

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 25 February 2016

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Sederunt:

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

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Lord Provost George Adam, in the Chair;

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STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN REFRESH 2016-2017 - OCE/16/010

1. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Executive which presented a refreshed Strategic Business Plan for 2016-2017, including the Shaping Aberdeen organisational plan covering the Council's arrangements for governance, risk management and performance management.

The report recommended:-

that the Council note the content of the refreshed Strategic Business Plan 2016-2017 and agree the Shaping Aberdeen organisational plan.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendation; and
- (ii) to instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward a report to the Council meeting in August 2016 with proposals for a series of public discussions on local matters in each of the 13 wards led by the Leader of the Council in conjunction with all Conveners and the Chair of the Integration Joint Board.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2016/17 AND NON-HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016/17 TO 2020/21 - CG/16/018

2. The Council had before it a report by the Interim Director of Corporate Governance which provided details of the 2016/17 General Fund Revenue budget and the Non-Housing Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2020/21.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) set a revenue budget for 2016/17;
- (b) note the net movement between appendix 1 and appendix 2 of the report of £3.39million;
- (c) approve the Non-Housing Capital Programme as at appendix 6 to the report;
- (d) agree to the conditions of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2016/17 in so far as it is within its legal powers to do so (further details are given in paragraph 5.5 of the report);
- (e) approve the recommended use of reserves which specifically includes a Risk Fund and non-earmarked reserves;
- (f) approve the Prudential Indicators as at appendix 8 to the report;
- (g) approve the transfer payment to Visit Aberdeenshire, being the new organisation replacing Visit Aberdeen;
- (h) instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on the City Region Deal outlining the financial implications for projects agreed under the Heads of Terms agreed with the United Kingdom and Scottish Parliaments; and
- (i) approve the level of funding for 2016/17 in relation to the Integration Joint Board.

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Councillor Laing moved, seconded by Councillor Boulton:-

That the Council -

- (1) set a revenue budget for 2016/17 as below;
- (2) note the net movement between appendix 1 and appendix 2 of the report of £3.39million;
- (3) approve the Non-Housing Capital Programme as below and instruct officers to review the education provision in the Tillydrone and Torry communities, recognising the rising school aged population resulting from new housing developments and increased birth rates in these areas, reporting back to committee in the September 2016 cycle of meetings with detailed options appraisals, including details on suitable sites, project timelines and including full cost of delivery such as land acquisition, building demolition, ground surveys and construction costs;
- (4) agree to the conditions of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2016/17 in so far as it is within its legal powers to do so (further details are given in paragraph 5.5 of the report);
- (5) approve the recommended use of reserves which specifically includes a Risk Fund and non-earmarked reserves;
- (6) approve the Prudential Indicators as below;
- (7) approve the transfer payment to Visit Aberdeenshire, being the new organisation replacing Visit Aberdeen;
- (8) instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on the City Region Deal outlining the financial implications for projects agreed under the Heads of Terms agreed with the United Kingdom and Scottish Governments;
- (9) approve the level of funding for 2016/17 in relation to the Integration Joint Board;
- (10) instruct the Head of Finance to prepare a report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee meeting in April 2016 showing the per head of population grant Aberdeen City Council receives from the Scottish Government in comparison to other local authorities but in particular Dundee, Edinburgh and Glasgow based on the settlement received;
- (11) instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward proposals to the Council meeting in May 2016 on how the Council can become an accredited Living Wage Employer;
- (12) instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward proposals to the Council meeting in May 2016 on how the Council can become an accredited Investor in Young People;
- (13) instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee meeting in September 2016 a report giving consideration to the Council joining Poverty Alliance Scotland as an integral part of the Council's strategy on Opportunities for Tackling Poverty and Inequality also due to be reported at that meeting;
- (14) instruct the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to report back to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee in June 2016 on how the powers conferred on the Council through the Community Empowerment Act in relation to Non Domestic Rates could be used for the benefit of businesses and communities in the city;
- (15) instruct the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to report back to the August 2016 meeting of the Communities, Housing and

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- Infrastructure Committee having explored options for the development of an Energy Services Company (ESCO) to provide a heat network and to manage the heat and electricity that will be produced from the proposed Energy from Waste facility at Tullos; and
- (16) instruct the Chief Executive to bring forward to the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee proposals for the Council to accelerate the delivery of affordable and social housing within the Aberdeen city boundary utilising all relevant fiscal mechanisms, including asking the Scottish Government to use their devolved powers to help support these opportunities and to report back to Council at its meeting in August 2016.

Administration Budget Proposals

	£000	£000
Deficit per Council Report		2,403

Appendix 1 (Cost Pressures Identified and reviewed for 2016/17 Budget Papers)

Fully Accepted

Appendix 2 (Adjustments not requiring Committee Approval)

Fully Accepted

Appendix 3 (Adjustments requiring Committee Approval)

As Below

Ref No	COMMUNITIES, HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE	
1	Pets Corner will receive capital investment to improve the facilities provided and with a new educational space becoming available an income target would be set to generate additional funds.	(2)
2	Extend Pilot Stay On Site Approach to S1 Lunches at two of the council's Academies and encourage healthy eating.	(50)
3	FM Contract Management Fees for NHS Grampian & NHS Highland could be increased.	(3)
4	Review Street Occupation Charges with a view to increasing the charges to utility companies.	(100)
5	As the council is currently negotiating a City Region Deal it would be possible to reduce the funding to Opportunities North East (ONE) by 50% through reviewing and re-evaluating strategies and funding levels	(70)
6	By undertaking a review of transport demands from Social Care & Education facilities it would be possible for the expansion of the in-house fleet to replace the contracts currently delivered by external providers.	(25)
7	Review All Environmental Health & Trading Standards Charges and to increase them broadly in line with inflation each year where the charges are not set by statute.	(5)

