

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORT COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 30 MAY 2013

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	Item Title	Committee Decision	PBB Option Affected	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1	<u>Determination of Exempt Items of Business</u>	The Committee resolved:- To consider item 8.1 with the press and public excluded.	N/A	N/A	
2	<u>Requests for Deputation</u>	The Committee resolved:- There were no requests for deputation.	N/A	N/A	
3.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 28 March 2013</u>	The Committee resolved:- To approve the minute as a correct record.	N/A	N/A	
3.2	<u>Committee Business Statement</u>	The Committee resolved:- (i) in relation to item 5 (Move to a Cultural Trust), to note that the Council was still in positive discussion with the University of Aberdeen, and was looking at ways in which projects could be jointly delivered, and that officers would report back to Committee in more detail in September;		Education, Culture and Sport	P Cassidy

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) also in relation to item 5, to request that officers consider re-titling the item on the business statement to more accurately reflect the discussions, and the fact that a cultural trust was not currently being pursued; (iii) in relation to item 13 (Sistema Scotland), to note that discussion was ongoing with Sistema and that more detail on the content of the business plan could be provided at the Committee in September; (iv) to remove items 8 (Audit of Community Learning and Development and Library Provision) and 10 (Community Centres – Current Issues) from the business statement, subject to the decisions taken later at Committee; and (v) to otherwise note the updates provided. 		<p>Education, Culture and Sport / Legal and Democratic Services</p> <p>Education, Culture and Sport</p> <p>Legal and Democratic Services</p>	<p>P Cassidy / R Coull</p> <p>N Bruce</p> <p>R Coull</p>
4.1	<u>Revenue Budget Monitoring Report</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to request that officers provide Members with information on the number of children in out of authority placements; (ii) to consider and note the report and the information on management action and the risks contained therein; and (iii) to instruct that officers report the year-end position to the appropriate 	N/A	<p>Education, Culture and Sport</p>	<p>D Leng</p> <p>B Dow</p>

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4.2	<u>Capital Monitoring Report</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note the current position and legally committed carry forwards.	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	B Dow
4.3	<u>Performance Report</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) in relation to the problems with the main lift in the Central Library having been unavailable since the start of the year, to note that the entire lift required to be replaced, and that officers expected that work to repair the lift would commence in June; (ii) to request that officers keep Members updated on progress with the lift repair via email; (iii) in relation to the number of visits to / usages of Council funded or part funded museums, to request that officers identify how the representation of the figures could be amended to reflect the impact of the closure of Provost Skene's House; (iv) also in relation to the number of visits to museums, to note that officers had other arrangements in place to mitigate the closure of Provost Skene's, and to request that future performance reports include figures to reflect whether or not these new arrangements were having the desired effect; (v) in relation to the number of non-	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport Education, Culture and Sport Education, Culture and Sport	 N Bruce S Gear S Gear / N Bruce

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		<p>pool attendances for Aberdeen Sports Village, to request that officers provide information in future reports on the breakdown of usage by community, for example, the regeneration areas of the city;</p> <p>(vi) in relation to the number of issues from libraries, to note that although there had been a drop in issues, that libraries were undertaking a variety of other activities and services which were not reflected in the statistics, and to request that officers investigate how these other achievements could be reflected in future performance reports; and</p> <p>(vii) to approve the Education, Culture and Sport Service performance report for the period up to 31 March 2013, and note the progress toward Service Plan actions.</p>		<p>Education, Culture and Sport</p> <p>Education, Culture and Sport</p>	<p>S Gear</p> <p>S Gear</p>
5.1	<u>Roots of Empathy</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to request that officers circulate information on the cost of the licence fees to Members of the Committee;</p> <p>(ii) to note the programme in Aberdeen to date;</p> <p>(iii) to note the positive evaluation of the programme in North Lanarkshire;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct officers to roll out the initiative to further schools in Aberdeen in the St Machar and</p>	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	G Woodcock

