85	Stop provision of ICDRS (Integrated Community Drug Rehab Support) services-REJECTED AT SC&W ROUND TABLE					(600)	Stop/ Reduce	22
		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(1,600)</b>			
<b>Education, Culture &amp; Sport</b>									
<b>Transformation Options</b>									
ECS_E20b	43	RISK Redesign the profile of professional staffing in secondary schools Revised on McCormac					(1,500)	Transform- ation	3
ECS_E7c	44	RISK Redesign the profile of professional staffing in primary schools. Revised on McCormac					(650)	Transform- ation	3
ECS_E3	58	RISK Start nursery at 4 years					(3,330)	Transform- ation	20*
<b>Efficiency Options</b>									
ECS_E8c	56	RISK Increase class sizes in primary schools - P2 & P3 become 33 and composites 30.					(120)	Efficiency	12
ECS_E26	89	RISK Increase teaching time to match pupil time in secondary schools					(3,200)	Efficiency	25
ECS_E6	90	RISK Increase teaching time to match pupil time in primary schools					(1,350)	Efficiency	25

**Prioritisation Savings**

No		Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000	Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score	
		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5			
ECS_E10	92	RISK All Secondary S1 & S2 Classes at 30 (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	0	203	(700)	(700)	(700)	Efficiency	25
ECS_E31a	91	RISK Extend non-subject specific/generic teaching until end of S2 (P8 and 9) (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	0	0	(1,334)	(4,418)	(4,418)	Efficiency	25
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>									
ECS_E29a	17	Primary school estate - close 5 schools - still original figures	0	(112)	(663)	(1,015)	(1,015)	Stop/ Reduce	0
ECS_E12	57	Withdraw Music Tuition recosted to reflect E37	206	(793)	(793)	(793)	(793)	Stop/ Reduce	13
ECS_E14	66	Reduce the Support for Learning teacher allocation in secondary schools.	(117)	(517)	(517)	(517)	(517)	Stop/ Reduce	20*
ECS_E16	67	Reduce Teacher Support for Learning Allocation - Primary Schools	(90)	(600)	(600)	(600)	(600)	Stop/ Reduce	20*
ECS_E21	72	Reduce remaining Pupil Support Assistants Provision in Primary Schools by 10%	145	(400)	(400)	(400)	(400)	Stop/ Reduce	17
ECS_E23	73	Reduce remaining Pupil Support Assistants Provision in Secondary Schools by 10%	61	(153)	(153)	(153)	(153)	Stop/ Reduce	17
ECS1-C8	75	Close all 16 Community Libraries, incorporate Heritage Centre	24	(868)	(868)	(868)	(868)	Stop/ Reduce	18
ECS_E28	77	RISK Close Music School	(235)	(672)	(693)	(693)	(693)	Stop/ Reduce	19
ECS1-C2	82	Close all art gallery and museum visitor venues (over 4 years) (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	240	1,217	(599)	(403)	(735)	Stop/ Reduce	22
ECS1-C13	83	Cease communities teams services (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	(2,520)	(4,152)	(4,152)	(4,152)	(4,152)	Stop/ Reduce	22
ECS_E25	93	Stop pre school education (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	0	(796)	(3,714)	(3,714)	(3,714)	Stop/ Reduce	25
		<b>(2,366)</b>	<b>(8,451)</b>	<b>(19,997)</b>	<b>(28,576)</b>	<b>(28,908)</b>			