TOTAL FOR COMMUNITIES, HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE**(255)**

	EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES	
8	This option is a reduction in funding to Sport Aberdeen. The Council would work with Sport Aberdeen to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(405)
9	This option is a reduction of 2% funding to Aberdeen Sports Village (ASV). The Council would work with ASV to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(20)

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10	A review of the Service Level Agreement with NHS Grampian regarding the provision of Speech & Language Therapy services would allow a reduction in costs depending on the level of service being purchased.	(100)	
11	This option extends the review of Admin and Supplies Budgets to Schools and would result in a small reduction in the level of DEM budget available for schools in 2016/17.	(280)	
12	Arising from the implementation of the inclusion review, pupils with Additional Support Needs will be educated at their local schools. This will reduce the number of children requiring transport and therefore the number of escorts required over a 5 year period.	(20)	
13	The secondary teaching staffing formulae is weighted to allow for S1 and S2 classes in Maths and English to be set at a maximum of 20. Since 2010/11 schools were no longer required to do this and are therefore free to divert these resources to other areas.	(440)	
TOTAL FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES			(1,265)

Balance Carried Forward	883
	£000 £000
Balance Brought Forward	883

	INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD		
14	Saving on management and infra. costs of Bon Accord Care in line with those applied to other services for 2016/17 e.g. vacancy factor increase, reduction in energy consumption, overtime budget reduction etc.	(250)	
15	Comprehensive review of the current service delivery model through Bon Accord Care. The Council would work with Bon Accord Care to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(450)	
TOTAL FOR INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD			(700)

	TRADING		
16	Review of apprenticeship scheme within Building Services to improve quality of training and maximise and secure future supply of 'home grown' trade qualified staff.	(150)	
17	Convert Free Car Park (Crombie Road, Torry) to £1 for 2 hour max stay chargeable car park and introduce commercial use of Council asset.	(28)	
18	Convert Free Car Park (Dunmail Avenue, Cults) to £1 for 2 hour max stay chargeable car park and introduce commercial use of Council asset.	(9)	
19	Convert Free Car Park (Station Road, Bucksburn) to £1 for 2 hour max stay chargeable car park and introduce commercial use of Council asset.	(3)	
20	Convert Frederick Street Car Park to long stay and introduce permits for improved commercial use of Council asset.	0	
TOTAL TRADING			(190)

Balance Carried Forward	(7)
	£000 £000
Balance Brought Forward	(7)

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New Initiatives

Grant to Aberdeen Care & Repair	35
Establish post - Violence Against Women Co-Ordinator	28
Establish post - Disability Access Officer	23
Bus - Evening Service to Craigiebuckler/Airyhall; Weekday Daily Service to Mannofield and Airyhall and Lower Deeside	83
Finance additional borrowing	38
Total New Initiatives	207
Financed By:	
Use of General Fund Contingency	(200)

Revised (Surplus)/Deficit	0
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Administration Non-Housing Capital Budget Proposals

Non-Housing Capital Programme	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Total
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Original Budget Per Appendix 6.	157,458	161,873	69,916	62,201	65,475	516,923
Add:						
Tillydrone Primary School (Note 1)	1,000	13,000	3,000			17,000
Torry Primary School and Hub (Note 2)	700	16,300	3,000			20,000
New Budget	159,158	191,173	75,916	62,201	65,475	553,923
Additional Cost	1,700	29,300	6,000	0	0	37,000
Funded By: Additional Borrowing	(1,700)	(29,300)	(6,000)	0	0	(37,000)

Note 1:

A Three Stream Primary school

Note 2:

A Two Stream Primary School and Community Hub

Please note: these costs represent a new build and exclude land acquisition, demolition and other associated costs

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- Treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice.

The Code also has the objectives of being consistent with and supporting local strategic planning, local asset management planning and proper option appraisal.

In setting the indicators, cognisance should be paid to the level of capital investment looking ahead for a three year period, for both the housing and non-housing capital programmes that the Council wishes to embark upon. The Code also requires that the underlying requirement to finance PPP projects and finance leases be included when setting the indicators.

The Code requires the following Prudential Indicators are set for the Council:-

	Capital Expenditure						
	2014/15 £'000 Actual	2015/16 £'000 Estimate	2016/17 £'000 Estimate	2017/18 £'000 Estimate	2018/19 £'000 Estimate	2019/20 £'000 Estimate	2020/21 £'000 Estimate
Non HRA	57,923	91,776	156,158	191,173	75,916	62,201	65,475
HRA	39,295	55,329	48,084	58,077	59,358	60,269	61,141

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	Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream						
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	Actual	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Non HRA	6.3%	6.3%	6.9%	7.2%	7.7%	8.1%	8.3%
HRA	15.7%	15.5%	16.8%	17.6%	18.5%	18.1%	17.5%

	Capital Financing Requirement						
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
	Actual	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Non HRA	486,619	497,292	518,278	601,115	624,002	621,493	619,965
HRA	228,997	254,703	272,714	299,451	325,760	350,796	374,372
Total	715,616	751,995	790,992	900,566	949,762	972,289	994,337

The Prudential Code states:

“In order to ensure that over the medium term net borrowing will only be for a capital purpose, the local authority should ensure that net external borrowing does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of the capital financing requirement in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional capital financing requirement for the current and next two financial years.”

