



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,  
ABERDEEN Wednesday, 23 June 2010

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 30 JUNE 2010 at 10.30 am.**

JANE G. MACEACHRAN  
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

### **BUSINESS**

- 1 Members are requested to resolve that any exempt business on this agenda be considered with the press and public excluded
- 2 Admission of Burgesses
- 3 Requests for Deputations

### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL**

- 4(a) Minute of Special Meeting of Council of 19th May 2010 - for approval (circulated separately)
- 4(b) Minute of Meeting of Council of 19th May 2010 - for approval (circulated separately)

### **MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- 5(a) Pamphlet of Minutes for 13th April to 2nd June 2010 - for information (circulated separately)

### **BUSINESS STATEMENT AND OTHER MINUTES**

- 6(a) Business Statement (Pages 1 - 6)
- 6(b) Minute of Meeting of Guildry and Mortification Funds Sub Committee of 14th June 2010 - for approval (Pages 7 - 10)

### **REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES**

**Objection letters relating to items 7(a) and 7(b) have been placed in the Members' Library.**

- 7(a) Development Management Sub Committee of 13th May 2010 - Oakbank School Site, Mid Stocket Road, Aberdeen - Office Business Park, Supporting Uses and Residential (Pages 11 - 76)
- 7(b) Development Management Sub Committee of 13th May 2010 - Oakbank School Site, Mid Stocket Road, Aberdeen - Demolition of School Lodge House (Pages 77 - 90)
- 7(c) Finance and Resources Committee of 17th June 2010 - Employment Costs - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 91 - 102)

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 8(a) Leadership Board Update - Oral Report by Chief Executive
- 8(b) Council Diary 2011 - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 103 - 116)
- 8(c) Scheme of Delegated Powers - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 117 - 190)
- 8(d) Amendment to Standing Orders relating to Contracts and Procurement - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 191 - 234)
- 8(e) The City Garden Project - Next Steps - Report by Chief Executive and Corporate Management Team (Pages 235 - 250)

- 8(f) Homelessness Service Provision - Report by Director of Housing and Environment  
(Pages 251 - 268)
- 8(g) Unconventional Oil and Gas Conference in Aberdeen - Report by Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure (Pages 269 - 274)
- 8(h) Draft Financial Statements 2009/10 (Pages 275 - 292)
- (i) Report by Head of Finance
  - (ii) Draft Financial Statements (to be circulated under separate cover)

### **QUESTIONS**

**For the avoidance of any doubt, one supplementary question, limited to clarifying any answer given, may be asked by the original questioner and one further supplementary question may be asked by one other member.**

- 9(a) Councillor McDonald (Pages 293 - 294)

To ask the Convenor of Audit and Risk what he sees as the key risks for the Council in meeting its statutory duty with regard to temporary accommodation for homeless people.

- 9(b) Councillor Farquharson (Pages 295 - 296)

To ask the Chief Executive at what stage in the Aberdeen Local Development Plan implementation process will a detailed risk analysis be carried out into the proposed Plan and will members be fully apprised of any potential financial concerns arising from negative infrastructure issues emanating from the Plan's implementation.

- 9(c) Councillor Young (Pages 297 - 300)

- (1) To ask the Convener for Finance and Resources to provide Council with details of the monetary cost associated with Court action for evicting travellers from unauthorised encampments and to provide Council with the monetary costs associated with cleaning up sites including costs associated with repairing sites after Travellers have left or been evicted for the following years 2008, 2009 and 2010 so far.
- (2) To ask the Convener for Finance and Resources to provide Council with the monetary value which has been recovered following legal action from travellers who have been evicted from unauthorised encampments including any amount recovered for cleaning up sites after travellers have left or been evicted for the following years 2008, 2009 and 2010 so far.
- (3) To ask the Chief Executive to provide Council with details of all Elected Members if any who have been or currently are members of the Pension Panel since 2007 who have participated in Foreign travel (outside of the UK) by means of conference attendance or for any other purpose associated with Pension Panel business.
- (4) To ask the Chief Executive to provide Council with the detailed costs including cost of travel costs relating to all other benefits including those received in kind by Elected Members if any whether or not Council paid for these. Details of who paid for any benefits in kind if any including all hotel costs and costs associated with conference or any other purpose of all Elected Members if any who have been or currently are members of the Pension Panel since 2007 who have participated in Foreign travel (outside of the UK) by means of conference attendance or for any other purpose associated with Pension Panel business.
- (5) To ask the Chief Executive to provide Council with a detailed account of all Elected Members if any excluding the Lord Provost who went to the Offshore Technology Conference in Houston USA in May 2010 and to further ask the Chief Executive to provide Council with the Elected Members if any, costs associated with travel and accommodation breaking this down by Elected Member if any, if the Council paid or contributed for any travel and/or accommodation.

9(d) Councillor Ironside (Pages 301 - 302)

- (1) To ask the Convener for Finance and Resources why has the Council reneged on its promise to the users of Summerhill Community Centre, that new replacement facilities for the community would be in place before the building was sold?
- (2) To ask the Convener for Finance and Resources what is to happen to all the groups who use the Summerhill Community Centre now the building is up for sale and when will the community users be told where their facilities will be?
- (3) To ask the Convener for Finance and Resources does this Council not respect the views of the local Community Council, the decisions of the full Council to protect these facilities, and the Council taxpayers and residents of Summerhill, Mastrick and Sheddocksley?

### **MOTIONS**

#### 10(a) Councillor McCaig

“Council recognises the benefits that can be gained from small scale investment in local areas and agrees to investigate the establishment of a city wide ‘community fund’ from which community groups, including community councils, can bid for money from to fund specific projects in their local area. Requests that officers report back on potential funding levels and streams with consideration given to this proposal as an alternative to ward budgets.”

#### 10(b) Councillor Young

“This Council believes that knife crime takes an unacceptable toll on communities across Scotland, including Aberdeen; notes that crimes of handling an offensive weapon across Scotland increased by three per cent between 2007/08 and 2008/09; notes that murders involving knives reached a new high last year, accounting for a record 58 per cent of all murders across Scotland in 2008/09; notes recent estimates that knife crime in Scotland costs the NHS some £500 million every year; notes that the number of beds in NHS Grampian occupied as a result of knife attacks more than doubled last year from 70 in 2006/07 to 149 in 2008/09; notes with that 70 per cent of those convicted of handling an offensive weapon criminals currently do not receive custodial sentence; believe the introduction of a mandatory minimum custodial sentence for handling an offensive weapon would send a clear message that it is never acceptable to carry a knife; supports efforts to introduce such mandatory sentences by Scottish Labour through an amendment to the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill currently being considered by the Scottish Parliament.”

#### 10(c) Councillor Cooney

“That this Council recognises the need to respond to the unacceptable situation facing Aberdeen’s citizens in terms of unauthorised Travellers sites. Instructs officers to contact other Local Authorities to seek ideas for better management asks for a report on the measures needed to secure areas subjected to regular unauthorised encampments and asks Council to issue a statement guaranteeing that all of Aberdeen’s citizens have equal rights with travellers of whatever ethnic group.”

**BUSINESS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN PRIVATE**

11(a) There are no items under this heading

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