**Housing & Environment**

**Prioritisation Savings**

No		Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000	Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score
		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5		
<b>Transformation Options</b>								
<b>Efficiency Options</b>								
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>								
HE_ES_GM06	49	280	(125)	(125)	(125)	(125)	Stop/ Reduce	20*
HE_ES_PC1	60	(231)	(365)	(365)	(365)	(365)	Stop/ Reduce	20*
HE_HCS_CS05a	61	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	Stop/ Reduce	13
HE_HCS_CS05(x)	69	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	Stop/ Reduce	15
HE_ES_ST6	71	60	(80)	(80)	(80)	(80)	Stop/ Reduce	16
HE_HCS_S03(ii)	76	(250)	(250)	(250)	(250)	(250)	Stop/ Reduce	18
HE_HCS_S04(iii)	78	(60)	(60)	(60)	(60)	(60)	Stop/ Reduce	19
HE_ES_WS5	81	(71)	(70)	(69)	(69)	(69)	Stop/ Reduce	21
HE_ES_WS7	79	(20)	(20)	(20)	0	0	Stop/ Reduce	20
HE_HCS_S04(vi)	80	(60)	(60)	(60)	(60)	(60)	Stop/ Reduce	21
HE_HCS_S03(iii)	87	(750)	(750)	(750)	(750)	(750)	Stop/ Reduce	24
		<b>(1,122)</b>	<b>(1,800)</b>	<b>(1,799)</b>	<b>(1,779)</b>	<b>(1,779)</b>		

**Environment, Planning & Infrastructure**

**Transformation Options**

EPI_AMO26	70	49	49	49	49	49	Transform- ation	16
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**Prioritisation Savings**

No		Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000	Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce	Prioriti- sation Score	
		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5			
<b>Efficiency Options</b>									
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>									
EPI_AMO15	62	REDUCE then STOP School Patrols - RESUBMITTED	(40)	(204)	(349)	(349)	(349)	Stop/Reduce	14
			<b>9</b>	<b>(155)</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>(300)</b>	<b>(300)</b>		
<b>Corporate Governance</b>									
<b>Efficiency Options</b>									
CG_F_30	41	AECC Swap - Agreement - move to Common Good (RISK)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	Efficiency	3	
CG_F_31	42	Explore use of Common Good particularly use of capital receipts (RISK)	0	(150)	(150)	(150)	Efficiency	3	
CG_F_29	74	Redefine the criteria for relief/discretionary Non Domestic Rates relief (RISK)	(200)	(200)	(200)	(200)	Efficiency	18	
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>									
CG_LDS_7E	39	Saving of convenor and vice convenor payments if less Committees	0	0	0	(108)	Stop/Reduce	2	
CG_LDS_07B	46	Council Committees - reduce the number of committees	0	0	(50)	(50)	Stop/Reduce	6	
			<b>(700)</b>	<b>(850)</b>	<b>(900)</b>	<b>(1,008)</b>	<b>(1,008)</b>		
<b>Council wide Options</b>									
			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

**Office of Chief Executive**

**Prioritisation**  
**Savings**

No

<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000</b>	<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000</b>	<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000</b>	<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000</b>	<b>Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000</b>	<b>Transform- ation/ Efficiency/ Stop/ Reduce</b>	<b>Prioriti- sation Score</b>
<b>Yr 1</b>	<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>Yr 4</b>	<b>Yr 5</b>		
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>(4,179)</b>	<b>(11,256)</b>	<b>(22,996)</b>	<b>(31,663)</b>	<b>(33,595)</b>		

Councillor McCaig, seconded by Councillor Malone:-

That the decision of the Finance and Resources Committee be approved.

Councillor Boulton moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Farquharson:-

That Council approve the circulated service options for the 2012/13 General Fund Revenue Budget and indicative figures for future years, which includes:-

1. A new option to reduce the level of funding to ACSEF but continue to support, in conjunction with Aberdeenshire, a funded post;
2. An amended option to close public toilets whereby the toilets at Footdee and the beach remain open; and
3. An amended option for the provision of school crossing patrols where vacancy management and lunch time arrangements are reviewed.

Officers are further requested to bring forward additional information as indicated in the proposals as well as a paper (as already agreed by the Finance and Resources Committee) on the future funding mechanisms for capital investment which should include identifying sources of allowing the Council to help developers with upfront costs for new developments and should include the use of a Corporate Bond issue.