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		(v) Torry ASGs; and to instruct officers to identify a suitable budget source for the backfill costs.			
5.2	<u>Aberdeen Play Policy</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to approve the contents of the Aberdeen Play Policy document and agree and endorse the vision, priorities and principles enshrined within it; and (ii) to note the intention of Aberdeen Play Forum, in partnership with other agencies, to arrange a launch of Aberdeen Play Policy at Duthie Park on 21 June 2013.	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	S Patterson
5.3	<u>Libraries and Information Services and Community Learning and Development Audit</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note that officers would run workshops for Elected Members which would explain the weighting methods to be used in more detail, and to request that these workshop sessions be offered to all Elected Members, and to all external members of the Education, Culture and Sport Committee; (ii) to note the ongoing work in relation to the complex and comprehensive project; (iii) in relation to the asset review, to confirm that the initial baseline assumption is that the overall level of provision of library and community facilities within the city remains static, and the project	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	G Woodcock

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		<p>should seek to utilise weightings to assess whether the current provision is in the appropriate places;</p> <p>(iv) in relation to the asset review, to instruct officers to develop weightings which take into consideration the needs of the community including demographics, space within schools, SIMD levels, and projected population growth; and</p> <p>(v) following on from the initial modelling based on the current level of provision, to instruct officers to run the model based on variations of current provision according to benchmarking, and report back to Committee on the outcomes of this modelling.</p>			
5.4	<u>Scottish Statutory Instrument - Community Learning and Development</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the anticipated requirements that the forthcoming legislation would place on Aberdeen City Council; and</p> <p>(ii) to request a further report on the implications of the legislation once it is enacted.</p>	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	G Woodcock
5.5	<u>Funding Community Projects</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>to note the decision, under Standing Order 1(6)(b) of the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts and Procurement, to provide an exemption from the requirement that no contract shall be entered into unless the total</p>	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	C Wright

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		<p>estimated expenditure has been previously approved by the Council (Standing Order 1(3)) which was granted in order to allow the continued funding of community learning and development services from the following organisations: WEA; Aberdeen Lads Club; Printfield Project; Fersands and Fountain Community Project; Middlefield Project; and St Machar Parent Support Project (the "Funded Projects").</p>			
5.6	<u>Community Centres</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to request that officers ask the St Stephen's Church and Sunnybank groups if they would be prepared to share the detail of their submissions with the Committee, and if so, to request that officers provide this information to Members; (ii) to thank the volunteers at Froghall Community Centre for all their hard work to date; (iii) to note the update provided in the report; (iv) to note, in respect of Leased Community Centres with long term old style leases currently in place, that officers intend to formally write to the affected Management Committees to ask that they voluntarily move onto the new lease and Management Agreement; 	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	G Woodcock

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		<p>(v) to note that officers would report back to the next Education, Culture and Sport Committee on the responses received from these Management Committees;</p> <p>(vi) in respect of Froghall Community Centre, to instruct officers to progress with the proposal submitted by St Stephen's Church for an initial period of one year while the Community Asset review is ongoing; and</p> <p>(vii) to agree, in respect of Cummings Park and Henry Rae Community Centres, to take no action regarding the amalgamating of both community programmes into a single building at this time and to consider the future of both buildings as part of the ongoing community asset review (subject to any decisions relating to the Confidential report on this agenda about Henry Rae Community Centre.)</p>			
5.7	<u>School for Children and Young People with Severe and Complex Needs</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to commend officers in both Education, Culture and Sport, and Asset Management for their work to identify a location for the school; and</p> <p>(ii) to note the availability of land at the Bucksburn Farm site and endorse this as the preferred site for the</p>	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	D Samson

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		new school.			
5.8	<u>Naming of Replacement School for Bucksburn and Newhills Primary Schools</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note the outcome of the consultation process and to formally endorse the name of the new school as Brimmond School, to take effect on establishment of the new school in August 2013.	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	D Samson
6.1	<u>Cultural Awards</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to agree the allocation of cultural awards to the total value of £105,909 as presented in Appendix 1 of the report; (ii) to agree the allocation of £10,000 of the balance of funds to provide opportunities for the programming of 17, the UK City bid hub in Belmont Street; and (iii) to agree the allocation of £15,000 as match funding for Council applications to the Creative Scotland investment programme for 2013/2014.	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	M Bremner
7.1	<u>Sports Grants</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to consider the application from the Grampian Institute of Sport and approve the recommended funding of £8,000; and (ii) to agree the allocation of £5,000 as match funding for the Council application to Event Scotland to deliver an event on 23 July 2013 in Duthie Park to mark one year to go until the Glasgow 2014	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	J Conlon

