

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 18 December 2013

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Lord Provost George Adam, Chairperson;
Depute Provost, John Reynolds; and

COUNCILLORS

YVONNE ALLAN
KIRSTY BLACKMAN
MARIE BOULTON
DAVID CAMERON
SCOTT CARLE
NEIL COONEY
JOHN CORALL
WILLIAM CORMIE
BARNEY CROCKETT
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LESLEY DUNBAR
ANDREW FINLAYSON
FRASER FORSYTH
GORDON GRAHAM
ROSS GRANT
MARTIN GREIG
LEONARD IRONSIDE CBE
MURIEL JAFFREY

JAMES KIDDIE
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NEIL MacGREGOR
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AILEEN MALONE
ANDREW MAY
RAMSAY MILNE
JEAN MORRISON MBE
NATHAN MORRISON
JAMES NOBLE
GILLIAN SAMARAI
SANDY STUART
ANGELA TAYLOR
ROSS THOMSON
GORDON TOWNSON
WILLIAM YOUNG
and
IAN YUILL

Lord Provost George Adam, in the Chair

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WELCOME

1. The Lord Provost welcomed Angela Scott to her first Council meeting as Director of Corporate Governance and wished her every success in the post.

The Council resolved:-

to concur with the Lord Provost's remarks.

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

2. 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:-

- 8(a) Minute of Meeting of Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 23 October 2013
- 8(b) Premises at 132 Wellington Road

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 the aforementioned items of business (Articles 30 and 31 of this minute refer) so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 1 and 6 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL OF 31 OCTOBER 2013

3. The Council had before it the minute of meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 31 October 2013.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the minute.

MINUTE OF URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF 2 DECEMBER 2013

4. The Council had before it the minute of meeting of the Urgent Business Committee of 2 December 2013.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the minute.

BUSINESS STATEMENT

5. 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 note that a report on item 7 (Standing Orders on Contracts and Procurement) would be submitted to the Council meeting on 5 March 2014; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the statement.

MOTIONS LIST

6. The Council had before it a list of outstanding motions which had been prepared by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

The Council resolved:-
to note the motions list.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF CITY CENTRE REGENERATION BOARD OF 2 DECEMBER 2013

7. The Council had before it the minute of the inaugural meeting of the City Centre Regeneration Board of 2 December 2013.

The Council resolved:-
to note the minute.

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 28 NOVEMBER 2013 - ABERDEEN ART GALLERY, SCHOOLHILL - 131246

8. With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the Planning Development Management Committee of 28 November 2013, which had been referred to it for consideration by six members of the Committee, the Council had before it (1) a report by the Head of Planning and Sustainable Development on the application seeking listed building consent for various internal alterations, demolitions and a proposed extension at Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill; and (2) the decision of the Committee - that the application be refused on the basis of the form and massing of the application, the proposed demolition of the internal staircase and changes to the front entrance façade to the building.

The report recommended:-

that the Planning Development Management Committee express a willingness to approve the application, subject to the following conditions and referring the application to Historic Scotland for listed building consent for the internal alterations (including insertion of new stairlifts and extending the War Memorial balcony), demolitions (including the existing gallery roofs, 1925 gallery extension and 1970s office extension) and extension (including new rooftop gallery extension, roof terraces and education, gallery and support areas extension to the rear of the building) at Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Aberdeen:-

- (1) That prior to commencement of the following works, a finalised specification, including, where appropriate, larger scale elevation and section drawings, brochure details and samples, shall be submitted to and approved by the planning authority, in consultation with Historic Scotland. Full details of the repair and restoration works to the Art Gallery buildings (internal and external) including: details of protective measures for the interior and exterior fabric and features that are to remain in situ during the works; lime mortar specification for repointing of external walls, including a methodology for removal of existing pointing to avoid damage to stonework; mortar mix; protective measures for carbonation stage; details of window and door repairs and repainting, including proposed colour; details of the internal wall, floor and ceiling treatment and finishing, including within the Cowdray Hall and War Memorial Court (inclusive of details of the new memorial panels and new hanging art work/light display); and

proposed treatment for retained special architectural features, including decorative frieze on first floor (to include details of storage and repositioning); (2) That prior to commencement of the following works, a finalised specification, including, where appropriate, larger scale elevation and section drawings, brochure details and samples, shall be submitted to and approved by the planning authority, in consultation with Historic Scotland. Full details of any alteration/new works (internal and external) including: 1:20 scale section drawings and plans for the roof terrace and glazed balustrades; details of any new signage, external lighting, and other new fixtures to be attached to the exterior walls of the building, to include non-ferrous fixings into masonry joints; larger scale elevation and section drawings for new opening for staircase within north west corner of the Sculpture Court; external stone repair, including details of stone replacement, and samples; (3) That no development shall take place within the application site until the applicant has secured the implementation of a programme of archaeological work which shall include post-excavation and publication work in accordance with a written scheme of investigation which has been submitted by the applicant and approved in writing by Aberdeen City Council as planning authority; and (4) That no development shall take place unless samples of all external finishing materials (including a coloured sample of the copper capping piece for the roof addition) of the development hereby approved has been submitted to, and approved in writing by by Aberdeen City Council as planning authority and thereafter the development shall be carried out in accordance with the details so agreed.