	2012/13 £'000 Yr 1	2013/14 £'000 Yr 2	2014/15 £'000 Yr 3	2015/2016 £'000 Yr 4	2016/17 £'000 Yr 5
<b><u>Total Service Options</u></b>					
Social Care & Wellbeing	(196)	(196)	(196)	(196)	(1,796)
Education, Culture & Sport	(2,692)	(10,623)	(22,542)	(31,121)	(28,351)
Housing & Environment	(2,070)	(2,683)	(2,683)	(2,665)	(2,666)
Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure	(354)	(297)	(497)	(497)	(536)
Corporate Governance	(1,102)	(1,260)	(1,310)	(1,408)	(1,818)
Council wide Options	(5,770)	(620)	(620)	(620)	(620)
Office of Chief Executive	(43)	(43)	(43)	(43)	(43)
	<b>(12,227)</b>	<b>(15,722)</b>	<b>(27,891)</b>	<b>(36,550)</b>	<b>(35,830)</b>
<b><u>Independent Proposals</u></b>					
Social Care & Wellbeing	(196)	(196)	(196)	(196)	(196)
Education, Culture & Sport	(326)	(2,284)	(3,208)	(3,560)	(2,728)
Housing & Environment	(560)	(435)	(436)	(438)	(439)
Environment, Planning & Infrastructure	(469)	(234)	(289)	(289)	(328)
Corporate Governance	(402)	(560)	(560)	(550)	(960)
Council wide Options	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Office of Chief Executive	(43)	(43)	(43)	(43)	(43)
	<b>(2,996)</b>	<b>(4,752)</b>	<b>(5,732)</b>	<b>(6,076)</b>	<b>(5,694)</b>
	2,996	4,767	3,596	6,070	17,116
	0	15	(2,136)	(6)	11,422

**Prioritisation Savings**

Service Options

			Indp	Net Costs/ Savings	Net Costs/ Savings	Net Costs/ Savings	Net Costs/ Savings	Net Costs/ Savings
		No	Y or N	2012/13 £'000 Yr 1	2013/14 £'000 Yr 2	2014/15 £'000 Yr 3	2015/2016 £'000 Yr 4	2016/17 £'000 Yr 5
<b>Social Care &amp; Wellbeing Efficiency Options</b>								
SCW32	36	Review/Cap Kinship Payments	Y	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
SCW31	52	Review Social Work charging policy (REPLACES SCW_LT25 AND SCW_SD6)	Y	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>								
SCW27	34	Reduce Directorate Policy and Strategic Development by 50% - deletion of under commitment	Y	(96)	(96)	(96)	(96)	(96)
SCW29	35	Request payment holiday from Grampian Data Sharing Partnership (currently no budget)	Y	0	0	0	0	0
SCW33	88	Stop funding mental health day care-REJECTED AT SC&W ROUND TABLE	N	0	0	0	0	0
SCW34	84	Reduce threshold for service eligibility/provide emergency only-REJECTED AT SC&W ROUND TABLE	N	0	0	0	0	0
SCW36	85	Stop provision of ICDRS (Integrated Community Drug Rehab Support) services-REJECTED AT SC&W ROUND TABLE	N	0	0	0	0	0
				<b>(196)</b>	<b>(196)</b>	<b>(196)</b>	<b>(196)</b>	<b>(196)</b>
<b>Education, Culture &amp; Sport Transformation Options</b>								
ECS_E9b	37	RISK Redesign of secondary school estate	A	0	0	0	0	832
ECS_E20b	43	RISK Redesign the profile of professional staffing in secondary schools Revised on McCormac	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E7c	44	RISK Redesign the profile of professional staffing in primary schools. Revised on McCormac	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E3	58	RISK Start nursery at 4 years	N	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Efficiency Options</b>								
ECS_E8d	53	Increase class sizes in Primary school - P1 classes become 25	Y	(66)	(440)	(440)	(440)	(440)
ECS1-C27	15	Library & Information Service: New ways of working	Y	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)	(13)