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		Commonwealth Games.			
7.2	<u>Water Management Plan</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to agree as Council policy the set of Water Management Principles as set out within section 5.4 of the report; (ii) to endorse the vision for water management as set out in the report; (iii) to instruct officers to develop an aquatics strategy for Aberdeen and develop an associated action plan; (iv) to instruct officers to negotiate with Sport Aberdeen the return of the budget allocated for P4 Swimming to Aberdeen City Council, so that a procurement process can take place to deliver the core principle that “every child in Aberdeen is supported to achieve the Scotland Safe Swimming award by the end of primary school”; and (v) to note the ongoing consultation process with swimming clubs in relation to the core principle that “different stages in the swimming development pathway (learn to swim through to performance swimming) are delivered by the appropriate delivery vehicle”. 	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	G Woodcock
7.3	<u>Tullos Swimming Pool</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the progress of the Tullos Pool Project; 	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	G Woodcock

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="779 204 1382 384">(ii) to note that Sport Aberdeen were currently preparing a business plan including setting out the financial implications of providing this facility; <li data-bbox="779 384 1382 564">(iii) to agree that Sport Aberdeen would be responsible for the management and operation of this facility contingent upon receipt of an acceptable business plan; <li data-bbox="779 564 1382 1273">(iv) to provide delegated powers to the Head of Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, and Head of Culture, Communities and Sport, in consultation with the Convenors and Vice Convenors of Education, Culture and Sport, and Finance and Resources Committees, to provide funding up to a maximum of £50,000 to Sport Aberdeen for the initial operation of this facility on the receipt of a robust and acceptable business plan, and the conclusion of a Minute of Variation to the main Sport Aberdeen Funding and Services Agreement and provision of a licence to occupy for this facility; and <li data-bbox="779 1273 1382 1497">(v) to instruct officers to bring forward the full year's financial implications for this facility to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee when this information was forthcoming from Sport Aberdeen. 			

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7.4	<u>Rubislaw Field Agreement</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the current position, that the Rubislaw Field Committee has been unable to reach agreement on replacing the existing 1923 Agreement for the reasons outlined in the report and the appended minute;</p> <p>(ii) to note the requested information provided, as available;</p> <p>(iii) to note the previous recommendation that if agreement could not be reached, officers be instructed to issue Conditions of Let restricted to the terms of the existing 1923 Agreement with effect from 31st March, thereby preventing any additional, unauthorised usage from that date; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct officers to issue Conditions of Let restricted to the terms of the existing 1923 Agreement with effect from the new school session, thereby preventing any additional, unauthorised usage from that date.</p>	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport / Legal and Democratic Services	N Bruce J Conlon F Selbie
8.1	<u>Internal Audit Report</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to request that the Director of Education, Culture and Sport write to all Community Centres to remind</p>	N/A	Education, Culture and Sport	G Gorman G Woodcock

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		<p>them of the Council's policies in relation to the matters outlined at Section 5.1 of the report;</p> <p>(ii) to note the findings of the Internal Audit review;</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Management Committee had yet to put in place systems to improve the financial situation, despite significant support from Council officers;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct officers to continue to provide support to the Management Committee, to include officer attendance at all Management Committee meetings in an advisory capacity, to enable them to develop and improve their financial and governance systems;</p> <p>(v) to instruct officers to put in place a Licence to Occupy arrangement along the lines of the standard Lease and Management Agreement on a month by month basis;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct officers to release the Development Grant to the Management Committee on a pro-rata monthly basis, conditional upon the Management Committee meeting the Council's Following the Public Pound guidelines; meeting on a monthly basis; and putting in place improvements to their financial and governance systems; and</p>			

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		<p>(vii) in the event that the Management Committee fail to implement the necessary improvements, to instruct officers to cease the Licence to Occupy arrangements with the Management Committee, and relocate or provide key holder access to the existing programmes/lets, until such time as the Libraries and Information Services and Community Learning & Development Audit is complete, and the recommendations falling from that project are implemented.</p>			

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