LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

FINANCE, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

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1.1	Members are Requested to Determine that any Exempt Business be Considered with the Press and Public Excluded	The Committee resolved: to consider items 8.1 (Council General Fund Monitoring – Appendix D), 8.2 (Unrecoverable Debt – Appendix 4), 9.1 (Post of Interim Depute Chief Executive (Director of Corporate Governance), 10.1 (Suspension of the Aberdeen City Council Procurement Regulations 2016 in Relation to Efficiency Analysis and Commercial Strategy), 10.3 (Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - Appendices), 10.4 (Property Update Report), 10.5 (Hillhead of Pitfodels – Proposed Site of Farm House – Redevelopment of Derelict Farm Building), 10.6 (Aberdeen Sports Village – Funding Arrangements), 10.7 (Environmental and Flood Prevention Works to Heathryfold Park) 11.1 (Aberdeen Car Club Tender) and 11.2 (Permission to Tender – Employee Assistance Service) with the press and public excluded.		
2.1	None Received at this Stage	The Committee resolved: No deputations received.		

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3.1	Minute of Previous Meeting of 7 June 2016	The Committee resolved: to approve the minute as a correct record.		
3.2	Committee Business Statement	The Committee resolved: (i) to remove items 4 (City Region Deal – Financial Implications), 8 (Satrosphere – Outcome of Surveys), 9 (Complaints Against Officers), 10 (Scottish Government Grant Per Head of Population) and 15 (South of the City Academy); (ii) to remove items 1 (Review of Access to Leisure Scheme), 5 (Aberdeen Japan Strategy), 6 (Sustainable Food Cities), 7 (Opportunities for Tackling Poverty and Inequality) and 11 (Being Digital) subject to the decision taken later on today's agenda; (iii) that in relation to item 22 (Site at Beach Esplanade/King Street), to instruct officers to take forward the agreed recommendations on 17 November 2015 with the founding trustees of the Aberdeen Islamic Charitable Trust and to report back to Council on progress at the meeting on 21 June 2017 (iv) to otherwise note the updates contained therein.		
4.1	Corporate Governance Performance Scorecard	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the performance report for the Corporate Governance Directorate and		

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		the information contained therein; and (ii) that in relation to the issue of the reasons for the submission of late committee reports, to refer this matter to the Governance Review Group to consider.		
5.1	Council General Fund Monitoring 2016/17 Please note that appendix D to this report is included within the private section of the agenda.	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the financial position contained within the report; (ii) to approve that a procurement process be undertaken for specialist financial advice as and when required to support specific projects as per paragraph 3.4 of the report; and (iii) to approve the amendment to the guarantees as stated in Appendix D (confidential paper).		
5.2	2016/17 Financial Monitoring - Corporate Governance	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the report and the information on management action and risks that is contained therein; and (ii) to instruct that officers continue to review budget performance.		
5.3	2016/17 Common Good Fund - Monitoring Report Update	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the report and the information on management action and risks that is contained therein; (ii) to note the forecast surplus of £94k, a favourable variance of £22k; (iii) to note the estimated cash balances as at 31 March 2017 of £17m based on current estimates, which is within		

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		the recommended levels indicated by the Head of Finance; and (iv) to note the position regarding earmarked reserves.		
5.4	Small Financial Assistance Grants and Gala Funding 2016/17	The Committee resolved: (i) to agree to award small financial assistance grant funding to: • Wings for Warriers - £2500; • Royal Caledonian Curling Club/Aberdeen Ladys Centre/Curl Aberden - £500; • Aberdeen Muslims - £2500; • Aberdeen Muslims - £2500; • 13 th Aberdeen Guides and Brownies (Northfield) - £2500; • Granitehill House Residents Association - £430; • Auchmill Golf Club - £2500 (ii) to agree to award community gala grants to: • Mastrick Community Centre - £1100; • Friends of Hazlehead - £468; and (iii) to also agree to award small financial assistance funding of £2500 to Aberdeen for a Fairer World.		
5.5	Electronic Bank Transfers - The Gomel Trust	The Committee resolved: (i) to note this report and the information action and risks contained herein; and (ii) to instruct that officers continue to work with the Gomel Trust.		