**Prioritisation**  
**Savings**

Service Options

			Indp	Net Costs/ Savings	Net Costs/ Savings	Net Costs/ Savings	Net Costs/ Savings	Net Costs/ Savings
No			Y	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/2016	2016/17
			or	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
			N	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
ECS_E8c	56	RISK Increase class sizes in primary schools - P2 & P3 become 33 and composites 30.	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E26	89	RISK Increase teaching time to match pupil time in secondary schools	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E6	90	RISK Increase teaching time to match pupil time in primary schools	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E10	92	RISK All Secondary S1 & S2 Classes at 30 (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E31a	91	RISK Extend non-subject specific/generic teaching until end of S2 (P8 and 9) (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	N	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>								
ECS_E9a	16	Secondary school estate - close 2 schools - recosted	Y	(147)	(1,619)	(1,992)	(1,992)	(1,992)
ECS_E29a	17	Primary school estate - close 5 schools - still original figures	Y	0	(112)	(663)	(1,015)	(1,015)
ECS_E34	48	Stop Curriculum for Excellence training in Modern Foreign Languages	Y	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
ECS_E12	57	Withdraw Music Tuition recosted to reflect E37	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E14	66	Reduce the Support for Learning teacher allocation in secondary schools.	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E16	67	Reduce Teacher Support for Learning Allocation - Primary Schools	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E21	72	Reduce remaining Pupil Support Assistants Provision in Primary Schools by 10%	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E23	73	Reduce remaining Pupil Support Assistants Provision in Secondary Schools by 10%	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS1-C8	75	Close all 16 Community Libraries, incorporate Heritage Centre	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E28	77	RISK Close Music School	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS1-C2	82	Close all art gallery and museum visitor venues (over 4 years) (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS1-C13	83	Cease communities teams services (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	N	0	0	0	0	0
ECS_E25	93	Stop pre school education (REJECTED AT EC&S ROUNDTABLE)	N	0	0	0	0	0



**Prioritisation Savings**

Service Options

	No		Indp Y or N	Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000 Yr 1	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000 Yr 2	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000 Yr 3	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000 Yr 4	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000 Yr 5
				<b>(326)</b>	<b>(2,284)</b>	<b>(3,208)</b>	<b>(3,560)</b>	<b>(2,728)</b>
<b>Housing &amp; Environment Transformation Options</b>								
HE_ES_PT06	38	Close all Public Toilets and replace with Community Toilet scheme	A	(122)	(122)	(122)	(122)	(122)
<b>Efficiency Options</b>								
HE_DSM_01	31	Re-design of H&E Directorate Support Service	Y	(86)	(86)	(86)	(86)	(86)
HE_ES_ASSL6	40	Create new working methodologies to retain and capture profitable work at Lab	Y	49	(26)	(27)	(29)	(30)
HE_HCS_S04(i)	30	Use Private Sector Housing Unit Surplus (2012/13 only)	Y	(200)	0	0	0	0
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>								
HE_HCS_CS05n	32	Remove funding contribution for non-HRA activity within ASBIT (Anti-Social Behaviour)	Y	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)
HE_HCS_CS05o	33	Remove funding contribution for non-HRA activity within Aberdeen Families Project	Y	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)
HE_HCS_S04(iv)	45	Stop Occupational Therapist Dedicated Grant Post	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS_CS05(xi)	47	Remove funding for deploying street urinals	Y	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)	(8)
HE_ES_GM06	49	Reduce Grounds Maintenance Service (specific service reduction options)	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS_CS05(xii)	50	Remove budgets for transport marshals.	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS H07	54	Reduce Homelessness Furniture Scheme	Y	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)
HE_HCS_CS05h	55	Remove funding for Community Fire Safety Task Group	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS H06	59	Reduce Homelessness Advice, Information & Support	Y	(35)	(35)	(35)	(35)	(35)
HE_ES_PC1	60	Close selected parks and gardens and cease maintenance (see option for sites)	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS_CS05a	61	Remove funding for local neighbourhood safety initiatives	Y	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)	(15)
HE_HCS_S03(i)	63	Reduce Housing Support Budget by 10%	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS H05	64	Reduce Homelessness Prevention	Y	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)

**Prioritisation Savings**

Service Options

No		Indp Y or N	Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000 Yr 1	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000 Yr 2	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000 Yr 3	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000 Yr 4	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000 Yr 5
HE_HCS_S04(v)	65	Y	(16)	(16)	(16)	(16)	(16)
HE_HCS_S04(vii)	68	Y	(42)	(42)	(42)	(42)	(42)
HE_HCS_CS05(x)	69	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_ES_ST6	71	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS_S03(ii)	76	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS_S04(iii)	78	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_ES_WS5	81	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_ES_WS7	79	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS_S04(vi)	80	N	0	0	0	0	0
HE_HCS_S03(iii)	87	N	0	0	0	0	0
			<b>(560)</b>	<b>(435)</b>	<b>(436)</b>	<b>(438)</b>	<b>(439)</b>

