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To: All Members of the Council

Town House,  
ABERDEEN, 31 March 2011

## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Eleven members of the Council have requisitioned a Special Council meeting in terms of Standing Order 4(2). The members of **ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL** are requested to meet in the Council Chamber - Town House on **THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2011 at 12.00pm.**

The notice signed by the eleven members requisitioning the meeting is attached to this agenda.

Please note that, at the start of the meeting, Council will be recommended to agree that the meeting be held in private given the likelihood, in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of the class described in paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as enacted by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. This is because the motion in the requisition questions the validity and veracity of a report prepared by senior officers of the Council.

JANE G. MACEACHRAN  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

## **BUSINESS**

### 1 Wording from Requisition Notice (Pages 1 - 2)

“With reference to the decision of the City Council on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010 reference item 14, Aberdeen City Centre a vision for the future, this Council now questions the validity and credibility of the report presented in this regard given the contents of extensive media coverage, freedom of information requests and the contents of the briefing provided to Councillors by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 all in relation to the provision of funding by Scottish Enterprise, and calls upon the Monitoring Officer to investigate the matter and report back to Council.

Furthermore that this Council reiterates its thanks to Sir Ian Wood for his extremely generous financial offer to help raise Union Terrace Gardens but on this occasion declines said offer on the basis that:- (i) the proposal would seriously damage the city’s heritage by way of removing the green lung from the city centre; and (ii) progressing the proposal could have serious financial implications and considerable risk for Aberdeen City Council in the years to come and agrees that no further action is taken in respect of these proposals.”

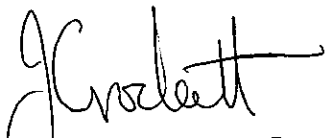
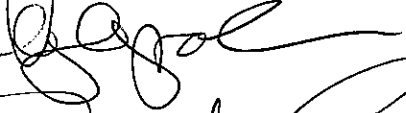
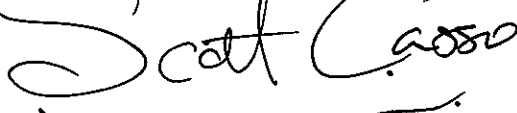





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The following 11 members of Aberdeen City Council hereby intimate in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and Council Standing Orders that the following Motion be discussed at a special Council meeting to be called within 14 days of today 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

With reference to the decision of the City Council on the 19th May 2010 reference item14\_ Aberdeen City Centre a vision for the future\_ this Council now questions the validity and credibility of the report presented in this regard given the contents of extensive media coverage, freedom of information requests and the contents of the briefing provided to Councillors by the Director of Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 all in relation to the provision of funding by Scottish Enterprise and calls upon the Monitoring Officer to investigate the matter and report back to Council. Furthermore that this Council reiterates its thanks to Sir Ian Wood for his extremely generous financial offer to help raise Union Terrace Gardens but on this occasion declines said offer on the basis that:-(i) the proposal would seriously damage the city's heritage by way of removing the green lung from the city centre;(ii) progressing the proposal could have serious financial implications and considerable risk for Aberdeen City Council in the years to come and agrees that no further action is taken in respect of these proposals.

25<sup>th</sup> March 2011

  
  
  
  
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