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5.6	Unrecoverable Debt Please note that appendix 4 is confidential and is included within the private section of this agenda.	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the value of Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing Benefit Overpayments deemed by the Director of Corporate Governance as unrecoverable and shown in Appendices 1 to 4; and (ii) to approve that the > £25,000 amounts for Business Rates shown in Appendix 5 are also deemed as unrecoverable and be written off.		
6.1	Career Break Policy	The Committee resolved: to approve the revised Career Break Policy to replace the existing policy, subject to amending the wording at page 7 of the policy to ensure that there is two way dialogue between the line manager and employee in relation to contact, and that the wording be agreed by the Convener, Councillor Nicoll and the Head of HR in this regard.		
7.1	Strategic Infrastructure Plan	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the content of the report and the progress made; (ii) to approve expenditure of up to £100k to procure specialist consultants to prepare a Development Framework for Queens Square as a CCMP project; (iii) to approve expenditure of up to £100k to procure specialist consultants to carry out a strategic car parking study		

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	including the CCMP identified City Centre Parking Study; (iv) to approve expenditure of up to £200k to support a European Structural Fund Employability project that embraces the Aberdeen Works Project in the CCMP;		
	(v) to approve a contribution of £150k towards the cost of the Great Aberdeen Run, planned for September 2017, as a key part of the Aberdeen 365 Events project in the CCMP;		
	(vi) to approve expenditure of £60k to implement a CCMP communication and engagement programme to support delivery of the CCMP;		
	(vii) to delegate authority to the City Centre Director in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council, the Convener of Finance Policy and Resources and the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services to implement the above proposals and award of contracts, following fully compliant tendering exercises;		
	(viii) to agree that the combined expenditure of £610k above be taken from the City Centre Masterplan budget as agreed at the Council meeting in February 2016;		
	(ix) that information relating to the opening of the Aberdeen Treasure Hub (Museums Collection Centre) be provided to the Committee by way of email when it is known;		

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		 (x) that costs relating to the damage caused by water ingress at the Art Gallery be provided to the Committee by way of email; (xi) that information relating to partner contributions with regards to Queens Square be submitted to the Committee by way of email; and (xii) that a breakdown on the committed spend from the combined expenditure at (viii) above be outlined in a future report to Committee. 		
7.2	Opportunities for Tackling Poverty and Inequality	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the proposed establishment of a short term working group of officers and community partners to provide advice and guidance on the activities that are being undertaken to alleviate poverty and inequality in Aberdeen under the key themes of Fuel Poverty; Food Poverty; Child Poverty; Income Maximisation; and Housing; (ii) to ask officers to report back to Finance Policy and Resources Committee on the 16th of February 2017 with an Anti-Poverty strategy on these key themes and provide an action plan to tackle poverty and inequality; (iii) to agree to add a representative from the Disability Equity Partnership to the Working Group; and (iv) to instruct the Director of Corporate Governance to ensure that the		

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		recommendations if approved contained in agenda item 7.3 (Sustainable Food Cities Tackling Food Poverty) are adopted within the Anti- Poverty strategy that is being reported to the Committee in February.		
7.3	Sustainable Food Cities - Tackling Food Poverty (REPLACEMENT REPORT)	The Committee resolved: (i) that Aberdeen City Council adopts the 'Sustainable Food Cities' approach to develop a cross-sector partnership and implement a food policy in the city as a means of tackling food poverty; (ii) to instruct officers to progress membership of the 'Sustainable Food Cities' network and appropriate accreditation; (iii) Aberdeen City Council works in partnership with Business in the Community and Children in Scotland to tackle child food poverty; (iv) to instruct officers to progress a joint approach with Aberdeenshire ouncil and NHS Grampian in addressing food poverty and seek to secure joint funding for the actions set out in this report; (v) to note the letter received by the Council Leader from The Rt Hon Frank Field MP DL with regard to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger; (vi) to note the comments of the Deputy First Minister; and (vii) to instruct the Director of Corporate		