**Environment, Planning & Infrastructure Transformation Options**

EPI_EBD05	28	Y	0	(104)	(104)	(104)	(104)
EPI_AMO26	70	N	0	0	0	0	0
NEW		A	(110)	(110)	(110)	(110)	(110)

**Efficiency Options**

EPI_AMO27	18	Y	(111)	(111)	(111)	(111)	(111)
EPI_AMO28	19	Y	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)
EPI_PSD16	20	Y	(231)	(81)	(71)	(71)	(71)
EPI_AMO31	21	Y	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)	(25)
EPI_AMO29	23	R	0	0	0	0	0

**Prioritisation Savings**

Service Options

	No		Indp Y or N	Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000 Yr 1	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000 Yr 2	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000 Yr 3	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000 Yr 4	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000 Yr 5
EPI_AMO30	27	Increase charge levels for Residents Parking Permits (TRADING)	Y	(72)	(72)	(137)	(137)	(196)
EPI_AMO11b	29	Tactically Dispose of Selected Property - RESUBMITTED - IMPACT OF NON-HOUSING CAPITAL PLAN RECEIPTS ON REVENUE (TRADING)	Y	261	450	450	450	450
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>								
EPI_PSD15	22	Reduction in NESTRANS revenue budget	Y	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(7)
EPI_PSD17	24	Reduce Development Plan budget	Y	(80)	(80)	(80)	(80)	(60)
EPI_PSD18	25	Reduce (Strategic Development Planning Authority (SDPA) Team	Y	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
EPI_AMO32	26	Regional Communications Centre - move to Frederick Street (EP & I) - Tabled by CG	Y	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)	(30)
EPI_AMO15	62	REDUCE then STOP School Patrols - RESUBMITTED	A	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)
				<b>(469)</b>	<b>(234)</b>	<b>(289)</b>	<b>(289)</b>	<b>(328)</b>

**Corporate Governance Efficiency Options**

CG_F_26	1	RISK: Bed tax (Approved previously but changed in change control and now being resubmitted)	Y	0	0	0	10	(400)
CG_CS_FS04	3	Fairer Scotland Fund - target corporate sponsorship to contribute to fund areas	N	0	0	0	0	0
CG_CS_FOS11	7	Channel shift programme	N	0	0	0	0	0
CG_F_28	4	Accounts Payable - automated process	Y	(52)	(60)	(60)	(60)	(60)
CG_HR_25	5	Reduced costs on Occupational Health Contract	Y	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)
CG_HR_26	6	Reduced costs re Employee Assistance Programme	Y	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)
CG_HR_27		Further revision of HR Services	Y	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
CG_F_30	41	AECC Swap - Agreement - move to Common Good (RISK)	N	0	0	0	0	0
CG_F_31	42	Explore use of Common Good particularly use of capital receipts (RISK)	Y	0	(150)	(150)	(150)	(150)
CG_F_32	51	Reduce Council Tax Relief on second homes (RISK)	Y	0	0	0	0	0