Councillor Milne moved, seconded by Councillor Taylor:-

That the Council approve the application, in accordance with the recommendation contained within the report, and that an extra condition be added that the downtakings from the internal staircase be preserved so that it could be incorporated into a future project thus preserving it for the city.

Councillor Corall moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Greig:-

That the Council refuse the application on the basis of the form and massing of the application, the proposed demolition of the internal staircase and changes to the front entrance façade to the building.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (27) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Blackman, Boulton, Carle, Cooney, Crockett, Dickson, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Kiddie, Laing, Lawrence, McCaig, Malik, May, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Taylor and Young.

For the amendment (15) - Councillors Cameron, Corall, Cormie, Delaney, Forsyth, Greig, Jaffrey, MacGregor, Malone, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart, Thomson, Townson and Yuill.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

ANNUAL REPORT AND ANNUAL AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2012/13

9. With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee of 20 November 2013, the Council had before it (1) the annual report by

Audit Scotland, the Council's external auditor, on the 2012/13 audit; and (2) the audited annual accounts for Aberdeen City Council, for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013.

Councillor McCaig moved, seconded by Councillor Crockett:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the audited accounts for the period 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013;
- (2) note the annual report on the 2012/13 audit; and
- (3) thank the relevant officers and the external auditor for their work.

Councillor Yuill moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Delaney:-

That the Council -

- (1) welcome Audit Scotland's annual report on the 2012/13 audit of Aberdeen City Council;
- (2) instruct officers to report back within two cycles on the implementation of the action plan contained in appendix B of the annual report on the 2012/13 audit; and
- (3) note Audit Scotland's observations relating to the conduct of Council meetings and refer this to the Group Leaders and Chief Executive for discussion, and instruct the Chief Executive to report back within two cycles on the outcome of those discussions.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (38) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Blackman, Boulton, Cameron, Carle, Cooney, Corall, Cormie, Crockett, Dickson, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Forsyth, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Laing, Lawrence, MacGregor, McCaig, Malik, May, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart, Taylor, Thomson, Townson and Young.

For the amendment (4) - Councillors Delaney, Greig, Malone and Yuill.

The Council resolved:-

to adopt the motion.

INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND - OCE/13/037

10. With reference to Article 21 of the minute of its meeting of 31 October 2013, the Council had before it a report by the Chief Executive which provided an update on the invitation issued to the Secretary of State for Scotland to meet with the Leader of the Council.

The report recommended:-

that the Council note the content of the report.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendation; and
- (ii) to note that the Leader of the Council had met with the Secretary of State for Scotland the previous day and that it had been a successful meeting.

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES - OCE/12/035

11. With reference to Article 11 of the minute of its meeting of 31 October 2013, the Council had before it a report by the Chief Executive which sought final approval of the list of polling districts and polling places following public consultation.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) agree that no changes to polling districts be made; and
- (b) approve the list of polling places appended to the report.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the recommendations subject to power being delegated to the Head of Service, Office of Chief Executive, in consultation with Group Leaders, to replace Middleton Park Primary School with the Jesmond Centre as a polling place on a permanent basis providing the financial implications of doing so were minimal.

HMP GRAMPIAN VISITING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - CG/13/136

12. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which advised of the establishment of HMP Grampian and the requirement for appointments to be made to the Visiting Committee for the new establishment.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) consider the proposal from the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) for the appointment of members to HMP Grampian Visiting Committee detailed in section 6.2.6 of the report and the letter appended to the report; and
- (b) accept the proposal from SPS and appoint the following six existing members (three elected members and three lay members) to serve on HMP Grampian Prison Visiting Committee:
 - Councillor Allan
 - Councillor Donnelly
 - Councillor Forsyth
 - Rae Ingham (lay member)
 - Eileen Lawson (lay member)
 - Bill Stark (lay member)

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations; and
- (ii) to write to the Council's lay members of the disbanded Visiting Committees for Aberdeen and Peterhead Prisons thanking them for their service.

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM (PRISON VISITING COMMITTEES) (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2014 - CG/13/135

13. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which advised of the Scottish Government consultation on the draft Public Services Reform (Prison Visiting Committees) (Scotland) Order 2014 and presented a proposed response to the consultation for consideration.

The report recommended:-

that the Council instruct officers to submit the proposed response to the Scottish Government by the deadline of 31 January 2014.

Councillor Crockett moved, seconded by Councillor Forsyth:-

That the Council approve the recommendation contained within the report.

Councillor Greig moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Delaney:-

That the Council agree the proposed response with the addition of the following points:-

- The role of paid and lay members needs further clarification
- The suggested relation of paid visitors directing the activities of lay members would be unacceptable
- Lay visiting has to be an independent function and should operate independently of HMIP
- Inspection and monitoring have to be clearly disconnected in order to protect prison staff and prisoners
- Lay members have to be able to make unannounced visits and need a clear mechanism with dedicated administrative support to report back on the findings of visits
- Requests clarity on how support would be provided under the new legislation for managing the business of the visitors: including training requirements, the appointments process and other administrative issues
- Lay visitors should be allocated to specific prisons so that they can develop knowledge and familiarity in the execution of their monitoring duties
- Local Visiting Committees should be retained

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (38) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Blackman, Boulton, Cameron, Carle, Cooney, Corall, Cormie, Crockett, Dickson, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Forsyth, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Laing, Lawrence, MacGregor, McCaig, Malik, May, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart, Taylor, Thomson, Townson and Young.

