



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 10 August 2010

COUNCIL MEETING

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 18 AUGUST 2010 at 10.30am.**

JANE G. MACEACHRAN
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

B U S I N E S S

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

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

- 3(a) Minute of Meeting of Council of 30th June 2010 - for approval (circulated separately)

MINUTES OF STANDING COMMITTEES

- 4(a) Pamphlet of Minutes for 28th April to 22nd July 2010 - for information (circulated separately)

BUSINESS STATEMENT AND OTHER MINUTES

- 5(a) Business Statement (Pages 1 - 6)
- 5(b) Minute of Meeting of Appointment Panel of 28th June 2010 - for approval (Pages 7 - 8)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 6 There are no items under this heading

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7(a) Leadership Board Update - Oral Report by Chief Executive
- 7(b) Employment Costs - Report by Director of Corporate Governance (Pages 9 - 20)
- 7(c) Aberdeen Local Development Plan - Proposed Plan, Supplementary Guidance and Action Programme - Report by Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure (Pages 21 - 594)
- 7(d) National Housing Trust Initiative - Report by Director of Housing and Environment (Pages 595 - 602)
- 7(e) Mayors for Peace Correspondence (Pages 603 - 616)
- 7(f) Correspondence from Councillor Wisely (Pages 617 - 618)

QUESTIONS

For the avoidance of 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.

8(a) Councillor Young (Pages 619 - 622)

- (1) To ask the Convener for Finance and Resources if he is aware of the regulations regarding Allowances and Expenses for Councillors and if so does he recognise the words of an anonymous Administration Councillor who said in the Press and Journal on 2nd July 2010 “he had been given an envelope of cash for a trip abroad and there were no instructions about how to hand any change back” regardless of his awareness of the regulations can he confirm or otherwise if giving an envelope to a Councillor full of cash meets the requirements of any Act or Regulation laid down by statute and will he refer the matter to the Audit and Risk Committee for scrutiny for them to investigate this and other matters relating to Councillors receiving cash in envelopes?
- (2) To ask the Convener for Finance and Resources what instructions if any has been given by him, his predecessor or by Council officers in relation to ensuring that cash given to Councillors to spend on trips abroad or within the UK given in an envelope or otherwise but unused is returned to the Council?
- (3) To ask the Convener for Finance and Resources to provide Council with a detailed breakdown of all monies given to Councillors for trips abroad or within the UK and the amount returned by Councillors from these trips either within or without the envelope given to them at the start of the trip from May 2007 to present.
- (4) To ask the Chief Executive if she can confirm or otherwise if this Council fully conforms to the regulations laid down by Scottish Ministers in relation to the reimbursement of expenditure incurred on approved duties by Councillors?
- (5) To ask the Chief Executive to confirm or otherwise if Councillor Fletcher’s claim published in the Press and Journal’s letter page on Wednesday 24th June 2010 and the Evening Express letter page on the same day which states and I quote “I will finally admit that I, too, have waived a significant amount of salary, over £33,000, and not submitted one claim form for councillor expenses, since 2007” is either incredulous or incredible given the fact that the STATEMENT OF ALLOWANCES & EXPENSES FOR ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL PAID TO AND ON BEHALF OF ELECTED MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010 confirms that Councillor Fletcher has claimed a significant amount of expenses. Will the Chief Executive confirm the amount of claim forms submitted by Councillor Fletcher since 2007 and also the amounts claimed?

MOTIONS

9(a) Councillor Kevin Stewart

“Council agrees that in view of the ongoing serious financial situation affecting public bodies and the major budgetary pressures outlined in the recent UK Governments Emergency Budget Statement the Council’s policy will be to actively seek the sharing of major strategic services with other authorities in the North and North East of Scotland in order to deliver significant budget savings.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to formally approach other authorities in this regard.”

BUSINESS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN PRIVATE

10 There are no items under this heading

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