

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 29 November 2012. Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Crockett, Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Cooney, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Forsyth, Kiddie (as substitute for Councillor McCaig), Laing, Malone, May, Noble, Taylor and Young.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Boulton and Kiddie declared interests in relation to the items of business on the agenda by virtue of their appointment by the Council to the Board of Aberdeen Performing Arts. Both Councillors chose to remain in the meeting as Aberdeen Performing Arts was a body being a company as set out in paragraph 5.18(2)(i)(d) of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. In terms of Standing Order 28(3)(vi), and in accordance with Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Committee was informed that it had to determine (1) that the items on the agenda were of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the items and take decisions thereon.

The Committee resolved:-

to agree that the report on the Aberdeen Art Gallery Redevelopment Programme was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day, and a decision taken thereon.

Councillor Jackie Dunbar moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Kiddie:-

That the report on the redevelopment of the Music Hall was not of an urgent nature and should instead be referred to the Council meeting on 19 December 2012 for determination.

On a division, there voted:- for the procedural motion (5) - Councillors Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Kiddie, May and Noble; against the procedural motion (8) - Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Cooney, Forsyth, Laing, Malone, Taylor and Young.

The Committee further resolved:-

to reject the procedural motion and thereby agree that the item was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day, and a decision taken thereon.

ABERDEEN ART GALLERY REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - ECS/12/062

2. The Committee had before it a report by the Acting Director of Education, Culture and Sport which advised of progress with the submission of an application to

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the Heritage Lottery Fund for the redevelopment of Aberdeen Art Gallery and provided an update on related work, in particular the Museums Collection Centre.

The Committee had earlier received a short presentation from the Acting Director of Education, Culture and Sport.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee -

- (a) note the progress to date on the Art Gallery redevelopment and Museums Collection Centre;
- (b) agree that the Council submit an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Grant programme for £10million for the redevelopment of the Art Gallery prior to this year's deadline of 30 November 2012;
- (c) agree that a sum of £3million be set aside from the Council's Non Housing Capital Programme in 2013/14;
- (d) agree that a sum of £10million be set aside from the Council's Non Housing Capital Programme for the financial period 2013-2017; and
- (e) agree that the Council provide a guarantee to meet any shortfall in the level of fundraising up to £10million.

The Committee resolved:-

to approve the recommendations.

MUSIC HALL REDEVELOPMENT - ECS/12/061

3. The Committee had before it a report by the Acting Director of Education, Culture and Sport which provided an update on recent developments regarding the Music Hall and sought agreement for Aberdeen Performing Arts to conduct a design competition to determine the scope of any future redevelopment.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee confirm the Council's support for and agreement to Aberdeen Performing Arts carrying out a design competition in order to determine the full potential of any redevelopment of the Music Hall.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to request officers to provide members with a copy of the detailed financial model and business plan for the Music Hall as instructed by the Education, Culture and Sport Committee of 20 January 2011 (Article 15 of the minute refers); and
- (ii) to approve the recommendations

- BARNEY CROCKETT, Convener.