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ABERDEEN, 8 November 2017. Minute of Meeting of the COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Allan, Convener; Councillors Bell and John, Vice-Conveners; and Councillors Cormie, Copland, Delaney (for items 1-25) Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Graham, Grant, Hutchison, Laing (as substitute for Councillor Jennifer Stewart, for items 26-34), Lumsden (as substitute for Councillor MacKenzie, for items 26-34), Macdonald, MacKenzie (for items 1-25), McRae, Nicoll, Jennifer Stewart (for items 1-25) and Yuill (as substitute for Councillor Delaney, for items 26-34).

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CONVENER'S OPENING REMARKS

1. The Convener opened the meeting and asked John Quinn (Head of Land and Property Assets), Steven Shaw (Environment Manager) and Neil Carnegie (Communities and Housing Area Manager) to advise the Committee on awards that had recently been presented to Council services, tenants and staff. Mr Quinn informed the Committee that Graeme Baird had won the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) UK Mechanical and Electrical Apprentice of the Year 2017 with Craig Paterson Runner Up in the same category. Thereafter the Convener presented Mr Baird and Mr Paterson with their awards.

Steven Shaw advised that Aberdeen City had been awarded a Gold Medal at the Britain in Bloom Champion of Champions 2017 and introduced Graham McKay and Alan Gray who accepted the award from the Convener. Mr Shaw explained that Seaton Park had won the Parks and Green Spaces Award and he thanked staff, the Friends Group and volunteers who contributed to this achievement. Thereafter Mr Shaw introduced Neil Carsey and Andrew Kinghorn who accepted the award from the Convener. Mr Shaw also highlighted that the Seaton Park Wetland Project had won the Environmental Initiative of the Year at the Herald Society Awards 2017 and introduced Ian Talboys and Anne-Marie Gauld who accepted the award from the Convener.

Neil Carnegie advised that the Communities and Housing Service had won the Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) National Award for Developing Communities for Participatory Budgeting. He added that the Tenants Housing Service Review Group also received the Runners Up award for Scrutiny at the TPAS awards.

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The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to congratulate all those who had recently won awards; and
- (ii) otherwise note the information required.

DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

2. The Committee was requested to determine that the following items of business be considered as matters of urgency in terms of Section 50(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:-

- 14.8 Various Small Scale Traffic Management and Development Associated Proposals Stage 1; and
- 14.9 Various Small Scale Traffic Management and Development Associated Proposals Stage 3.

The Committee resolved:-

to accept items 14.8 and 14.9 as matters of urgency.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE THAT ANY EXEMPT BUSINESS BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED

3.1. The Convener proposed that the Committee consider item 16.1(Exempt Appendix – Procurement of New Direction Signs for AWPR Traffic) with the press and public excluded.

The Committee resolved:-

In terms of Section 50 (A) (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for consideration of the aforementioned items so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraph 8 of schedule 7(A) of the Act.

MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS

4. Members were requested to intimate any declarations of interest for items on today's agenda.

Councillor Bell declared an interest in items 14.6 and 14.9 by virtue of residency and intimated that he would withdraw from the meeting during consideration of these items.

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Councillors Flynn and Macdonald declared an interest in item 10.3 by virtue of their position as Council appointed representatives on the Board of the Places for People Housing LLP and intimated that they would withdraw from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Councillor Delaney also declared an interest in item 10.3 by virtue of his position as a Director on the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations Board and intimated that he would withdraw from the meeting during consideration of this item.

The Committee resolved:-

To note the declarations of interest by Councillor Bell for items 14.6 and 14.9 and Councillors Delaney, Flynn and Macdonald for item 10.3.

DEPUTATION REQUESTS

5. The Convener advised that deputation requests had been received from Scott Leitch, Halliday Fraser Munro to make representation on item 14.10 (Proposed Extension of the Zone X Controlled Parking Zone – Stage 3).

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to agree to hear the deputation; and
- (ii) to reorder today's agenda to consider item 14.10 immediately following the deputation.

DEPUTATION FROM MR SCOTT LEITCH ON ITEM 14.10 (PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE ZONE X CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE - STAGE 3)

6. Mr Leitch advised that he was making representation on behalf of Mr John Halliday who was a long term resident of Morningfield Road. Mr Leitch asked the Committee to consider amending the proposed layout of the controlled parking zone in order for parking permits to be restricted to residents only for numbers 11-51 Morningfield Road.