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		Governance to bring a report back to the next Finance Policy and Resources Committee on how the Council can help to ensure no child is exposed to hunger during the school holidays and to write to the Rt Hon Frank Field MP DL confirming Council's position.		
7.4	Aberdeen Japan Strategy Update Report	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the activity outlined in the report and the proposed next steps; and (ii) to accept one further (final) report in January 2017 at the conclusion of the Strategy period, detailing the activity delivered in Year 2 (2016) and evaluating the impact of the Strategy overall.		
7.5	Twinning and International Partnerships	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve a contribution of £8,200 towards a visit by Bucksburn Academy pupils to Stavanger in a STEM-based educational exchange, 10-15 February 2017; and (ii) to approve a contribution of £2,000 towards the attendance of a civic delegation and musicians from Stavanger at the lighting of the Christmas Tree, 24-25 November 2016.		
7.6	Review of Access to Leisure Scheme	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the recommendations contained within the report originates		

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		from the Working Group led by Sport Aberdeen; (ii) to instruct Officers to pass the report in its entirety to the Disability Equity Partnership and Grampian Regional Equality Council for their comments and recommendations; (iii) to instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to bring a final report to the Finance Policy and Resources Committee in December taking cognises of the comments from the Disability Equity Partnership; and (iv) to instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to set out the Financial Implications of the proposed recommendations contained within the December report.		
7.7	Managed Print Services Policy (PrintSmart)	The Committee resolved: to approve the Managed Print Services and Bulk Print and Mailing Services Policy, Policy Guidelines and Parameters.		
7.8	Commercial & Procurement Services - Shared Service Proposal with Highland Council	The Committee resolved: (i) to support the creation of a Shared Commercial & Procurement Service with Highland Council; (ii) to approve delegation of the Business Case for the restructure of the Commercial & Procurement Service (which will be cost neutral to Aberdeen City Council) to the Director of CG and the Head of Commercial & Procurement Services in consultation with the Convener of FP&R and		

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		(iii) to thank officers for the work they have undertaken in relation to the proposal.		
7.9	Being Digital	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the digital strategy for the Council as outlined in Appendix 1; (ii) to note the investment of £4.5m already approved through the capital programme agreed at Council on 25th February 2016; and (iii) to delegate authority to the Head of IT & Transformation, in consultation with the Head of the Commercial & Procurement Service and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, to approve the expenditure and enter into contracts for any supplies and services required for the Digital Strategy regardless of value, as and when required, provided that the procurements are undertaken in accordance with the Aberdeen City Council Procurement Regulations and the total budget approved within this report is not exceeded.		
7.10	Station House Community Centre Update	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the inclusion of additional land totalling 0.081 hectares for the development as shown in the attached plan (appendix A); and (ii) to note the progress of the regeneration grant project.		
7.11	Statutory Performance Indicators	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the content of Appendix 1, detailing the outturn of our Statutory		

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		Performance Indicators for 2015/16; (ii) to note that further information and analysis on specific SPIs is available on request and that service committees will receive also receive analysis of SPIs as part of the regular service performance reporting process; (iii) to agree that the SPI outturn performance for 2015/16 be published on the Council's website as part of our Public Performance Reporting arrangements; and (iv) to note the revised direction for the Accounts Commission for 2016/17-2019/20 and the work under way to support our compliance.		
7.12	Property Asset Management Policy and Framework.	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the Property Asset Management Policy and Framework; and instructs the Head of Land & Property Assets in conjunction with the Strategic Asset & Capital Board to develop an associated strategy; (ii) to note the content of the provisional action plan; and (iii) that a report on the Property Asset Management Strategy be brought to this committee on 8 June 2017.		
7.13	Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme Please note that there are confidential appendices in the private section of this	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the projects completed or legally committed in 2016/17 as shown in Appendix A; (ii) to note the currently approved projects		

