

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2014

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Council and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Council or seek further instructions from Council.

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1	<p><u>General Fund Revenue Budget 2014/15 and Indicative 5 Year Budgets - Joint report by Directors of Corporate Governance and Housing and Environment</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the Revenue Budget for 2014/15 as at appendix 1 to the report, along with the indicative five year budget; (ii) to approve the continuation of a Risk Fund to mitigate against any in year cost pressures; (iii) to approve the Council's Workforce Plan as at appendix 4 to the report; (iv) to freeze the level of Council tax for 2014/15 at the same level as 2013/14; (v) to continue to retain uncommitted revenue reserves in accordance with the Reserves Strategy which presently showed a requirement for £11.3million to be held; (vi) to note the significant cost of living challenges faced by our employees and instruct officers, in consultation with trades unions, to gather evidence on the cost of this and other relevant factors affecting City Council employees and present this evidence 		

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		<p>to a future meeting of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee for consideration;</p> <p>(vii) in the interim, to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary of Finance and Sustainable Growth to request the Scottish Government to consider funding for an Aberdeen Weighting Allowance;</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Chief Executive to write to COSLA before 31 March 2014 to advise that the Council would terminate its membership of the organisation with effect from 1 April 2015 but reserved its right to withdraw such notice at any point during 2014/2015 in view of the impending review of the COSLA Constitution and Standing Orders;</p> <p>(ix) to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth seeking an assurance that as part of the next three year settlement starting in 2015/2016, no local authority would receive less than a minimum of 85% of the Scottish average in terms of revenue support;</p> <p>(x) to instruct all Directors to report back regarding strategic procurement and how a reduction of approximately £1.5million could be achieved in contract pricing; and</p> <p>(xi) to thank the Chief Executive and her staff for their hard work, with particular mention to the Head of Finance and</p>		

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		his team for their valued assistance with the budget process.		
2	<u>Non Housing Capital Programme 2014/15 and Indicative 5 Year Budgets - Report by Director of Corporate Governance</u>	<u>The Council resolved:</u> (i) to approve the capital investment programme of £394million over the five year Business Plan life-cycle, as at appendix 1 to the report, which incorporated the recently approved Strategic Infrastructure Plan; (ii) to approve the new self-financing investment bid for the Tenanted Non-Residential Property Portfolio to be included in the capital programme; (iii) to note the content of the updated Corporate Asset Management Plan, as at appendix 4 to the report; (iv) to approve the Prudential Indicators, as at appendix 5 to the report; and (v) to instruct the Director of Education, Culture and Sport to report back to Council with a proposal to further develop the sports pitch and ancillary services which would provide the North East with a true Olympic style village.		
3	<u>North East Scotland Pension Fund 2014/15 and Indicative 2015/16 - 2018/19 Budget - Report by Director of Corporate Governance</u>	<u>The Council resolved:</u> (i) to note the provision contained within the Council's General Fund budget for 2014/15; (ii) to note the 2015/16 to 2018/19 indicative budget; (iii) to instruct the Head of Finance to recover the actual costs from the North		

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		<p>East Scotland Pension Fund; and (iv) to note the progress on the introduction of service level agreement.</p>								
4	<p><u>Common Good Budget 2014/15 and Indicative 2015/16 - 2018/19 Budgets - Report by Chief Executive</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to approve the Common Good budget for 2014/15 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report;</p> <p>(ii) to approve a grant of £10,000 a year to Aberdeen Performing Arts towards the cost of rental of office space on Shoe Lane;</p> <p>(iii) to approve the following funding allocations as set out below;</p> <p>(iv) to take no action in regard to recommendation (c) of the report;</p> <p>(v) to approve an allocation of £150,000 towards the cost of maintenance and upgrade works at Hazlehead Park with £30,000 of that sum being made available during 2014/15;</p> <p>(vi) to note the decision of Police Scotland to introduce cost recovery arrangements for events policing; and</p> <p>(vii) to note the 2015/16 - 2018/19 indicative Common Good budgets set out in appendix 1 to the report.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="734 1265 1274 1490"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="734 1265 1084 1378">Proposal</th> <th data-bbox="1084 1265 1274 1378">Funding Allocation £</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="734 1378 1084 1453">Commemoration of WW1, Cove play park</td> <td data-bbox="1084 1378 1274 1453">75,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="734 1453 1084 1490">Christmas lights,</td> <td data-bbox="1084 1453 1274 1490">10,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Proposal	Funding Allocation £	Commemoration of WW1, Cove play park	75,000	Christmas lights,	10,000		
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5	<p><u>Urgent Motion by Councillor Greig</u></p> <p>“In the light of announcements since the Council took its decision on control rooms in December, that this Council now agrees to oppose robustly closures of local Police contact centres by calling on the Scottish Government, Police Service of Scotland and Scottish Police Authority to work together to retain the control room and contact centre in Aberdeen. Furthermore that this Council agrees to run a vigorous campaign to keep these vital local services in the area.”</p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:</u> to take no action.</p>		
6	<p><u>Urgent Motion by Councillors Crockett, Young, Boulton and Forsyth</u></p> <p>“That Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Deplores the decisions of the Boards of the Scottish Police Authority and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to close the area control rooms and service centre function in Aberdeen; 2) Notes with disappointment the dismissive attitudes of the two SNP Scottish Government Ministers who 	<p><u>The Council resolved:</u> to approve the terms of the motion.</p>		

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	<p>failed to help Aberdeen fight its case in its hour of need;</p> <p>3) Agrees that Aberdeen is the SNP's forgotten city;</p> <p>4) Calls upon the Scottish Ministers to direct in terms of section 5 of the Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 that these decisions be revoked and a formal programme of public consultation undertaken; and</p> <p>5) Instructs officers to examine the feasibility and likely success of the Council seeking a judicial review of these decisions, with like-minded Councils and other organisations being invited to participate."</p>			

If you require any further information about this decision sheet, please contact Martyn Orchard, tel. (52)3097 or email morchard@aberdeencity.gov.uk