The Head of Finance reports that the Council can meet this requirement in 2015/16, and it is expected to do so for the future years, as outlined, taking into account current commitments, existing plans, and the assumptions in this report.

	Authorised Limit for External Debt					
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Operational Boundary	770,154	809,151	918,725	967,921	990,448	1,012,496
10% Margin	77,015	80,915	91,872	96,792	99,045	101,250
Total	847,169	890,066	1,010,597	1,064,713	1,098,493	1,113,746

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	Operational Boundary for External Debt					
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Borrowing	664,091	705,566	817,751	870,169	895,693	919,535
Other Long Term Liabilities	106,063	103,585	100,974	97,752	94,755	92,961
Total	770,154	809,151	918,725	967,921	990,448	1,012,496

The estimate of the incremental impact of capital investment decisions proposed in the report, over and above capital investment decisions that have previously been taken by the Council are:

(a) for Band D Council Tax

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

(b) for average weekly housing rents (assuming that increased capital investment is financed by way of cfc and borrowing)

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
£1.01	£1.35	£0.15	£0	£0

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

That the Council -

- (1) set a revenue budget for 2016/17 as below;
- (2) note the net movement between appendix 1 and appendix 2 of the report of £3.39million amended as below;
- (3) approve the Non-Housing Capital Programme amended as below;
- (4) agree to the conditions of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2016/17 in so far as it is within its legal powers to do so (further details are given in paragraph 5.5 of the report);
- (5) approve the recommended use of reserves which specifically includes a Risk Fund and non-earmarked reserves;
- (6) approve the Prudential Indicators as below;
- (7) approve the transfer payment to Visit Aberdeenshire, being the new organisation replacing Visit Aberdeen;
- (8) instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on the City Region Deal outlining the financial implications for projects agreed under the Heads of Terms agreed with the United Kingdom and Scottish Governments;
- (9) approve the level of funding for 2016/17 in relation to Integration Joint Board as per appendix 9 to the report;

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- (10) note that once again, Aberdeen City Council has received the lowest level of Scottish Government funding per citizen in all Scotland;
- (11) deplore the decision by the Scottish Government to impose in 2016/17 cuts on Aberdeen City Council of £10.3million and on local government in Scotland as a whole of £336million;
- (12) note that the Scottish Government could have chosen to fund additional investment in Scottish public services by varying the rate of income tax but that it has chosen not to do this;
- (13) deplore the Scottish Government's continuing centralisation agenda which has in many cases effectively removed from local councils the ability to make decisions based upon the priorities of the citizens and communities they serve;
- (14) instruct the Chief Executive to begin immediately the 2017/18 budget process including a full review of all Council activities and services to identify new ways of working which make the most efficient use of Council resources;
- (15) instruct the Chief Executive to create a £1million Transformation Fund from the projected year end balances and report back to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee with details of how this fund will be invested;
- (16) instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to report to the Education and Children's Services Committee on how best to utilise the Education Fund to improve the education of Aberdeen's children; and
- (17) instruct the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to report to the appropriate committee on the implementation of an energy saving financial incentive scheme for leased community centre management committees.

Liberal Democrats Budget Proposals

£000 £000

Deficit per Council Report	2,403
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Appendix 1 (Cost Pressures Identified and reviewed for 2016/17 Budget Papers)

Fully Accepted

Appendix 2 (Adjustments not requiring Committee Approval)

Remove Sports Grants Saving

20**Appendix 3 (Adjustments requiring Committee Approval)**

As below

Ref No	COMMUNITIES, HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE	
1	Across the city wherever possible sponsorship is sought to pay for summer planting. This reduction would see aspects such as the Town House window boxes etc. being reduced.	(10)
2	Pets Corner will receive capital investment to improve the facilities provided and with a new educational space becoming available an income target would be set to generate additional funds.	(2)
3	Extend Pilot Stay On Site Approach to S1 Lunches at two of the council's Academies and encourage healthy eating.	(50)

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4	FM Contract Management Fees for NHS Grampian & NHS Highland could be increased.	(3)
5	Review Street Occupation Charges with a view to increasing the charges to utility companies.	(100)
6	As the council is currently negotiating a City Region Deal it would be possible to reduce the funding to Opportunities North East (ONE) by 50% through reviewing and re-evaluating strategies and funding levels.	(70)
7	By undertaking a review of transport demands from Social Care & Education facilities it would be possible for the expansion of the in-house fleet to replace the contracts currently delivered by external providers.	(25)
8	Review All Environmental Health & Trading Standards Charges and to increase them broadly in line with inflation each year where the charges are not set by statute.	(5)

TOTAL FOR COMMUNITIES, HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE**(265)**

	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE	
9	The Council has a duct infrastructure which runs CCTV and intelligent transport links. Spare capacity can therefore be sold to the private sector.	(72)
10	Registrars; review of service offerings & joint promotion with Aberdeenshire as well as an anticipated increase in the National Wedding Fee and individual citizenship ceremony fee will result in higher income.	(35)