**Prioritisation Savings**

Service Options

	No		Indp Y or N	Net Costs/ Savings 2012/13 £'000 Yr 1	Net Costs/ Savings 2013/14 £'000 Yr 2	Net Costs/ Savings 2014/15 £'000 Yr 3	Net Costs/ Savings 2015/2016 £'000 Yr 4	Net Costs/ Savings 2016/17 £'000 Yr 5
CG_F_29	74	Redefine the criteria for relief/discretionary Non Domestic Rates relief (RISK)	N	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Stop/Reduce Options</b>								
CG_CS_FOS10	8	Discontinue iKiosks	Y	(65)	(65)	(65)	(65)	(65)
CG_CS_ICT10	9	ICT Education Connectivity Support	Y	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
CG_CS_ICT11	10	Establishment of ICT Enterprise Architecture Framework	N	0	0	0	0	0
CG_F_27	12	Rationalise Administration Posts in Finance (not duplication with Corporate Option)	Y	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)	(70)
CG_LDS_7E	39	Saving of convenor and vice convenor payments if less Committees	N	0	0	0	0	0
CG_LDS_07B	46	Council Committees - reduce the number of committees	N	0	0	0	0	0
				<b>(402)</b>	<b>(560)</b>	<b>(560)</b>	<b>(550)</b>	<b>(960)</b>
<b>Council wide Options</b>								
ACC_SO25	2	CORPORATE - salary sacrifice schemes (buying holidays back / reduced working week)	R	0	0	0	0	0
ACC_SO26		Procurement Savings (across ACC)	Y	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
ACC_SO8	94	Corporate Bond Issue	R	0	0	0	0	0
				<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>	<b>(1,000)</b>
<b>Office of Chief Executive</b>								
OCE_DS_01	14	OCE - Streamline business management	Y	(26)	(26)	(26)	(26)	(26)
OCE_EM01	13	Elections - refocus administrative assistance	Y	(17)	(17)	(17)	(17)	(17)
				<b>(43)</b>	<b>(43)</b>	<b>(43)</b>	<b>(43)</b>	<b>(43)</b>
				<b>(2,996)</b>	<b>(4,752)</b>	<b>(5,732)</b>	<b>(6,076)</b>	<b>(5,694)</b>

A = Amended Option, R = Request for further information, N = Not accepting the option, Y = Yes accepting the option.

Councillor Donnelly moved as a second amendment, seconded by Councillor Wisely:-

That for the financial year 2012/13, the Council commits any capital surplus or capacity, plus utilises funding from both the closure of some existing homeless hostels where possible for both revenue costs and capital receipts, by directing these resources for the re-commissioning of Victoria House in West North Street for homeless persons.

Councillor Crockett moved as a third amendment, seconded by Councillor Graham:-

That the Council agree that elected members present full budget proposals that they may have to the already confirmed Council Budget meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Further, officers are asked to seek clarification from COSLA as to how the 85% floor was calculated and to report back to elected members at least ten clear days before the agreed Council Budget meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

On a division between the amendment by Councillor Donnelly and the amendment by Councillor Crockett, there voted:-

For the amendment by Councillor Donnelly (10) - Councillors Boulton, Donnelly, Greig, Leslie, McDonald MSP, Reynolds, Robertson, Kevin Stewart MSP, Wendy Stuart and Wisely.

For the amendment by Councillor Crockett (12) - Councillors Adam, Allan, Collie, Cooney, Crockett, Farquharson, Graham, Hunter, Laing, Malone, Penny and Young.

Declined to vote (16) - Depute Provost Cormie; and Councillors Corall, Cormack, Dean, Dunbar, Jaffrey, Kiddie, MacGregor, McCaig, May, Milne, Noble, Townson, John West, Kirsty West and Yuill.

Absent from the division (2) - Councillors Ironside and Jennifer Stewart.

The Council next divided between the amendment by Councillor Boulton and the amendment by Councillor Crockett.

On a division, there voted:-

For the amendment by Councillor Boulton (7) - Councillors Boulton, Farquharson, Leslie, Malone, Milne, Penny and Robertson.

For the amendment by Councillor Crockett (11) - Councillors Adam, Allan, Collie, Cooney, Crockett, Graham, Greig, Hunter, Laing, Reynolds and Young.

Declined to vote (20) - Depute Provost Cormie; and Councillors Corall, Cormack, Dean, Donnelly, Dunbar, Jaffrey, Kiddie, MacGregor, McCaig, McDonald MSP, May, Noble, Kevin Stewart MSP, Wendy Stuart, Townson, John West, Kirsty West, Wisely and Yuill.

Absent from the division (2) - Councillors Ironside and Jennifer Stewart.

