



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 23 February 2016

COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 2 MARCH 2016 at 10.30am.**

FRASER BELL
HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

BUSINESS

- 1 Admission of Burgesses
- 2 Determination of Exempt Business
- 3 Requests for Deputations

MINUTES OF COUNCIL

- 4(a) Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 16 December 2015 - for approval (circulated separately)
- 4(b) Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 6 January 2016 - for approval (Pages 7 - 8)

BUSINESS STATEMENT, MOTIONS LIST AND OTHER MINUTES

- 5(a) Business Statement (Pages 9 - 14)
- 5(b) Motions List (Pages 15 - 16)
- 5(c) Minute of Meeting of Appointment Panel of 13 January 2016 - for approval (Pages 17 - 18)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 36(3)

- 6 None to date

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7(a) Appointments (Pages 19 - 22)
- 7(b) Standards Commission for Scotland Written Decision (Pages 23 - 28)
- 7(c) Relaxation of Drinking in Public Byelaw for BP Big Screens 2016 (Pages 29 - 36)
- 7(d) Treasury Management Policy and Strategy - referred by Finance, Policy and Resources Committee of 16 February 2016 (Pages 37 - 56)
- 7(e) Powers Transferring to Integrated Joint Board for Health and Social Care (to follow)
- 7(f) Aberdeen Inspired - BID Ballot (to follow)
- 7(g) Transport Implications - City Centre Masterplan Projects (to follow)
- 7(h) Twinning and International Partnerships (to follow)

MOTIONS

8(a) Motion by Councillor Laing

“Council notes the Conservative Government is proposing a Trade Union Bill that will restrict the ability of this Council to engage in good industrial relations practices with our workforce and their representatives.

Council believes the collection of union dues through the check-off arrangement, from which the Council receives income, is part of the Council’s collective and contractual arrangements with the trades unions, which the Council will defend and support.

Council commits not to use agency staff to break or weaken industrial action and to continue to support arrangements that afford trade union representatives sufficient resources to enable them to carry out their functions to ensure the continuation of good industrial relations.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating the Council’s opposition to this Bill and any attacks on facility time or check off.”

8(b) Motion by Councillor Nicoll

“That officers identify and implement a system of work whereby areas currently identified in the Local Development Plan for development are circulated to the Directorates of the Council with a view to them identifying and commenting on possible developer obligations those Directorates consider may be appropriate or may become appropriate should any request be received from a developer to progress a specific development.

Instruct senior officers in Aberdeen City Council Directorates to keep under review possible planning obligations that may be sought from a developer should an area identified in the Local Development Plan as suitable for development be progressed.”

8(c) Motion by Councillor Jackie Dunbar

“Council values the excellent and mutually respectful working relationship which it has with both the workforce and their Trade Unions.

Council considers this positive relationship to be one which benefits both workers and the city alike and respects the need for Trade Union representatives to use facility time to conduct their legitimate business. Council supports the collection of dues through the check-off arrangement, from which the Council receives income, and defends these Trade Union arrangements.

Council believes that the Trade Union Bill, proposed by the current Conservative

UK Government, but not yet law, will restrict the ability of this Council to engage in good industrial relations practices with our workforce and their Trade Union representatives.

Council commits not to use agency staff to break or weaken industrial action in relation to this matter, requests the Council Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills stating the Council's opposition to this Bill and our resolve not to willingly co-operate with any attacks on facility time or check-off and to demand that the income which will be lost to the Council, should this draconian bill be passed, is reimbursed."

8(d) Motion by Councillor Thomson

"Council notes that Aberdeen is home to two award winning and world class universities in the University of Aberdeen and Robert Gordon University. Both universities offer outstanding opportunities for graduate employment.

Recognises that Aberdeen University is internationally renowned for its world leading research capability including a strong track record in bio and life sciences. Further that Robert Gordon University has achieved international recognition for delivering quality professional education and has a track record of fostering innovation and enterprise.

Notes that the SNP Scottish Government is intent with pressing ahead with damaging university reforms as part of the Higher education Governance Bill which will politicise and undermine the effective working of our higher education institutions.

Council further notes that Jennifer Crow, Chair of the Board at Robert Gordon University, and Moir Lockhead, Senior Governor at the University of Aberdeen, have joined 16 other Scottish University chairs in writing an open letter to the Scottish Government warning them of the most serious consequences of the Bill.

Council believes that this open letter is a significant intervention by some of the most high profile and respected figures in the worlds of law, media, education, banking, religion, business, health and government.

Council agrees that the proposed changes will "reverse the excellent progress that has been made towards achieving equality and diversity" within the very important role of chairing a governing body.

Agrees that the Scottish Government has still produced no evidence to support why it considers the bill to be necessary and, at the same time, it has dismissed all the evidence from those in the sector who would be asked to deliver the changes.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning stating the Council's opposition to the Scottish

Government's proposal to introduce new elected chairs of University courts further stating that instead of a one size fits all approach Ministers should respect the autonomy and diversity of the sector."

BUSINESS THE COUNCIL MAY WISH TO CONSIDER IN PRIVATE

- 9(a) Minute of Meeting of Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 21 January 2016 - for approval (Pages 57 - 68)

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