The Committee resolved:-

To thank Mr Leitch for the deputation.

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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE ZONE X CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE - STAGE 3

7. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which dealt with the proposed extension of the Rubislaw Area (Zone X) Controlled Parking Zone Traffic Regulation Order at the final statutory stage; that is to say, the main statutory advertisement period is now over in respect to this order and this report presents the objections received. The public notice and the letters of objection are provided in the appendices of this report.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee over-rule the objections received and instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to make 'The Aberdeen City Council (Rubislaw Area, Aberdeen) (Zone X) (Controlled Parking) (Amendment) Order 201(X)' as originally envisaged.

The Convener moved, seconded by Councillor Jennifer Stewart:-

That the Committee approve the recommendations within the report.

Councillor Hutchison moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Jackie Dunbar:-

That the Committee instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to conduct an informal consultation on the extension of the Zone X Controlled Parking Zone and report back to the earliest possible meeting of the Committee.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (10) – The Convener, Vice Conveners Bell and John and Councillors Delaney, Donnelly, Graham, Grant, Macdonald, MacKenzie and Jennifer Stewart.

For the amendment (7) – Councillors Copland, Cormie, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Hutchison, McRae and Nicol.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the motion.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 29 AUGUST 2017

8. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 29 August 2017 for approval.

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The Committee resolved:-

To approve the minute as a correct record.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS STATEMENT

9. The Committee had before it a statement of committee business and a list of annual reports prepared by the Senior Democratic Services Manager.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) in reference to item 4 (Heat Network Torry), to request that a reason for project delay and an update on progress be circulated to members;
- (ii) in reference to item 11 (Blue Badge Enforcement), to request a further service update;
- (iii) in reference to Annual Reports item 11 (Local Transport Strategy Annual Monitoring and Progress Report), to request an update on delivery of the annual report;
- (iv) to agree to remove item 9 (City Centre Masterplan Project EN10 – Union Terrace Gardens) from the Statement as this order was now in effect; and
- (v) otherwise note the updates provided.

MOTIONS LIST

10. The Committee had before it a list of motions prepared by the Senior Democratic Services Manager.

With reference to item 3 (Motion by Councillor Boulton – AWPR/B-T Junctions), the Clerk advised that the report would be delayed as the NESTRANS baseline model had not yet been produced and the model was required in order to allow traffic modelling tests for the junctions to be carried out.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note the motions list; and
- (ii) otherwise note the information provided.

COMMITTEE TRACKER

11. The Committee had before it a tracker for forthcoming Committee meetings, which detailed upcoming reports.

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The Committee resolved:-

To note the Tracker.

MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JACKIE DUNBAR - UPDATE ON THE ROLL OUT OF THE NEW KERBSIDE MIXED RECYCLING SERVICE

12. With reference to article 10 of the minute of 29 August 2017, the Committee had before it a report by the interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which provided an update on the extensive changes made to recycling, refuse and food and garden waste services provided to approx. 70,000 households across the city. The report was in response to a motion by Councillor Jackie Dunbar at the meeting of the Committee on 29 August 2017. The motion was:

To instruct the Interim Director of Communities Housing and Infrastructure to report back, in the next cycle, providing the progress to date of the roll-out of the new recycling and waste system. The report should also include the details of any problems which have been encountered together with the solutions that have been put in place to mitigate them occurring in the future. Officers are requested to provide clarity on the protocol when informing elected members and members of the public when changes are being made to those services.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee note the report.

The Committee resolved:-

To note the report.

REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

13. None

CH&I PERFORMANCE REPORT

14. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which presented the key performance measures and progress of key improvement work within the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Directorate in relation to Community Planning Aberdeen's Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Aberdeen City Council's Strategic Business Plan.

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The report recommended:-

That the Committee provide comments and observations on both the performance information contained in the report and on indicators or areas of service they would like to see featured in future drill-down analysis sheets.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to request Committee members to identify performance indicators they would like to see within committee reports and service updates and feed this back to the CHI Business Support Development Officer for review;
- (ii) to request further detail on the rise in the number of environmental vehicle, plants and equipment accidents on page 112;
- (iii) to request an update on the site layout of the Union Terrace Gardens project on page 100; and
- (iv) otherwise note the performance report.

SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE REPORT

15. The Committee had before it a report by Bruce Farquharson (Area Manager, SFRS) which presented the Local Fire and Rescue Plan Performance Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2017.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee –

- (a) Provide feedback to the Local Senior Officer on the performance report; and
- (b) Are invited to make recommendations to support continuous improvement.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note the report; and
- (ii) to thank SFRS officers for their continued good work and professionalism.

POLICE SCOTLAND THEMATIC REPORT - CONTROLLED DRUGS

16. The Committee had before it a report by Detective Superintendent Alex Dowall that informed the Committee about serious organised crime – controlled drugs in Aberdeen City.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee note the report.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to note the report; and

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- (ii) to thank Police Scotland officers for their continued good work and professionalism.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

AS PER ITEM 4, COUNCILLORS DELANEY, FLYNN AND MACDONALD DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS AND WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING

STRATEGIC HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

17. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which sought agreement to submit the Strategic Housing Infrastructure Plan for the period 2018-19 – 2022-23.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee approve submission of the Strategic Housing Infrastructure Plan to the Scottish Government.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendation.

SMITHFIELD COURT

18. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which sought approval to expand the letting policy for Smithfield Court to permit allocations from the housing lists in addition to key worker allocations.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee approve allocation of vacant flats at Smithfield Court to the Council's existing transfer and waiting list applicants in addition to key workers.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendation.

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PROTECTIVE SERVICES

19. None

WORLD ENERGY CITIES PARTNERSHIP

20. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which sought approval for the Lord Provost to take on the role of Vice President of the World Energy Cities Partnership for two years from January 2018.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee approve the Lord Provost's acceptance of the Vice Presidency of the World Energy Cities Partnership for a two year period starting January 2018.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendation.

DRIVEWAY APPEAL - 14 PRIMROSEHILL AVENUE CULTS

21. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which asked the Committee to consider an appeal by an owner to provide Roads Authority permission for the creation of a footway crossing to serve a new driveway.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee approve the installation of footway crossing to serve a new driveway at 14 Primrosehill Avenue, Cults.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendation.

DEVELOPER OBLIGATIONS REVIEW

22. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which sought approval for new working arrangements for developer obligations that will provide further enhancements to performance and transparency.

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The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Instruct the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development in consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement to terminate the current agreement with Aberdeenshire Council to provide Developer Obligation services;
- (b) Instruct the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development in consultation with the Head of HR and Organisational Development to arrange the delivery of a full Developer Obligation service within Aberdeen City Council;
- (c) Note the key findings of the Developer Obligation Review and the work currently underway in order to manage the delivery of planning obligations within Aberdeen City Council in the short-term; and
- (d) Instruct the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development to prepare Community Asset Plans on a secondary school catchment basis and to return to committee at the next available opportunity to seek approval(s) of these plans.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

REVISION TO PROPERTY LEVEL FLOOD PROTECTION GRANT SCHEME

23. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which sought approval to amend the current grant support for a Property Level Flood Protection Scheme in relation to domestic properties.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Agrees to the revision of grant support for the provision of Property Level Flood Protection for domestic dwellings;
- (b) Notes that the current budget of £500,000 allocated for this project will remain the same value, i.e. £100,000 a year from 2016/17 to 2020/21;
- (c) Agrees that, an increase in grant up to a maximum of £150 per property be made to affected property owners, on receipt of proof of expenditure for a Flood Survey for the property carried out by an accredited organisation;
- (d) Agrees that, a grant of 50% of the cost of installing Property Level Protection to be increase from £1575 up to a maximum of £2500 per property be made to affected property owners, on receipt of proof of expenditure;
- (e) Instructs officers to monitor take up of the grant and to report back to the Committee via the 6 monthly Flood Bulletin; and
- (f) Agrees the grant can be back dated to previous applications on application

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- (i) to approve the recommendations; and

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- (ii) to request that data be sourced on the number of possible retrospective claims and circulate this information to members.

NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND ROAD CASUALTY REDUCTION

24. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which advised of the multi-agency approach to revisiting the North East of Scotland Road Casualty Reduction strategy as approved in 2009 and the changes in how safety issues had been tackled since that time.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Note the current position with regard to Road Casualty figures as set out in Appendix 1 to 3. (Summary statistics for each of the Local Authority areas.);
- (b) Note the core outcome underpinning a strategic approach to Road Casualty Reduction - "Our communities will be safer places in which to live, work and travel" and how it fits within current and emerging approaches to Community Planning;
- (c) Approve the formal strategy and associated action plan on a collaborative basis within the refreshed North East Scotland Road Casualty Reduction Strategy (Appendix 4.); and
- d) Instruct the Head of Service for Public Infrastructure & Environment to report back annually to the CHI Committee on the activities set out in the Strategy.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

ROADS WINTER SERVICE PLAN 2017-18

25. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which presented the proposed Winter Service Plan and to explain significant changes from previous years.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee –

- (a) Note the contents of this report;
- (b) Approve the "Appendix A Roads Winter Service Plan" for 2017 – 2018;
- (c) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment in consultation with the Head of Finance to determine the cost and resource implications of the anticipated additional maintenance burden for the Roads winter maintenance provision from the de-trunking of sections of the A90/A96 upon completion of the

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Aberdeen Western Peripheral Road in order that this can be accounted for in future budgets; and

- (d) Authorise officers to incur expenditure for the purchase of de-icing salt, through an approved framework up to an estimated expenditure of £500,000 in terms of Aberdeen City Council Procurement Regulation 4.1.1.4.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

THIRD DON CROSSING

26. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which presented the outcomes of the operational review of the completed Third Don Crossing project, including aspects which had been highlighted by the local community.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Note the contents of the report on the outcome of the review;
- (b) Note the technical recommendations on further actions which include:
- i) to undertake works to re-designate the nearside eastbound lane of St Machar Drive to left only on a temporary basis;
 - ii) to design and replace the existing bollards and dilapidated gate at Old Tillydrone Road, by Benholm's Lodge (known as Wallace Tower), with a new design to guide cyclists towards the nearby toucan crossing;
 - iii) to remove the redundant deterrent paving adjoining the Pennan Road flats and replace with topsoil and reseed;
 - iv) to design and install a bus shelter at the Gordon Brae bus stop near to the exit of the Balgownie Drive Ramp;
 - v) to implement a dropped kerb crossing on Tillydrone Terrace at its junction with Coningham Terrace and link it to Tillydrone Road;
 - vi) to involve the local community in a review of the current Zebra crossings to improve access across Hayton Road taking into consideration forthcoming developments;
 - vii) to design in conjunction with the local community, a gateway feature on the approach to Tillydrone from the north;

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- viii) to deploy a movable vehicle actuated variable sign;
- ix) to install steel litter bins alongside the 4 bus shelters along the scheme;
- (c) Instruct the Head of Planning and Sustainable Development and Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to reassess the 2017/18 capital and revenue works programmes for Roads, Transportation and Environmental services to identify where the above technical recommendations for the Third Don Crossing scheme can be addressed by prioritising any slippage in existing programmes, and report the outcomes to a future meeting of this committee; and
- (d) Instruct the Head of Planning and Sustainable Development to submit any remaining technical recommendations for the Third Don Crossing for consideration by the Council's budget process for 2018/19.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

AT THIS JUNCTURE THE DURATION OF THE MEETING WAS APPROACHING FOUR HOURS AND THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO SUSPEND STANDING ORDER 37.2 IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE MEETING.

The Committee resolved:-

To suspend standing order 37.2.

AS PER STANDING ORDER 14.1, COUNCILLORS MCLELLAN AND NOBLE REQUESTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS.

The Committee resolved:-

To allow Councillors McLellan and Noble to address the Committee on item 14.4 (Review of Bedford Bus Gate) as per standing order 14.1.

REVIEW OF BEDFORD BUS GATE

27. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which detailed options available for allowing taxis to have access through the bus gate on Bedford Road, including a review of potential alternatives to the bus gate.

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The report recommended:-

That the Committee –

- (a) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to commence the necessary statutory procedure required to permit taxis access through the Bedford Road bus gate. If no significant objections are received, then progress with the public advertisement and report any objections to a future meeting of this Committee;
- (b) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to progress the design and consultation for a traffic calming scheme on Sunnyside Road and Bedford Place; and
- (c) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to progress with the necessary procedures required to promote a 20mph speed limit on Bedford Road.