TOTAL FOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**(107)**

Balance Carried Forward	2,051
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	£000	£000
Balance Brought Forward		2,051

Ref No	EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES	
11	This option is a reduction in funding to Sport Aberdeen. The Council would work with Sport Aberdeen to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(250)
12	This option is a reduction of 2% funding to Aberdeen Sports Village (ASV). The Council would work with ASV to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(20)
13	A review of the cultural programme is proposed in order to identify opportunities to reduce costs and/or bring about greater efficiencies in the services provided to third parties.	(300)
14	A review of the Service Level Agreement with NHS Grampian regarding the provision of Speech & Language Therapy services would allow a reduction in costs depending on the level of service being purchased.	(100)
15	This option extends the review of Admin and Supplies Budgets to Schools and would result in a small reduction in the level of DEM budget available for schools in 2016/17.	(140)

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16	Arising from the implementation of the inclusion review, pupils with Additional Support Needs will be educated at their local schools. This will reduce the number of children requiring transport and therefore the number of escorts required over a 5 year period.	(20)
17	The secondary teaching staffing formulae is weighted to allow for S1 and S2 classes in Maths and English to be set at a maximum of 20. Since 2010/11 schools were no longer required to do this and are therefore free to divert these resources to other areas.	(440)
18	At present children with Additional Support Needs are currently transported to school by taxi. This proposal would be to encourage parents to take the child to school, which provides the child with a familiar environment during the journey, and to pay parents a mileage allowance.	0

TOTAL FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**(1,270)**

INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD		
19	Saving on management and infrastructure costs of Bon Accord Care in line with those applied to other services for 2016/17 e.g. vacancy factor increase, reduction in energy consumption, overtime budget reduction etc.	(250)
20	Comprehensive review of the current service delivery model through Bon Accord Care. The Council would work with Bon Accord Care to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(450)

TOTAL FOR INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD**(700)**

TRADING		
21	Review of apprenticeship scheme within Building Services to improve quality of training and maximise and secure future supply of 'home grown' trade qualified staff.	(400)
22	Review of Parking Permit Charges (Business Permits) - raise by £50 each year ONE YEAR ONLY	(10)
23	Review of Parking Permit Charges (Contractor Permits) - raise by £55 each year ONE YEAR ONLY	(32)
24	Convert Frederick Street Car Park to long stay and introduce permits for improved commercial use of Council asset.	0

TOTAL TRADING**(442)**

Balance Carried Forward	(361)
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	£000	£000
Balance Brought Forward		(361)

Additional Savings**Communities, Housing & Infrastructure**

Removal of energy saving @ 10% for community centres	35
Energy saving @ 15% for community centres	(52)
Leased community centre energy saving incentive scheme	26
More efficient deployment of City Wardens	(200)
Adjustment to street occupation charges (30% not 21%)	(43)

Trading

Review of Parking Permit Charges (Monthly Permits) - raise the annual charge to £300 to generate more income from commercial users.	(160)
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Corporate

Increase vacancy factor to 8.5% (not Education or Social Care)	<u>(400)</u>
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Total New Savings**(794)****New Initiatives****Education & Children's Services**

Education Fund (including £440K from line 17 above)	600
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Communities, Housing & Infrastructure

Supported bus services	200
Install additional bus shelters	50
Small scale environmental improvements fund	37
Additional street trees and street tree maintenance	50
Increased winter maintenance & road response team capacity	170

Corporate

Finance additional borrowing	<u>48</u>
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Total New Initiatives**1,155****Revised (Surplus)/Deficit****0****Liberal Democrats Non-Housing Capital Budget Proposals**

Non-Housing Capital Programme	Budget 2016/17 £'000	Budget 2017/18 £'000	Budget 2018/19 £'000	Budget 2019/20 £'000	Budget 2020/21 £'000	Total £'000
Original Budget Per Appendix 6	157,458	161,873	69,916	62,201	65,475	516,923
Add:						
Additional investment in roads/pavement resurfacing and repairs and street lighting renewal	2,000					2,000
Multi-use Winter Maintenance & Response Plant	120					
New Budget	<u>159,578</u>	<u>161,873</u>	<u>69,916</u>	<u>62,201</u>	<u>65,475</u>	<u>519,043</u>
Additional Cost	2,120	0	0	0	0	2,120
Funded By: Additional Borrowing	(2,120)	0	0	0	0	(2,120)

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HRA	15.7%	15.5%	16.8%	17.6%	18.5%	18.1%	17.5%

	Capital Financing Requirement						
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
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Total	715,616	751,995	791,292	871,566	914,762	937,289	959,337

The Prudential Code states:

“In order to ensure that over the medium term net borrowing will only be for a capital purpose, the local authority should ensure that net external borrowing does not, except in the short term, exceed the total of the capital financing requirement in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional capital financing requirement for the current and next two financial years.”

The Head of Finance reports that the Council can meet this requirement in 2015/16, and it is expected to do so for the future years, as outlined, taking into account current commitments, existing plans, and the assumptions in this report.