For the amendment (4) - Councillors Delaney, Greig, Malone and Yuill.

The Council resolved:-

to adopt the motion.

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT - CG/13/131

14. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which presented the annual performance outturn for the Corporate Business Plan scorecard.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) note the content of the report, the values for the performance indicators contained within the scorecard and the commentary detailing progress towards achievement of the strategic priorities and corporate outcomes; and

- (b) instruct any further action considered appropriate.

The Council resolved:-

to approve recommendation (a) as outlined above.

REORGANISATION OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL CHARITABLE TRUSTS - CG/13/130

15. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which presented further proposals for the reorganisation of the charitable trusts managed by the Council.

The report recommended:-

that the Council approve the proposed second tranche of the reorganisation of the charitable trusts as outlined in the report and at appendix A to the report.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the recommendation.

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL CHARITABLE TRUSTS - ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13 - CG/13/132

16. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which sought approval of the annual report and accounts for the charitable trusts administered by the Council.

The report recommended:-

that the Council approve the following information for submission to the Office of Scottish Charities Register:-

- (a) Trustees' report and accounts in respect of the Lands of Torry as detailed in appendix A to the report;
- (b) Trustees' report and accounts in respect of the Lands of Skene as detailed in appendix B to the report;
- (c) Trustees' report and accounts in respect of the Education Endowment Investment Trust as detailed in appendix C to the report; and
- (d) Trustees' report and accounts in respect of those trusts with income under £100,000 per annum, not included in (a) to (c) above, as detailed in appendix D to the report.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the recommendation.

PENSIONS PANEL MEMBERSHIP

17. With reference to Article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Pensions Panel of 25 November 2013, the Council had before it a recommendation by the Pensions Panel that its membership be increased from four to five elected members.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the recommendation, and that the additional member be Councillor Donnelly.

CAMPING IN DESIGNATED AREAS - CG/13/134

18. With reference to Article 18 of the minute of its meeting of 31 October 2013, the Council had before it a report by the Director of Corporate Governance which provided an update on progress on the consultation with the Scottish Government on the potential byelaw regarding camping in designated areas, and sought approval of a timeline.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) note the report; and
- (b) approve the indicative timeline.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the recommendations.

STREET BEGGING - H&E/13/090

19. With reference to Article 19 of the minute of its meeting of 31 October 2013, the Council had before it a joint report by the Director of Housing and Environment and the Director of Corporate Governance which presented a proposed byelaw for consideration to prohibit street begging in Aberdeen city centre.

The report recommended:-

that the Council decide whether to approve a begging byelaw and the area to which it would apply as set out in appendix A to the report, and instruct officers to complete the statutory process for seeking confirmation of such a byelaw from the Scottish Government.

Councillor Crockett moved, seconded by Councillor Boulton:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the wording of the byelaw as set out in the appendix to the report;
- (2) approve the designated area as set out in the appendix to the report;
- (3) instruct officers to take all necessary steps to complete the statutory process to seek confirmation of the byelaw from the Scottish Government.

Councillor Greig moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Delaney:-

That the Council -

- (1) write to the Scottish Government to ask for detailed legal reasons for the Justice Minister's stance;
- (2) recognise that joint work had been effective in tackling problems associated with beggars from the UK and from overseas;
- (3) continue to develop evidence-based partnership strategies on homelessness, rooflessness and substance abuse to identify and assess reasons for street begging;
- (4) support and encourage continued ongoing partnership work between Council, Police, Fire Service, NHS, third sector and other organisations; and
- (5) instruct officers to produce a report on whether the begging legislation in England and Wales had been effective with an explanation of any problems

or issues that the Police had encountered with enforcement of the legislation.

Councillor Townson moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor McCaig:-
That the Council agree not to implement the street begging byelaw.

There being a motion and two amendments, in terms of Standing Order 12(9) the Council first divided between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Townson.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (23) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Carle, Cooney, Crockett, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Forsyth, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Laing, Lawrence, Malik, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Taylor, Thomson and Young.

For the amendment by Councillor Townson (18) - Councillors Blackman, Cameron, Corall, Cormie, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Greig, Jaffrey, Kiddie, MacGregor, McCaig, Malone, May, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart, Townson and Yuill.

Declined to vote (1) - Councillor Delaney.

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

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (23) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Carle, Cooney, Crockett, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Forsyth, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Laing, Lawrence, Malik, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Taylor, Thomson and Young.

For the amendment by Councillor Greig (4) - Councillors Delaney, Greig, Malone and Yuill.

Declined to vote (15) - Councillors Blackman, Cameron, Corall, Cormie, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Jaffrey, Kiddie, MacGregor, McCaig, May, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart and Townson.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

DRAFT HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) BUDGET AND HOUSING CAPITAL BUDGET 2014/15 TO 2018/19 - CG/13/117

20. With reference to Article 15 of the minute of meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee of 5 December 2013, the Council had before it a joint report by the Director of Corporate Governance and the Director of Housing and Environment which provided members with information to allow the setting of the rent level for the financial year 2014/15 as well as the provisional rent levels for the financial years 2015/16 to 2018/19, explaining that this would allow a capital programme for 2014/15 to be set as well as a provisional programme for 2015/16 to 2018/19.