The Council then divided between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Crockett.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (26) - Depute Provost Cormie; and Councillors Corall, Cormack, Dean, Donnelly, Dunbar, Greig, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Leslie, MacGregor, McCaig, McDonald MSP, May, Milne, Noble, Penny, Reynolds, Robertson, Kevin Stewart MSP, Wendy Stuart, Townson, John West, Kirsty West, Wisely and Yuill.

For the amendment by Councillor Crockett (9) - Councillors Adam, Allan, Collie, Cooney, Crockett, Graham, Hunter, Laing and Young.

Declined to vote (3) - Councillors Boulton, Farquharson and Milne.

Absent from the division (2) - Councillors Ironside and Jennifer Stewart.

**The Council resolved:-**  
to adopt the motion.

### **TREASURY MANAGEMENT - MID YEAR REVIEW - CG/11/149**

17. With reference to Article 18 of the minute of meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011, the Council had before it, by way of remit, a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which provided an update on the treasury management activities undertaken in 2011/12.

**The Finance and Resources Committee had recommended to Council:-**

- (a) that it note the treasury management activities undertaken in 2011/12 as detailed within the report; and
- (b) that it approve the revised counterparty list as detailed at appendix 1 to the report.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to note the treasury management activities undertaken in 2011/12; and
- (ii) to approve the revised counterparty list as appended to the report.

### **QUESTIONS**

18. The Council had before it the following questions, of which due notice had been given in terms of Standing Order 20(2), which had been placed on the agenda as the members concerned had indicated they were unhappy with the responses.

Councillor Young

#### **QUESTION**

To the Chief Executive

“To ask the Chief Executive, who will be aware of Section 75 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended which deals with disposal etc. of land forming part of the common good, what discussions if any have taken place between internal Council legal officers and/or Council appointed external legal officers and any Council employee relating to Union Terrace Gardens and what

is the legal advice provided to the said employee and to further ask the Chief Executive what discussions if any have taken place between internal Council legal officers and/or Council appointed external legal officers and any person - the definition of "person" includes a body of persons corporate or unincorporated - relating to Union Terrace Gardens and what is the legal advice provided to the said person?"

ANSWER (by the Chief Executive) -

Discussions of a general nature have taken place on a number of occasions between Council legal officers and Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure employees relating to Union Terrace Gardens. No specific legal advice has been provided other than confirmation that the gardens are within the ownership of the Council and form part of the Common Good. In the absence of a Council decision on the exact nature of any project to be undertaken at Union Terrace Gardens there have been no discussions with any "persons" as defined in the question, bearing in mind that legal advice is provided by the service to the Council and not to third parties.

In accordance with Standing Order 20(4), the Depute Provost ruled that the question had been answered satisfactorily.

**The Council resolved:-**

to note the details.

QUESTION -

To the Chief Executive

"To ask the Chief Executive if the Director of Corporate Governance has ever replied to members of the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) following the JCC meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2011 where UNISON Aberdeen Branch presented a report to the JCC into costs associated with external delivery of Council IT services, given the Director disputed the accuracy of the report presented by the above said union and gave an assurance that he would respond to the alleged inaccuracies, can the Chief Executive provide members with a copy of the Director's response to the JCC on the union's paper or be provided with a date as to when the Director intends to respond to the JCC or alternatively can the Chief Executive confirm that the Director now agrees that the report put to the JCC by the union was indeed accurate thereby no longer needing a reply?"

ANSWER (by the Chief Executive) -

A response was provided to the JCC on 25<sup>th</sup> November in relation to the inaccuracies contained within the union statement distributed at the JCC meeting.

In accordance with Standing Order 20(4), the Depute Provost ruled that the question had been answered satisfactorily.

**The Council resolved:-**

to note the details.

Councillor Leslie

QUESTION -

To the Chief Executive

“In light of the EIS survey, can the Chief Executive confirm if teaching staff who have funded stationery pencils, jotters, rubbers, ever been rejected monies from the Education budget for such stationery?”

ANSWER (by the Chief Executive) -

There is no evidence that any staff have been refused budget for essential stationery items in schools. Staff can and do supplement items in their classroom on a voluntary basis, but these are not essential. School budgets are adequate to meet the necessary equipment for learning and teaching.