	Authorised Limit for External Debt					
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Operational Boundary	770,154	809,451	889,725	932,921	955,448	977,496
10% Margin	77,015	80,945	88,972	93,292	95,545	97,750
Total	847,169	890,396	978,697	1,026,213	1,050,993	1,075,245

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	Operational Boundary for External Debt					
	2015/16 £'000	2016/17 £'000	2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000	2020/21 £'000
Borrowing	664,091	705,566	788,751	835,169	860,693	884,535
Other Long Term Liabilities	106,063	103,585	100,974	97,752	94,755	92,961
Total	770,154	809,151	889,725	932,921	955,448	977,496

The estimate of the incremental impact of capital investment decisions proposed in the report, over and above capital investment decisions that have previously been taken by the Council are:

(a) for Band D Council Tax

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
£0	£0	£0	£0	£0

(b) for average weekly housing rents (assuming that increased capital investment is financed by way of cfr and borrowing)

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
£1.01	£1.35	£0.15	£0	£0

Councillor Jackie Dunbar moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Cameron:-

That the Council -

- (1) set a revenue budget for 2016/17 as below;
- (2) note the net movement between appendix 1 and appendix 2 of the report of £3.39million amended as below;
- (3) approve the Non-Housing Capital Programme as below and instruct officers to report back with full costs on suitable sites and timeline for delivery including full costs (land acquisition/demolition/land assessment) for the following projects:
 - Tillydrone Community School;
 - Torry Primary School; and
 - Council housing;
- (4) agree to the conditions of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2016/17 in so far as it is within its legal powers to do so (further details are given in paragraph 5.5 of the report);
- (5) approve the recommended use and level of reserves as below;
- (6) approve the Prudential Indicators as below;
- (7) approve the transfer payment to Visit Aberdeenshire, being the new organisation replacing Visit Aberdeen;

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- (8) instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on the City Region Deal outlining the financial implications for projects agreed under the Heads of Terms agreed with the United Kingdom and Scottish Governments;
- (9) approve the level of funding for 2016/17 in relation to the Integration Joint Board as per appendix 9 to the report; and
- (10) instruct the Chief Executive to report back to the relevant committee on how individual administration budgets (such as photocopying, stationery and postage costs) could be allocated on a Councillor basis.

Scottish National Party Budget Proposals

	£000	£000
Deficit per Council Report		2,403

Appendix 1 (Cost Pressures Identified and reviewed for 2016/17 Budget Papers)

Reinstate Surface Dressing	160	
Reinstate Pothole Patching	133	
Reinstate Repairs to Collapsed Gullies	207	
Remove Pricing Policy for Residents Permits	<u>(150)</u>	350

Appendix 2 (Adjustments not requiring Committee Approval)

Fully Accepted

Appendix 3 (Adjustments requiring Committee Approval)

As Below

Ref No	COMMUNITIES, HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE	
1	Increase Burial Fees annually over the next 5 years by 8.5% per annum. ONE YEAR ONLY	(33)
2	In 2013/14 £141,000 budget allocation was made to increase the grounds maintenance in cemeteries. This would mean that the allowance was removed resulting in a return to the previous level of service provision. SAVING FIGURE RESTRICTED TO ALLOW THE REPAIR OF SUNKEN LAIRS INITIATIVE TO CONTINUE (£32k).	(59)
3	In 2013/14 an additional budget allocation was made to grass cutting to increase the number of grass cuts as appropriate across the city. This option would see the number of cuts reduced.	(250)
4	Across the city wherever possible sponsorship is sought to pay for summer planting. This reduction would see aspects such as the Town House window boxes etc. being reduced.	(10)
5	Extend Pilot Stay On Site Approach to S1 Lunches at two of the council's Academies and encourage healthy eating. AMEND TO ALL SECONDARIES.	(275)
6	FM Contract Management Fees for NHS Grampian & NHS Highland could be increased.	(3)
7	Review Street Occupation Charges with a view to increasing the charges to utility companies.	(100)
8	As the Council is currently negotiating a City Region Deal it would be possible to reduce the funding to Opportunities North East (ONE) by 50% through reviewing and re-evaluating strategies and funding levels	(70)

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9	By undertaking a review of transport demands from Social Care & Education facilities it would be possible for the expansion of the in-house fleet to replace the contracts currently delivered by external providers.	(25)
10	Review All Environmental Health & Trading Standards Charges and to increase them broadly in line with inflation each year where the charges are not set by statute.	(5)
TOTAL FOR COMMUNITIES, HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE		(830)

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE		
11	The Council has a duct infrastructure which runs CCTV and intelligent transport links. Spare capacity can therefore be sold to the private sector.	(72)
12	Registrars; review of service offerings & joint promotion with Aberdeenshire as well as an anticipated increase in the National Wedding Fee and individual citizenship ceremony fee will result in higher income.	(35)
TOTAL FOR CORPORATE GOVERNANCE		(107)

Balance Carried Forward	1,816
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	£000	£000
Balance Brought Forward		1,816

Ref No	EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES	
13	This option is a reduction in funding to Sport Aberdeen. The Council would work with Sport Aberdeen to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(405)
14	This option is a reduction of 2% funding to Aberdeen Sports Village (ASV). The Council would work with ASV to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(20)
15	A review of the cultural programme is proposed in order to identify opportunities to reduce costs and/or bring about greater efficiencies in the services provided to third parties.	(640)
16	A review of the Service Level Agreement with NHS Grampian regarding the provision of Speech & Language Therapy services would allow a reduction in costs depending on the level of service being purchased.	(100)
17	This option extends the review of Admin and Supplies Budgets to Schools and would result in a small reduction in the level of DEM budget available for schools in 2016/17.	(280)
18	Arising from the implementation of the inclusion review, pupils with Additional Support Needs will be educated at their local schools. This will reduce the number of children requiring transport and therefore the number of escorts required over a 5 year period.	(20)
19	The secondary teaching staffing formulae is weighted to allow for S1 and S2 classes in Maths and English to be set at a maximum of 20. Since 2010/11 schools were no longer required to do this and are therefore free to divert these resources to other areas.	(440)
20	At present children with Additional Support Needs are currently transported to school by taxi. This proposal would be to encourage parents to take the child to school, which provides the child with a familiar environment during the journey, and to pay parents a mileage allowance.	(5)