The report recommended:-

that the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee consider the draft HRA Budget and refer it to Council on 18 December 2013 to:-

- (a) approve the budget as attached as appendix 1 to the report;
- (b) approve the weekly unrebated rents for municipal houses, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, to take effect from Monday 7 April 2014;
- (c) approve the level of revenue contribution to the Housing Capital budget for 2014/15 as well as a provisional contribution for the subsequent four financial years as detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
- (d) continue to increase the level of working balances to 10% to meet future contingencies;
- (e) agree the continuation of the practice that all capital receipts, from the disposal of Council houses under the right to buy, continue to be used to repay debt for 2014/15 and future years;
- (f) approve the level of miscellaneous rents and service charges, including Heat with Rent as detailed in appendix 1 to the report;
- (g) set a capital programme for the financial year 2014/15 based on the rent strategy adopted as well as the indicative level of programme for the financial years 2015/16 to 2018/19;
- (h) in order for work to commence on the capital programme, approve as estimated expenditure in terms of Standing Order 1(3) (of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Procurement) the sums shown against each heading of the Housing Capital budget set out in appendix 1 to the report; and
- (i) authorise the Director of Housing and Environment to undertake or instruct appropriate procedures to procure the work referred to in appendix 1 for the capital programme and award contracts thereto.

The Finance, Policy and Resources Committee had referred the report simpliciter to Council.

Councillor Cooney moved, seconded by Councillor Thomson:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the budget as amended by the following proposals;
- (2) set the weekly unrebated rents to increase by 3.5% from Monday 7 April 2014;
- (3) approve the capital expenditure funded by current revenue contribution of £21,924,000; and
- (4) approve recommendations (d) to (i) as contained within the report.

Housing Revenue Account				
Draft 2014/15 Budget				
		Budget	Out-turn	Budget
		2013/14	2013/14	2014/15
				3.5%
		£000's	£000's	£000's
	Premises Costs			
1	Rates	3	19	19
2	Rent – Other	138	138	141
3	Repairs and Maintenance	22,042	22,042	22,407
4	Maintenance of Grounds	3,045	3,045	3,075
5	Gas	674	674	1,014
6	Electricity	2,420	2,420	2,512
7	Cleaning Service	542	500	495

8	Security Service	372	300	376
9	Window Cleaning	19	10	24
10	Refuse Collection	325	325	328
11	Cleaning – Sheltered Housing	453	504	499
12	Premises Insurance	57	57	57
13	Other Property Costs - Council Tax	122	201	201
		30,212	30,235	31,148
	Administration Costs			
14	Downsizing Grants/Direct Debit Incentives	52	20	52
15	Legal Expenses	201	201	201
16	Office Tel / Rent	88	88	88
17	Former Tenants Arrears	1,379	1,800	2,000
18	Charges - Services Admin & Management.	8,582	8,096	8,657
19	General Consultancy	55	55	85
20	Training for Front Line Staff	100	100	100
21	Benefits Staff	95	95	141
22	Charges - Tenants Participation	206	206	208
23	Charges for Environmental Health	227	227	227
		10,985	10,888	11,759
	Supplies & Services			
24	Provision of Meals	168	192	194
25	Equipment Purchase	55	0	0
26	Television Licence	5	4	5
27	Integrated Housing System	314	314	295
		542	510	494
	Agencies			
28	Mediation Service	98	98	99
29	Energy Advice	81	81	82
30	Citizens Advice Bureau	14	14	14
31	Disabled Persons Housing Service	38	38	39
		231	231	234

	Housing Revenue Account	Budget	Out-turn	Budget
	Draft 2014/15 Budget	2013/14	2013/14	2014/15
		£'000	£'000	£'000
				3.5%
	Transfer Payments			
32	Aberdeen Families Project	414	414	418
33	Loss of Rent - Council Houses	722	1,157	900
34	Loss of Rent - Garages, Parking etc.	211	271	218
35	Loss of Rent - Modernisation Works	50	50	100
36	Supporting People Contribution	406	406	406
37	CFCR	22,034	22,175	21,924
		23,837	24,473	23,966
	Capital Financing Costs			
38	Loans Fund Instalment	3,903	4,580	5,228
39	Loans Fund Interest	9,559	8,658	9,026
40	Heating Leasing Payment	131	100	0
		13,593	13,338	14,254

	Expense Total	79,400	79,675	81,855
	Income			
41	Government Grant - General	(234)	(234)	0
42	Ground Rentals	(27)	(27)	(27)
43	Dwelling Houses Rent Income	(76,220)	(76,584)	(79,017)
44	Housing - Heat with Rent Income	(1,649)	(1,649)	(1,649)
45	Housing - Garages Rent Income	(1,179)	(1,136)	(1,136)
46	Housing - Parking Spaces Rent	(192)	(180)	(180)
47	Housing - Insurance Income	(2)	(2)	(2)
48	Housing - Other Service Charge	(489)	(500)	(489)
49	Legal Expenses	(260)	(225)	(225)
50	Revenue Balance Interest	(148)	(138)	(130)
	Income Total	(80,400)	(80,675)	(82,855)
	Net Expenditure	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)