In accordance with Standing Order 20(4), the Depute Provost ruled that the question had been answered satisfactorily.

**The Council resolved:-**

to note the details.

## **MOTIONS**

19. Councillor Leslie, pursuant to notice, moved:-

“That officers are instructed to prepare a report on proper access for disabled people using mobility scooters at Marischal College, and such a report be remitted to the appropriate committee.”

**The Council resolved:-**

to refer the motion to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee.

20. Lord Provost Peter Stephen, pursuant to notice, moved:-

“That this Council, with its local and national cultural partners, explores the potential of bidding for the accolade of UK City of Culture in 2017, instructing officers to research the social and economic benefits of submitting a bid, and to scope the financial requirements needed to prepare such a bid.”

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to suspend Standing Order 21(4) to consider the motion in the Lord Provost’s absence; and
- (ii) to approve the motion and instruct officers to report back to a future Council meeting.



21. Councillor Graham, pursuant to notice, moved:-

“That the relevant department consults with the residents of Bonnyview Drive to ascertain the requirement to install traffic calming measures and report back to committee.”

**The Council resolved:-**

to refer the motion to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee.

22. Councillor Graham, pursuant to notice, moved:-

“That officers provide a report to advise Aberdeen City Council on what current measures are in place and what further measures need to be undertaken to promote/ensure competition in the bus routes of Aberdeen, thus ensuring a more competitive price for buses for the citizens of Aberdeen that are comparable with other cities in Scotland.”

**The Council resolved:-**

to refer the motion to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee.

23. Councillor Kiddie, pursuant to notice, moved as an emergency motion:-

“Aberdeen City Council notes the recent statement by the Cabinet Secretary for Justice that he intends to abolish prison visiting committees by December 2012.

Council welcomes his statement relating to the development of advocacy services within prisons but agrees to support the efforts of the National Association of Prison Visiting Committees and the local Aberdeen Prison Visiting Committee in campaigning for the retention of independent monitoring arrangements within Scotland in keeping with the rest of the United Kingdom and further afield.”

Councillor Donnelly moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Leslie:-

That the emergency motion be considered this day.

On a division, there voted:-

For the procedural motion (14) - Councillors Adam, Allan, Collie, Cooney, Crockett, Donnelly, Graham, Hunter, Laing, Leslie, Robertson, Wisely, Young and Yuill.

Against the procedural motion (22) - Depute Provost Cormie; and Councillors Boulton, Corall, Cormack, Dean, Dunbar, Farquharson, Greig, Jaffrey, Kiddie, MacGregor, McCaig, McDonald MSP, Malone, May, Noble, Penny, Kevin Stewart MSP, Wendy Stuart, Townson, John West and Kirsty West.

Absent from the division (4) - Councillors Ironside, Milne, Reynolds and Jennifer Stewart.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to reject the procedural motion; and
- (ii) to refer the emergency motion to the Social Care and Wellbeing Committee.

**In accordance with the decision recorded under Article 3 of this minute, the following items of business were considered with the press and public excluded.**

**DUTHIE PARK RESTORATION - OUTCOME OF TENDER PROCESS - H&E/11/230**

**24.** The Council had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which advised of the outcomes of the tender process for restoration works to Duthie Park and requested permission for the preferred tender to be accepted.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council approve the selection of Hunter Construction (Aberdeen) Ltd as the preferred contractor for works to Duthie Park.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the recommendation.

**PREMISES AT 132 WELLINGTON ROAD - EPI/11/317**

**25.** The Council had before it a report by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure which advised of discussions which were ongoing with Glencraft on a number of issues and a request from Glencraft to be granted an extension of the property lease.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) approve the extension of the existing lease to Glencraft (Aberdeen) Limited for a period of one year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012 at an agreed rent on terms and conditions necessary to protect the Council's interests, subject to confirmation that it was compliant with State Aid regulations; and
- (b) authorise the Head of Asset Management and Operations to continue to liaise with Glencraft management on progress on its relocation/redevelopment aspirations.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the recommendations.

**- WILLIAM CORMIE, Depute Provost.**