TOTAL FOR EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES **(1,910)**

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INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD			
21	Saving on management and infrastructure costs of Bon Accord Care in line with those applied to other services for 2016/17 e.g. vacancy factor increase, reduction in energy consumption, overtime budget reduction etc.	(250)	
22	Comprehensive review of the current service delivery model through Bon Accord Care. The Council would work with Bon Accord Care to determine the proposals to manage this reduction.	(450)	
TOTAL FOR INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD			(700)
Balance Carried Forward			(794)
		£000	£000
Balance Brought Forward			(794)
TRADING			
23	Review of apprenticeship scheme within Building Services to improve quality of training and maximise and secure future supply of 'home grown' trade qualified staff.	(400)	
24	Review of Parking Permit Charges (Business Permits) - raise by £50 each year ONE YEAR ONLY AT THIS TIME BUT WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY	(10)	
25	Review of Parking Permit Charges (Contractor Permits) - raise by £55 each year ONE YEAR ONLY AT THIS TIME BUT WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY.	(32)	
26	Review of Parking Permit Charges (Monthly Permits) - raise by £20 each year (to £230 in Year 1) to generate more income from commercial users.	(75)	
27	Review of Parking Permit Charges (Residents Second Permits) - raise by £5 each year (to £125 in Year 1) for increased income for the Council. AMENDED - FOR ONE YEAR ONLY	(5)	
28	Review of Parking Charges in City Centre Parking Zones A, B, C, E, F & G (£2 up to 30 mins, £4 up to 1 hr, £6 up to 2 hrs - discounted to £5 for 6-8pm) to improve turnover of parking and increase income. AMENDED TO £1 UP TO 30 MINS; £3 UP TO AN HOUR ; £6 UP TO 2 HOURS - DISCOUNTED TO £5 FOR 6-8PM	(95)	
29	Review of Parking Charges in Chapel Street and Denburn Multi Story Car Parks (Raise all tariffs by £1) and West North Street Multi Story Car Park (Reduce all tariffs by 50p) for improved commercial use of Council assets.	(250)	
30	Review of Parking Charges in Summer Street and Greyfriars Surface Car Parks (Raise to £2.50 for 2 hrs, £3.50 for 3 hrs, £4.50 for 4 hrs) for improved commercial use of Council assets.	(30)	
TOTAL TRADING			(897)
Balance Carried Forward			(1,691)
		£000	£000
Balance Brought Forward			(1,691)

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Additional Savings

5% reduction in Special Responsibility Allowances	(7)	
Charge of £250 per Councillor parking space	(11)	
Return cost of resident's first permit to £80	(300)	
	<u>(318)</u>	
Total New Savings		(318)

New Initiatives

Use of bus lane enforcement reserve for subsidising bus routes with a clear social need and to help enable a circular route for the City.	100	
Cover for officer time to support Rubislaw Quarry Aberdeen Ltd in their bid to secure funding from other sources	20	
	<u>120</u>	
Total New Initiatives		120

Appendix 4 Use of Reserves

Accept Officer's Recommendations	(2,794)	
Remove:		
Hazlehead Pets Corner	(100)	
De-Risk the Council	(2,872)	
Bus Lane Enforcement	(100)	
Welfare Reform	(2,000)	
Financial Risk Fund	(2,002)	
Second/Long Term Empty Homes	(4,400)	
	<u>(14,268)</u>	
Add:		
Fund to include Fairer Aberdeen Fund, Scottish Welfare Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments	2,000	
	<u>2,000</u>	2,000
Transfer to Non-Housing Capital Programme		14,157

Revised (Surplus) / Deficit**0****Scottish National Party Non-Housing Capital Budget Proposals**

Non-Housing Capital Programme	Budget 2016/17 £'000	Budget 2017/18 £'000	Budget 2018/19 £'000	Budget 2019/20 £'000	Budget 2020/21 £'000	Total £'000
Original Budget Per Appendix 6	157,458	161,873	69,916	62,201	65,475	516,923
Remove:						
Tillydrone Community Hub	(600)	(2,400)	(500)			(3,500)
Defer Milltimber Primary School			(500)	(11,000)	(1,500)	(13,000)
Condition and Suitability Programme	(1,743)	(1,000)				(2,743)

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Add:

Tillydrone Community School (Note 1)	1,000	12,000	3,000			16,000
Torry Primary School (Note 2)	700	1,000	8,000	3,300		13,000
Council Housing (Note 3)		2,200	2,200			4,400
New Budget	156,815	173,673	82,116	54,501	63,975	531,080

Additional Cost	(643)	11,800	12,200	(7,700)	(1,500)	14,157
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Funded By: Transfer from/to Capital Reserves	643	(11,800)	(12,200)	7,700	1,500	(14,157)
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Note 1:

This is for a Two Stream Primary School plus a Community Hub

Note 2:

This is for a Two Stream Primary School

Note 3:

The £4.4 million will allow for 37 one-bedroom flats to be built

Please note: these costs represent a new build and exclude land acquisition, demolition and other associated costs

**ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL
2015/16 to 2020/21**

**THE PRUDENTIAL CODE
For Capital Finance in Local Authorities**

From 1 April 2004, Councils are required by Regulation to have regard to the Prudential Code (the Code) when carrying out their duties under Part 7 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

In setting the revenue and capital budgets, members will be aware that under the Prudential Code, the level of capital investment is determined locally. Therefore, these indicators will be reviewed on an ongoing basis to ensure that the Council does not breach the indicators it sets.