Draft Housing Capital Budget 2014/15 to 2018/19

Project	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
SCOTTISH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS					
1 Compliant with the tolerable standard					
1.1 Major Repairs-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Roofs Renewal/Gutters/RWP/Roughcast					
Undertaking large scale repairs to Roofs/Gutters/RWP/Roughcast					
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
2 Free from Serious Disrepair					
2.1 Primary Building Elements					
Structural Repairs Multi Storey	7,380	8,400	3,416	1,859	2,000
Multi Storey blocks are surveyed on a 5-7 year cycle to identify any works required to the structure of the buildings in order to keep the buildings safe and prolong their life.					
Structural Repairs General Housing	3,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Structural works carried out in order to keep the building stable and structurally sound.					
Secondary Building Elements					
2.2 Upgrading Of Flat Roofs General	350	350	300	300	250
Replacement of existing roof covering and upgrading of insulation to meet current building regulations.					
2.3 Upgrade Flat Roofs Multi Storey	684	718	1,572	1,319	1,385
Full replacement of the flat roofs and also checking the replacement of roof ventilation as required					
2.5 Mono Pitched Types	526	839	881	925	979
Replacement of the external render of the building, replacement of gutters and downpipes, environmental works					
2.6 Window Replace General	1,251	480	2,638	2,720	1,249
A rolling programme of double glazing where previously single glazing, or replacing existing double glazing to meet current standards. This is based on a cyclical programme.					
2.7 Window Replace Multi Storey	0	0	0	0	0
A rolling programme to replace existing double glazing to meet current standards. This is based on a cyclical programme.					
2.8 Balcony Storm Doors	60	0	0	0	0

Replacement of existing doors with more secure, solid doors					
2.9 Balcony Glass Renewal - Multi Storey	160	0	0	0	0
Replacement of existing balcony glazing on a cyclical basis					
	13,411	12,787	10,307	8,623	7,363

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000

3 Energy Efficient

Effective insulation

3.1 Energy Efficiency – General Houses	100	100	100	100	100
3.2 General Houses Loft Insulation					
Installation of loft insulation where there is none previously or the topping up of existing insulation to comply with current building regulations.	165	196	185	231	185

Efficient Heating

3.3 Heating Systems Replacement	5,314	5,442	6,088	6,138	6,677
Replacement of boiler/whole system as deemed necessary.					
3.4 Medical Need Heating	0	0	0	0	0
Installation of gas/electric heating depending on the medical assessment.					
This can be installing a completely new system, modifying or extending an existing system.					
3.5 Energy Efficiency Major Blocks	4,400	3,750	3,938	4,134	4,341
Contribution to Aberdeen Heat & Power for the creation of Combined Heat & Power Plants					
3.6 Energy Efficiency Sheltered	350	250	250	200	200
Introduction of energy efficiency measures in extra care housing such as new or upgraded heating systems.					

Additional Energy Efficiency measures

3.7 S.C.A.R.F	35	35	35	35	35
Payment to SCARF for work carried out by them under the Energy Efficiency programme to individual properties. The work carried out includes the installation of loft insulation, draught proofing and compact fluorescent bulbs. Also providing tenants with energy efficiency advice and information.					
3.8 Solid Wall Insulation	150	150	150	150	150
3.9 Vestibule Doors	0	0	0	0	0

	10,514	9,923	10,746	10,988	11,688
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4 Modern Facilities & Services

Bathroom and Kitchen Condition

4.1 Modernisation Programme	9,728	2,006	1,120	1,691	838
Replacement of bathrooms and kitchens.					
	9,728	2,006	1,120	1,691	838

5 Healthy, Safe & Secure

Healthy

5.1 Condensation Measures	75	79	83	87	91
Installation of heating systems and ventilation measures to combat condensation.					

Safe

5.3 Rewiring	1,548	2,906	2,284	1,674	1,906
Replacement of cabling, fittings and distribution boards as necessary. This work is carried out in every property on a cyclical basis					
5.4 Lift Replacement Multi Storey/Major Blocks	600	724	761	799	839
Replacement of lifts where they are beyond economical repair. This can be full replacement or replacement of specific parts of the lift.					
5.5 Smoke Detectors – Common Areas Major Blocks	54	170	159	125	131

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000

Healthy, Safe & Secure (continued)

5.6 Services	50	50	50	50	50
Cyclical maintenance/replacement of the following services					
Ventilation Systems, water tanks/pipe work, refuse chutes/chamber, Dry risers systems, Standby Generators					
5.7 Entrance Halls/Concierge	50	50	50	50	50
Provision of security service					
5.8 Laundry Facilities	52	50	50	50	50
Replacement of laundry equipment					
5.9 Upgrading of Lighting	39	14	14	15	16
Installation of lighting controlled by photo cell i.e. switches on and off automatically depending on the level of natural light & installation of lighting in areas where there was none before					
<u>Secure</u>					
5.11 Door Entry Systems	48	42	44	46	49
Installation of door entry and replacement of existing doors where required					
5.12 Replace Door Entry Systems - Major Blocks	48	50	53	56	58
Installation of door entry and replacement of existing doors where required					
5.13 Other Initiatives	366	312	147	135	141
Upgrading of stairs and installation of security doors and door entry systems					
	2,930	4,447	3,695	3,087	3,381

NON SCOTTISH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARDS**6 Community Plan & Single Outcome Agreement**

