



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 5 June 2012

COUNCIL MEETING

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 13 JUNE 2012 at 10.30am.**

JANE G. MACEACHRAN
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

BUSINESS

- 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 Special Meeting of Council of 4 April 2012 - for approval (circulated separately)
- 4(b) Minute of Meeting of Council of 4 April 2012 - for approval (circulated separately)
- 4(c) Minute of Statutory Meeting of Council of 16 May 2012 - for approval (circulated separately)

- 4(d) Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 19 April 2012 - for approval
(Pages 1 - 2)

MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

BUSINESS STATEMENT, MOTIONS LIST AND OTHER MINUTES

- 6(a) Business Statement (Pages 3 - 8)

- 6(b) Motions List (Pages 9 - 12)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 7 None to date

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 8(a) UK City of Culture 2017 - Report by Chief Executive (Pages 13 - 20)

- 8(b) Aberdeen Prison Visiting Committee - Appointment of Replacement Member - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 21 - 24)

- 8(c) Draft Statement of Accounts 2011/12 - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 25 - 34)

Members are requested to note that the draft annual accounts will be circulated separately

- 8(d) Draft Pension Fund Financial Statements 2011/12 - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 35 - 42)

Members are requested to note that the draft accounts (Appendix A) will be circulated separately

- 8(e) Appointments - Report by Chief Executive (to follow)

MOTIONS

- 9(a) Councillor Townson

“Council agrees to develop a youth employment strategy for Aberdeen in consultation with relevant public and private organisations.”

9(b) Councillor McCaig

“Council notes with concern the decision by the UK Government to close the Remploy site in Aberdeen, given the work being done to establish a social enterprise hub at the site, and instructs the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure to enter into discussions with Remploy UK and the UK Government over the possibility of purchasing the Remploy building on St Machar Road using the Common Good Account which would allow the work to establish a social enterprise hub to continue.”

9(c) Councillor Greig

“That this Council produces a report with recommendations for identifying any possible financial sources and fundraising opportunities in order to create a permanent commemoration in the city of the Diamond Jubilee and of the Queen’s reign.”

QUESTIONS

10(a) Councillor McCaig (Pages 43 - 46)

- (1) Does the Convener of Finance and Resources agree with his party colleague Councillor Ramsay Milne who was quoted in the Evening Express on Tuesday 15 May saying, ‘If we are to apply a TIF a better use would be the AWPR’? If so can he give an indication of how Tax Increment Finance would be used to fund such a project, and given that the economic benefit of the AWPR is set to be felt across the whole of the North East, where would the ‘red line’ be drawn for the purposes of collecting the incremental Non-Domestic Rates?
- (2) Does the Convener of Finance and Resources wish to see the AWPR funded through TIF?
- (3) To the Convener of Finance and Resources - is the administration obliged by statute to pay Conveners £28,410 per annum or is this the maximum amount payable?
- (4) Can the Convener of Finance and Resources confirm that the salary paid to administration Conveners is £28,410 and that that is a greater amount than was paid to administration Conveners last year, which I believe to have been £26,990. If this is correct would he consider this increase in pay to be a pay rise?
- (5) Given that the pay cut that was taken by all Conveners (5%) and Vice-Conveners (reduction to £21,000) with the exception of the former Convener of Audit and Risk, is the Council Leader aware that this saved the Council £12,079, and would he like to reconsider his statement that the pay cut was an ‘empty populist gesture’ as he was quoted in the press saying?
- (6) Can the Council Leader confirm what the lowest salary paid by this Council to a full time employee was last financial year, and this financial year following the introduction of the living wage?

BUSINESS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN PRIVATE

11 None to date

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