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The key objectives of the Code are to ensure:-

- The Council's capital programmes are affordable, prudent and sustainable.
- Treasury management decisions are taken in accordance with good professional practice.

The Code also has the objectives of being consistent with and supporting local strategic planning, local asset management planning and proper option appraisal.

In setting the indicators, cognisance should be paid to the level of capital investment looking ahead for a three year period, for both the housing and non-housing capital programmes that the Council wishes to embark upon. The Code also requires that the underlying requirement to finance PPP projects and finance leases be included when setting the indicators.

The Code requires the following Prudential Indicators are set for the Council:-

	Capital Expenditure						
	2014/15 £'000 Actual	2015/16 £'000 Estimate	2016/17 £'000 Estimate	2017/18 £'000 Estimate	2018/19 £'000 Estimate	2019/20 £'000 Estimate	2020/21 £'000 Estimate
Non HRA	57,923	91,776	156,815	173,673	82,116	54,501	63,975
HRA	39,295	55,329	48,084	58,077	59,358	60,269	61,141

	Ratio of Financing Costs to Net Revenue Stream						
	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Estimate	2016/17 Estimate	2017/18 Estimate	2018/19 Estimate	2019/20 Estimate	2020/21 Estimate
Non HRA	6.3%	6.3%	6.9%	7.2%	7.7%	8.1%	8.3%
HRA	15.7%	15.5%	16.8%	17.6%	18.5%	18.1%	17.5%

	Capital Financing Requirement						
	2014/15 £'000 Actual	2015/16 £'000 Estimate	2016/17 £'000 Estimate	2017/18 £'000 Estimate	2018/19 £'000 Estimate	2019/20 £'000 Estimate	2020/21 £'000 Estimate
Non HRA	486,619	497,292	516,578	570,115	587,002	584,493	582,965
HRA	228,997	254,703	272,714	299,451	325,760	350,796	374,372
Total	715,616	751,995	789,292	869,566	912,762	935,289	957,337

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£1.01	£1.35	£0.15	£0	£0

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During the course of summing up, Councillor Jackie Dunbar agreed to incorporate parts 11 to 15 of the motion into her amendment, and this was accepted.

There being a motion and two amendments, the Council first divided between the amendment by Councillor Yuill and the amendment by Councillor Jackie Dunbar.

On a division, there voted:-

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

For the amendment by Councillor Jackie Dunbar (14) - Councillors Cameron, Copland, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Hutchison, Jaffrey, Kiddie, MacGregor, Nicoll, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart and Townson.

Declined to vote (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Carle, Cooney, Crockett, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Laing, Lawrence, Malik, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Taylor, Thomson and Young.

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

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Carle, Cooney, Crockett, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Laing, Lawrence, Malik, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Taylor, Thomson and Young.

For the amendment by Councillor Jackie Dunbar (14) - Councillors Cameron, Copland, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Hutchison, Jaffrey, Kiddie, MacGregor, Nicoll, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart and Townson.

Declined to vote (4) - Councillors Greig, Malone, Jennifer Stewart and Yuill.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

COMMON GOOD BUDGET 2016/17 - CG/16/019

3. The Council had before it a report by the Interim Director of Corporate Governance which provided the draft Common Good budget for 2016/17.

The report recommended:-
that the Council -

(a) approve the Common Good budget for 2016/17 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report;

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- (b) request the Interim Director of Corporate Governance to undertake a review of the investment strategy for the Common Good Fund; and
(c) consider the new requests for funding in appendix 4 to the report.

Councillor Boulton moved, seconded by Councillor Young:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the Common Good budget for 2016/17 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, subject to the changes detailed in the spreadsheet below;
- (2) request the Interim Director of Corporate Governance to undertake a review of the investment strategy for the Common Good Fund; and
- (3) instruct the Interim Director of Corporate Governance to undertake a full review of the Common Good spend in conjunction with the investment strategy in (2) above.