6.1 Housing For Varying Needs	100	0	0	0	0
New build including extra care housing.					
6.2 Community Initiatives	400	400	300	250	250
Refurbishment of properties or environmental improvements in designated areas.					
6.5 Regeneration/Acquisition of Land or Houses	120	0	0	0	0
Early Action projects linked to Regeneration and Master planning Briefs for Regeneration.					
Acquisition of Land/Houses for the new build programme.					
6.6 CCTV – Multi Storey	310	147	154	162	170
Provision of CCTV for the Multi Storey Service					
6.7 Adaptations Disabled	1,250	1,250	1,000	1,000	1,000
Installation of level access showers, ramps, stair lifts and kitchen adaptations					
6.8 Special Initiatives/Barrier Free Housing	150	150	150	150	150
Provision of specialist facilities or housing for tenants with particular needs i.e. extensions					
6.9 Housing For Varying Needs- Amenity/Adaptations	300	75	75	75	75
Conversion of properties to Amenity Level standard					
6.10 Housing For Varying Needs- Extra Care/Adaptations	430	75	75	75	75
Adaptations required to ensure existing sheltered housing stock meets current standards					
6.11 Roads	100	100	100	100	100
Upgrade of Roads to an adoptable standard					
6.12 Paths	100	100	100	100	100
Formation or upgrading of paths					
6.13 Garages	0	0	0	0	0
Upgrade of Garages					
6.14 New Affordable Housing	500	40	0	0	0
	3,760	2,337	1,954	1,912	1,920

2014/15 2015/16 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19
£000 £000 £000 £000 £000

7 Service Development

7.1 Conditions Surveys	50	25	25	25	25
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Surveying of Council houses to identify failures against Scottish Housing Quality Standard					
7.2 Property Database	50	50	50	50	50
Various items of IT equipment including hardware and software					
7.3 Integrated Housing System	75	75	75	50	50
Various purchase of PCs and software packages					
	<u>175</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>125</u>
9 Service Expenditure					
Corporate Fees	5,405	4,424	3,961	3,756	3,599
	<u>5,405</u>	<u>4,424</u>	<u>3,961</u>	<u>3,756</u>	<u>3,599</u>
Gross Programme	46,923	37,074	32,933	31,182	29,914
Less Slippage	(5,161)	(4,078)	(3,623)	(3,430)	(3,291)
Net Programme	41,762	32,996	29,310	27,752	26,623
Financed by :-					
Borrowing	19,303	10,863	6,313	3,252	0
CFCR	22,459	22,133	22,997	24,500	26,623
Total Funding	<u>41,762</u>	<u>32,996</u>	<u>29,310</u>	<u>27,752</u>	<u>26,623</u>

Councillor Delaney moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Greig:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the budget as attached in appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) agree to increase the weekly unrebated rents for municipal houses by 3.5%, to take effect from Monday 7 April 2014, noting that a rent increase of this level was compatible with the long term sustainability of the housing business plan;
- (3) approve a revenue contribution to the Housing Capital budget for 2014/15 of £21.924million, as well as a provisional contribution for the subsequent four financial years, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report;
- (4) agree to continue to increase the level of working balances to 10% to meet future contingencies;
- (5) agree to the continuation of the practice that all capital receipts, from the disposal of Council houses under right to buy, continue to be used to repay debt for 2014/15 and future years;
- (6) approve the level of miscellaneous rents and service charges, excluding Heat with Rent, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report;
- (7) instruct officers to report back to the Council Budget meeting on 6 February 2014 with recommendations on how the very substantial proposed increases in Heat with Rent might be mitigated;
- (8) agree a capital programme for the financial year 2014/15 of £41.762million based on the rent strategy adopted as well as the indicative level of programme for the financial years 2015/16 to 2018/19;
- (9) in order for work to commence on the capital programme, approve as estimated expenditure in terms of Standing Order 1(3) (of the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Procurement) the sums shown against each heading of the Housing Capital budget set out in appendix 1 to the report; and

- (10) authorise the Director of Housing and Environment to undertake or instruct appropriate procedures to procure the works referred to in appendix 1 for the capital programme and award contracts relating thereto.

Councillor Jackie Dunbar advised that she had also prepared an amendment, however it was the same as the motion and therefore she was withdrawing it.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (38) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Blackman, Boulton, Cameron, Carle, Cooney, Corall, Cormie, Crockett, Dickson, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Forsyth, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Laing, Lawrence, MacGregor, McCaig, Malik, May, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart, Taylor, Thomson, Townson and Young.

For the amendment (4) - Councillors Delaney, Greig, Malone and Yuill.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

SCHOOL SERVER REFRESH AND RATIONALISATION - ECS/13/071

21. With reference to Article 5 of the minute of meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee of 5 December 2013, the Council had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which sought approval to refresh and rationalise the ICT server estate of the Council's educational establishments by means of the development and implementation of a virtualised server infrastructure.

The report had been referred to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee by the Education, Culture and Sport Committee for approval to spend capital and revenue from existing budgets as described in the report, however the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee had deferred the matter to the meeting this day to enable trade unions to provide comments - members had since been advised that the trade unions had no issues with the proposals contained within the report.

The Council resolved:-
to grant approval to spend capital and revenue from existing budgets as described in the report.

MATTER OF URGENCY

The Lord Provost intimated that he had directed in terms of Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency to enable the Council to consider the matter without delay.