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agenda.	and approve amended budgets as shown in Appendix B; (iii) to approve the new Condition & Suitability Programme projects listed in Appendix C for inclusion in the 3 year programme; (iv) to instruct the Head of Land & Property Assets to implement the detailed 3 year programme; (v) to delegate authority to the Head of Land & Property Assets, in consultation with the Strategic Asset & Capital Board and the Convenor and Vice-Convener of this Committee, to amend the Programme should priorities change due to unforeseen circumstances during the year, with such changes to be reported to the Committee; (vi) to delegate authority to the Head of Land & Property Assets, in consultation with the Strategic Asset & Capital Board and the Convenor and Vice-Convener of this Committee, to		
	allocate projects or additional budgets to/from a £500k contingency fund, with such allocations to be reported to the Committee; (vii) (a) to authorise the Director of		
	Communities Housing & Infrastructure, the Head of Land & Property Assets and the Asset Management Manager, in connection with the Programme, to undertake or instruct tendering procedures or competitive quotes procedures as appropriate and the		

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		awarding of contracts following thereon, subject to the necessary funding being available in the approved Non-Housing Capital Budget; and (b) to exempt all such procedures and contracts from 4.1.1 of the Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council Procurement Regulations; and (viii) to note the future condition and suitability projects listed in Appendix D.		
7.14	Review of Bookings and Letting Procedures in Schools and Learning Centres	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the proposal to develop a full online booking and payments system for the letting of schools and learning centres, as part of the Council's Digital Platform project, and for officers to make appropriate changes to the administrative procedures for bookings and lettings to align with the new online system; (ii) to instruct officers, in partnership with Sport Aberdeen, to investigate the feasibility and implications of transferring responsibility for administering the bookings and lettings system from Sport Aberdeen to an appropriate team within Aberdeen City Council, and to report their findings and recommendations to Committee in September 2017; (iii) to instruct officers, in partnership with Sport Aberdeen, to carry out a detailed analysis of the current charges for bookings and lettings of schools and		

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		learning centres, and to report to Committee in February 2017 with recommendations on any required changes to the scale of charges, to ensure the financial viability of the bookings and lettings system; (iv) to approve the introduction of charges for bookings and lettings at the new 3G artificial pitches at Northfield and Dyce, as outlined in Appendix 1, with immediate effect; (v) to agree it is also appropriate to ensure that the charges for use are not prohibitive and therefore the fee structure proposed in Appendix 1 would be the maximum chargeable. Therefore instruct Sport Aberdeen to have the scope to vary prices downwards only based on organisational circumstances, particularly when linked to the community sports hubs initiative; and (vi) to approve the transfer of the pitches to Sport Aberdeen to operate and manage and that this be reflected in the revision of the company's funding and service agreement.		
7.15	European Projects & Funding Update (REPLACEMENT REPORT)	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the Council's participation in the 'Blue Green Infrastructure through Social Innovation' (BEGIN) and, pursuant to such participation; (a) the making by the Council of an application to Interreg North Sea Region for grant funding of		

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	(b) expenditure by the Council of that grant funding and the additional sum of €300,000 (£257,908) from existing flood management budgets (revenue and capital) towards the abovementioned project; (c) overseas travel for partner meetings and annual conferences connected with this project; and (d) the signing of or entry into any legal agreement or other documentation (whether same are governed by the law of Scotland or the law of another country) which may be necessary or desirable for the purposes of the abovementioned project, subject to approval of the terms by the Head of Legal; (ii) to approve the Council's participation in the project 'UselT' and, pursuant to such participation; (a) the making by the Council of an application to Interreg North Sea Region Programme for grant funding of €180,150; (b) expenditure by the Council of that grant funding and the additional sum of €180,150 (£154,894) from the relevant Council service budget towards the abovementioned project;		

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	(c) overseas travel for partner meetings and annual conferences connected with project; and (d) the signing of or entry into any legal agreement or other documentation (whether same are governed by the law of Scotland or the law of another country) which may be necessary or desirable for the purposes of the abovementioned project, subject to approval of the terms by the Head of Legal; (iii) to approve the Council's participation in the project 'Hydrogen Transport Economy in the North Sea Region 2' (HyTrEc 2) and, pursuant to such participation; (a) the making of the Council of an application to Interreg North Sea Region for grant funding of €789,831; (b) expenditure by the Council of that grant funding and the additional sum of €789,831 (£679,041) from the relevant Council service towards the abovementioned project; (c) overseas travel for partner meetings and annual conference connected with project; (d) the signing of or entry into any legal agreement or other		