Administration Common Good Budget Proposals

	<u>£000</u>
Surplus per Appendix 1 of Committee Report	(20)
Remove/Reduce:	
Entertainment for Elderly/Disabled Citizens	(165)
Business Investment Fund	(10)
	<u>(175)</u>
Revised Surplus	(195)
Additions:	
Upkeep of March Stones	10
Contribution to Ferryhill Railway Heritage	10
Contribution to Kirk of St Nicholas	10
Contribution to Castlegate Arts (subject to Service Level Agreement)	40
Contribution to Aberdeen Street Pastors	8.5
Grant to Celebrate Aberdeen	20
ACC Asset Management - £10,000 for Common Good property repairs - Brimmond Hill - cattle grids/fencing	10
ACC Asset Management - £2,000 for Common Good property repairs - Bucksburn Farm - bollards	2
ACC Asset Management - £10,000 for Common Good property repairs - Smithfield Farm - roof repairs	10
ACC Asset Management - £3,000 for Common Good property repairs - Jessefield Farm - house doors	3
	<u>123.5</u>
Revised Surplus	(71.5)

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Councillor Yuill moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Jennifer Stewart:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the Common Good budget for 2016/17 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, subject to changes detailed in the spreadsheet below;
- (2) instruct the Interim Director of Corporate Governance to undertake a review of the investment strategy for the Common Good Fund; and
- (3) instruct the Interim Director of Corporate Governance to report to a future meeting of the Council on what changes to future expenditure will be required to ensure the long-term maintenance of the Common Good Fund's real-term value.

Liberal Democrats Common Good Budget Proposals

	<u>£000</u>
Surplus per Appendix 1 of Committee Report:	(20)
Remove/Reduce:	
Official Catering	(6)
Twinning Activities	(20)
Contributions to Trusts & Festivals	(25)
Civic Receptions	(15)
	<u>(66)</u>
Revised Surplus	(86)
Additions:	
Archie Foundation	45
Aberdeen Street Pastors	25
Disabled Persons Housing Service	16
	<u>86</u>
Revised Surplus	0

Councillor Jackie Dunbar moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Cameron:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the Common Good budget for 2016/17 as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, subject to the changes detailed in the spreadsheet below;
- (2) request the Interim Director of Corporate Governance to undertake a review of the investment strategy for the Common Good Fund; and
- (3) instruct the Interim Director of Corporate Governance to undertake a full review of the Common Good in conjunction with the investment strategy mentioned in (2) above to determine the medium term funding strategy that should be provided through the Common Good for new and existing projects.

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Scottish National Party Common Good Budget Proposals

	£000
Surplus per Appendix 1 of Committee Report	(20)
Remove/Reduce:	
Official Catering	(17)
Twinning Activities	(37)
Mary Garden Prize	(2)
Quincentenary Prize	(3)
Aberdeen Safer Community Trust (ABSAFE)	(5)
Crematorium Bus	(46)
Hogmanay Celebrations	(60)
Commonwealth Travel Bursary	(20)
Civic Receptions	(15)
Picture Loan Scheme	(15)
Business Investment Fund	(25)
Community Galas	(10)
	(255)
Revised Surplus	(275)
Additions:	
Archie Foundation	5
ACVO - Volunteer Co-Ordinator	33
Cyrenians	30
Disabled Persons Housing Service	16
TLC Foodbank	5
Aberdeen Street Pastors	6
ACC Asset Management - £10,000 for Common Good property repairs - Brimmond Hill - cattle grids/fencing	10
ACC Asset Management - £2,000 for Common Good property repairs - Bucksburn Farm - bollards	2
ACC Asset Management - £10,000 for Common Good property repairs - Smithfield Farm - roof repairs	10
ACC Asset Management - £3,000 for Common Good property repairs - Jessefield Farm - house doors	3
ACC Asset Management - £25,000 for Common Good property repairs - Overhills Farm - re-roof sick building	25
ACC Asset Management - £75,000 for an inventory of Common Good assets for Community Empowerment Act 2015. Legal advises that this is an appropriate use of funds.	75
ACC Asset Management - £25,000 for a Common Good rental portfolio business plan. Legal advises that this is an appropriate use of funds.	25
ACC Asset Management - £30,000 for repair of the stone bridge at Greenfern Farm.	30

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Revised Surplus

275

0

There being a motion and two amendments, the Council first divided between the amendment by Councillor Yuill and the amendment by Councillor Jackie Dunbar.

On a division, there voted:-

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

For the amendment by Councillor Jackie Dunbar (13) - Councillors Cameron, Copland, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Hutchison, Jaffrey, MacGregor, Nicoll, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart and Townson.

Declined to vote (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Carle, Cooney, Crockett, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Laing, Lawrence, Malik, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Taylor, Thomson and Young.

Absent from the division (1) - Councillor Kiddie.

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

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Boulton, Carle, Cooney, Crockett, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Finlayson, Graham, Grant, Ironside, Laing, Lawrence, Malik, Milne, Jean Morrison, Nathan Morrison, Taylor, Thomson and Young.

For the amendment by Councillor Jackie Dunbar (13) - Councillors Cameron, Copland, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Hutchison, Jaffrey, MacGregor, Nicoll, Noble, Samarai, Sandy Stuart and Townson.

Declined to vote (4) - Councillors Greig, Malone, Jennifer Stewart and Yuill.

Absent from the division (1) - Councillor Kiddie.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

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NORTH EAST SCOTLAND PENSION FUND (NESPF) BUDGET 2016/17 AND INDICATIVE 2017/18 - 2020/21 BUDGET - CG/16/012

4. The Council had before it a report by the Interim Director of Corporate Governance which provided details of the budget included in the 2016/17 General Fund budget that related to the NESPF and an indicative 2017/18 to 2020/21 budget.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) note the provision contained within the Council's General Fund budget for 2016/17;
- (b) note the 2017/18 to 2020/21 indicative budget;
- (c) instruct the Head of Finance to recover the actual costs from the NESPF; and
- (d) note progress on the introduction of a service level agreement.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the recommendations.

- **GEORGE ADAM, Lord Provost.**