SISTEMA SCOTLAND AND ABERDEEN - OCE/13/043

22. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Executive which advised of progress regarding the Sistema initiative in Aberdeen and sought agreement to enter into a long term partnership with Sistema Scotland and commitment to secure funding.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) enter into a long term partnership with Sistema Scotland;
- (b) invest up to 75% of the funding of a "Big Noise" Centre in Torry for a minimum period of six years, in line with the overall budget outline therein;
- (c) support Sistema Scotland to identify and secure the remaining 25% of the required funding from local and national sources;
- (d) work together with Sistema Scotland to develop, deliver and manage the "Big Noise" centre in the Torry Associated School Group, with appropriate governance and operational arrangements, roles and responsibilities to be agreed;
- (e) in terms of the framework in (d) above, facilitate the development through appropriate staff support, use of property and spaces, and in giving access to pre-school and primary school pupils during the school day;
- (f) agree that Sistema Scotland's operation would be an integral aspect of the Council's regeneration work in Torry;
- (g) instruct that a subsequent report be brought to Council, which would include the business plan, financial costings, asset and other implications; and thereafter reports be submitted to the Education, Culture and Sport, Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure, Housing and Environment and Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committees, to ensure that the introduction of a "Big Noise" centre in the city, its principles and experiences could be integrated in other aspects of the Council's work; and
- (h) agree that a financial contribution be included within the Council's General Fund budget for 2014/15 as reported to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 5 December 2013.

Councillor Laing moved, seconded by Councillor Thomson:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report and instruct officers to explore the possibility of funds generated by the Lands of Torry being made available towards the costs to be met by the Council for the project.

Councillor Greig moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Malone:-

That before proceeding, the Council agrees to instruct officers to report back to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee with full details of the business plan, financial costings, asset and other implications of the Sistema project and that a range of quantitative and qualitative indicators be provided to measure how the project would benefit the city as a whole. Furthermore, that a separate cost-benefit analysis be undertaken by officers which would identify alternative means of targeting music education with socially transformative impact with this budget through the Instrumental Music Service or other providers.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (38) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Blackman, Boulton, Cameron, Carle, Cooney, Corall, Cormie, Crockett, Dickson, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Forsyth, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Laing, Lawrence, MacGregor, McCaig, Malik, May, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart, Taylor, Thomson, Townson and Young.

For the amendment (4) - Councillors Delaney, Greig, Malone and Yuill.

The Council resolved:-

(i) to adopt the motion; and
to request officers to notify members of the number of pupils in the Torry Associated School Group who would be involved in the initiative.

MATTER OF URGENCY

The Lord Provost intimated that he had directed in terms of Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the following item be considered as a matter of urgency at the request of the City Centre Regeneration Board.

CITY CENTRE REGENERATION BOARD - OCE/13/042

23. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Executive which sought decisions on a number of matters arising from the inaugural meeting of the City Centre Regeneration Board on 2 December 2013.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) agree that the up to £75,000 cost of the proposed masterplan for the city centre be underwritten from the financing set aside for the City Centre Infrastructure Fund;
- (b) seek funding contributions towards the costs from partners including Scottish Enterprise, the Robert Gordon University, the University of Aberdeen and from the private sector in the city;
- (c) request officers to discuss development options for the Denburn Valley with Network Rail within the context of a masterplan for the city and that discussions should be undertaken with relevant organisations and companies on the potential for a light transport system for the city; and
- (d) request officers to confirm to the Wood Family Trust that as a masterplan was to be developed for the city centre as part of the delivery of the Strategic Infrastructure Plan, it was not currently possible for the Council to provide the Trust with the clear indication it sought in relation to the design criteria stipulated as part of its proposed funding offer towards the costs of a city centre project.

Councillor Boulton moved, seconded by Councillor Crockett:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report subject to "request" being replaced with "instruct" within (c) and (d); affirm its desire to deliver a transformational regeneration of the city centre with proposals to be developed through the City Centre Regeneration Board masterplan; and instruct officers to continue discussions with potential external funders, including the Wood Family Trust, as this process developed.

Councillor Yuill moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Delaney:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the recommendations contained within the report subject to "request" being replaced with "instruct" within (c) and (d);
- (2) instruct officers to request that the Wood Family Trust extend the time period in which it would make funds available for a city centre project until the conclusion of the masterplanning process;

- (3) instruct officers to engage with the Wood Family Trust as part of the masterplanning process to determine whether it was possible to develop a city centre project which met the Wood Family Trust's requirements, respected the city's heritage and enjoyed widespread public support; and
- (4) agree that, to ensure the greatest possible level of support from Aberdeen's communities, comprehensive public consultation and engagement would be undertaken as part of the process of developing the city centre masterplan.

The Council was advised by the Chief Executive that there had been continuous dialogue with Sir Ian Wood regarding the City Centre Regeneration Board meeting and the report submitted to the meeting this day, however Sir Ian had written to the Council on 13 December 2013 emphasising that he could not keep his offer open beyond the end of the year.

In light of the update from the Chief Executive, Councillor Yuill indicated that he wished to delete parts (2) and (3) from his amendment and this was accepted.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (37) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Blackman, Boulton, Cameron, Carle, Cooney, Corall, Cormie, Crockett, Dickson, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Forsyth, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Jaffrey, Kiddie, Laing, Lawrence, MacGregor, McCaig, Malik, May, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Samarai, Sandy Stuart, Taylor, Thomson, Townson and Young.