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	documentation (whether same are governed by the law of Scotland or the law of another country) which may be necessary or desirable for the purposes of the abovementioned project, subject to approval of the terms by the Head of Legal; (iv) to approve the Council's participation in the project 'Accelerating Condominium Energy Retrofitting' (ACE Retrofitting) and, pursuant to such participation; (a) the making of the Council of an application to Interreg North West Europe for grant funding of €242,632.80; (b) Expenditure by the Council of that grant funding and the additional sum of €161,755 (£139,065) from the relevant Council service towards the abovementioned project; (c) Overseas travel for partner meetings and annual conference connected with project; (d) the signing of or entry into any legal agreement or other documentation (whether same are governed by the law of Scotland or the law of another country) which may be necessary or desirable for the purposes of the		

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	Carbon Vehicles (OLEV) funding call spend of monies if successful. If successful the project will draw in £631,614 of external funding and will require £8,822 of match-funding from the Council over 3 years; (viii) to note the approval of CH&I Committee report CHI/16/160 to participate in Erasmus+ Funding		

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		Programme for Training of Technicians of Hydrogen Fuel Cell (FCH) Vehicles (a) the making of the Council of an application to Erasmus+ for grant funding of €44,030 (£36,941) (b) expenditure by the Council of that grant funding and the additional sum of €8,806 (£7,390) from the Fleet Services and Economic Development revenue budgets towards the abovementioned project; (c) overseas travel for any associated partner meetings and conferences connected with the project; and (d) note that due diligence will be undertaken in relation to financial, legal and all other implications on each project.		
7.16	Environmental and Flood Prevention Works to Heathryfold Park Please note that this item has been moved to the private section of the agenda at 10.7	The Committee resolved: this item was moved to the private section of the agenda (see item 10.7 below).		
7.17	Refurbishment of Provost Skene's House	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the work undertaken to prepare the brief for the refurbishment of Provost Skene's House; (ii) to include the refurbishment of Provost Skene's House within the City Centre Masterplan;		

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		 (iii) to allocate £1.5 million from the City Centre Masterplan resources to facilitate the refurbishment of Provost Skene's House; (iv) to otherwise note the contents of this report; and (v) to note that a report would be submitted to the Education and Children's Services Committee in November 2016 relating to the cultural aspects of the refurbishment. 		
10.2	Procurement - Appointment of Rating Consultancy Services Contractor Please note that due to and administrative error, this report was listed under the private section of the original agenda.	The Committee resolved: (i) to authorise the Head of Land and Property Assets to initiate a tender process for the procurement and award of a contract for property rating advice services in order to deal with the rating revaluation; and (ii) to remit the outcome of the tender process to the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services to formally conclude the term contracts, on terms and conditions necessary to protect the Council's interests.		
8.1	Council General Fund Monitoring 2016/17 - Appendix D	The Committee resolved: to note the information contained in the exempt appendix.		
8.2	Unrecoverable Debt - Appendix 4	The Committee resolved: to note the information contained in the exempt appendix.		
9.1	Post of Interim Depute Chief Executive	The Committee resolved:		

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	(Director of Corporate Governance)	to approve the recommendations contained in the exempt report.		
10.1	Suspension of the Aberdeen City Council Procurement Regulations 2016 in relation to Efficiency Analysis and Commercial Strategy	The Committee resolved: to approve the recommendations contained in the exempt report.		
10.3	Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - Appendices	The Committee resolved: to note the information in the exempt appendices		
10.4	Property Update Report	The Committee resolved: to approve the recommendations contained in the exempt report.		
10.5	Hillhead of Pitfodels -Proposed Sale of Farm House - Redevelopment of Derelict Farm Building	The Committee resolved: to approve the recommendations contained in the exempt report.		
10.6	Aberdeen Sports Village - Funding Arrangements	The Committee resolved: to approve the recommendations contained in the exempt report.		
10.7	Environmental and Flood Prevention Works to Heathryfold	The Committee resolved: to approve the recommendations contained in the exempt report.		

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11.1	Aberdeen Car Club Tender	The Committee resolved: to approve the recommendations contained in the exempt report.		
11.2	Permission to Tender - Employee Assistance Service	The Committee resolved: to approve the recommendations contained in the exempt report.		

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