For the amendment (4) - Councillors Delaney, Greig, Malone and Yuill.

Absent from the division (1) - Councillor Noble.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TOWNSON

24. The Council had before it the following notice of motion by Councillor Townson:-

"This Council commends Aberdeen Domestic Abuse Partnership in its work to eliminate violence/abuse towards women in relationships and further deplores the commercial sexual exploitation of women especially for the purpose of prostitution and Council recognises the abhorrence of human trafficking to meet the demand within the 'sex industry'. Council also recognises that both sexes can be victims of abuse and commercial sexual exploitation and whilst acknowledging that much good work is already being done instructs officers to research and establish an appropriate education programme to be delivered in academies within the city to increase awareness, change attitudes and guard against the dangers of ever increasing access to extreme pornographic material via the internet."

The Council resolved:-
to refer the motion to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GREIG

25. The Council had before it the following notice of motion by Councillor Greig:-

“That this Council agrees that Fire and Police Control Rooms should be retained in Aberdeen.”

The Council resolved:-

to approve the terms of the motion.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GREIG

26. The Council had before it the following notice of motion by Councillor Greig:-

“That this Council writes to the Chief Constable to request the full details of the revenue and capital budgets allocated to Aberdeen City Division in 2013/14 and for further details of the proposed budget for 2014/15. This includes a specific request to ensure that officer and staff numbers in terms of headcount and FTEs are also included in the figures.”

The Council resolved:-

(i) to approve the terms of the motion; and
to write in similar terms to the Chief Fire Officer in relation to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service’s budget allocations to Aberdeen City.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GREIG

27. The Council had before it the following notice of motion by Councillor Greig:-

“That this Council agrees to allocate £20,000 from the Common Good Fund towards work being undertaken by the Council to maintain and upgrade the Queen Mother Rose Garden in Hazlehead.”

The Council resolved:-

that the motion be considered as part of the budget process.

MOTION BY COUNCILLORS CROCKETT, BOULTON AND FORSYTH

28. The Council had before it the following notice of motion by Councillors Crockett, Boulton and Forsyth:-

“Council:-

Notes Scotland’s future will be determined by a public referendum on 18 September 2014.

Notes the Smarter Aberdeen vision adopted by Council, which recognises that Aberdeen is stronger now and will grow even stronger in the future - economically, politically and socially - as a partner within the United Kingdom.

Agrees that the United Kingdom has served Scotland and its people well for over 300 years and that Scotland enjoys the best of both worlds - a parliament making decisions over health and education, plus strength of being part of a wider United Kingdom with real economic clout and the most professional armed forces in the world.

Agrees that the 670 page White Paper issued by the SNP Scottish Government fails to provide the facts and answers promised to the Scottish people and instead produces the usual assertion, assumption and uncoded promises which fail to address the needs, aspirations and central questions of hard working Scottish people.

Agrees that it is disappointing that there are pledges made in the White Paper which the Scottish Government already has the power to implement, such as childcare provision.

Agrees that there is nothing in the White Paper to justify the break up of a country that has been built up over 300 years of shared endeavour and that Aberdeen City Council should actively engage with the local residents it represents to ensure they are fully informed of the potential impact on Council services which many local people depend on before the referendum on 18 September.

Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Scotland inviting him to provide a written response to the Scottish Government's White Paper and thereafter make a copy of the Secretary of State for Scotland's response to the White Paper available to the public."

Councillor Crockett moved, seconded by Councillor Forsyth:-
That the Council approve the terms of the motion.

Councillor McCaig moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Jackie Dunbar:-
Council notes that Scotland's future will be determined by a public referendum on 18 September 2014.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (27) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Carle, Cooney, Crockett, Delaney, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Forsyth, Graham, Grant, Greig, Ironside, Laing, Lawrence, Malik, Malone, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Taylor, Thomson, Young and Yuill.

For the amendment (13) - Councillors Cameron, Corall, Cormie, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Jaffrey, Kiddie, MacGregor, McCaig, May, Samarai, Sandy Stuart and Townson.

Absent from the division (2) - Councillors Blackman and Noble.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM

29. The Council had before it the following notice of motion by Councillor Graham:-
 “This Council is delighted to acknowledge the award of the Purple flag given to Aberdeen City.

This Council further recognises this award would not have been possible without the hard work and co-operation of local police, Unight, Aberdeen Inspired, Aberdeen Street Pastors, Safer Aberdeen and the Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce.

This Council has worked closely with a range of organisations in the public and third sectors, as well as city centre businesses and retailers, to achieve this and this Council would like to pay tribute to everyone who has helped make this a reality. This is an outstanding example of individuals and organisations working together for the greater good of the community.”

The Council resolved:-

to approve the terms of the motion.

In accordance with the decision recorded under Article 2 of this minute, the following items were considered with the press and public excluded.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF SOCIAL WORK COMPLAINTS REVIEW COMMITTEE OF 23 OCTOBER 2013

30. The Council had before it the minute of meeting of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 23 October 2013.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the minute and the recommendations contained therein.

PREMISES AT 132 WELLINGTON ROAD

31. The Council was advised by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure that a meeting of the Glencraft Board had taken place the previous day and that a further meeting would be held in early January with a view to a report being submitted to the next meeting of the Property Sub Committee.

The Council resolved:-

to note the position.

- **GEORGE ADAM, Lord Provost.**