Councillor Grant moved, seconded by Councillor Bell:-

That the Committee –

- (a) Approve recommendations (a) – (c);
- (b) Reaffirm the Council's existing commitment to the Berryden Corridor scheme and the need to deliver this scheme as soon as practicable;
- (c) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to review the road safety provision outside Sunnybank Primary School and engage with the Head Teacher to offer access to additional Road Safety Education resources using the 2017-18 Cycling Walking Safer Streets budget;
- (d) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance to the existing cycle lanes on Bedford Road using the 2017-18 Cycling Walking Safer Streets budget;
- (e) Note that the existing scheme of signage for the bus gate meets the legal requirements and instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment following consultation with road safety officers, to introduce advanced directional signage Northbound on Bedford Road, near Sunnyside Road using funds from the NHCP789 budget;
- (f) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to investigate the feasibility of creating a left turn exit from Bedford Avenue onto St Machar Drive, with access permitted for cars registered at properties on Powis Crescent, Powis Circle and Bedford Avenue only, and report back to the CHI Committee in March 2018; and
- (g) Note the recommendations contained in section 4 of the Powis Community Living Streets Audit and instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to write to owners of the Kittybrewster Retail Park requesting that they consider appraising options to improve the design and layout of vehicular access to and from the retail park.

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Councillor Hutchison moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Jackie Dunbar:-

That the Committee –

- (a) Approve recommendations (a) - (c);
- (b) Reaffirm the Council's existing commitment to the Berryden Corridor scheme and the need to deliver this scheme as soon as practicable;
- (c) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to review the road safety provision outside Sunnybank Primary School and engage with the Head Teacher to offer access to additional Road Safety Education resources using the 2017-18 Cycling Walking Safer Streets budget;
- (d) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to carry out necessary repairs and maintenance to the existing cycle lanes on Bedford Road using the 2017-18 Cycling Walking Safer Streets budget;
- (e) Note that the existing scheme of signage for the bus gate meets the legal requirements and instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment following consultation with road safety officers, to introduce advanced directional signage Northbound on Bedford Road, near Sunnyside Road using funds from the NHCP789 budget;
- (f) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to investigate the feasibility of creating a left turn exit from Bedford Avenue onto St Machar Drive, with access permitted for cars registered at properties on Powis Crescent, Powis Circle and Bedford Avenue only, and report back to the CHI Committee in March 2018;
- (g) Note the recommendations contained in section 4 of the Powis Community Living Streets Audit and instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to write to owners of the Kittybrewster Retail Park requesting that they consider appraising options to improve the design and layout of vehicular access to and from the retail park;
- (h) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to bring forward a report to the earliest possible meeting of the Committee on a suitable window for implementing Option 3, Timed Restriction. That this report should be done in consultation with local residents, community councils, local businesses, Sunnybank Primary School, Sunnybank School PTA, the University of Aberdeen, local members and other relevant bodies; and
- (i) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to bring forward a report to the earliest possible meeting of the Committee on how the Council could implement a local residents exemption scheme, looking at Hillsborough bus and tram gate as a model, and what streets would be eligible for a permit. That this report should be done in consultation with local residents, community councils, local businesses, Sunnybank Primary School, Sunnybank School PTA, the University of Aberdeen, local members and other relevant bodies.

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On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (9) – The Convener, Vice Conveners Bell and John and Councillors Donnelly, Graham, Grant, Laing, Lumsden and Macdonald.

For the amendment (8) – Councillors Copland, Cormie, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Hutchison, McRae, Nicol and Yuill.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the motion.

SOUTH COLLEGE STREET - CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT

28. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which sought approval from Members for a preferred road layout and junction arrangement for South College Street corridor. The appraisal methodology takes into account the approved sequence of major transport interventions to support the City Centre Masterplan and the ongoing work in establishing a revised road hierarchy for the city beyond the opening of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Note the contents of this report;
- (b) Confirm the approved scheme (Option 1) act as an interim solution for South College Street;
- (c) Approve the principle of a traffic signal junction at the Queen Elizabeth Bridge/North Esplanade West junction and instruct the Head of Planning and Sustainable Development to take forward a review of the junction arrangement on completion of the AWPR and subsequent to the development of a new roads hierarchy;
- (d) Subject to approval of c), and on completion of that review, instruct the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to report back to this Committee on a preferred option for South College Street/Queen Elizabeth Bridge junction; and
- (e) Instruct the Head of Planning and Sustainable Development to update the business case, detailed design and cost estimate of the currently approved scheme (Option 1) and report back these details within twelve months.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

AS PER ITEM 4, COUNCILLOR BELL DECLARED AN INTEREST FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS AND WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING.

REFUGE CROSSING AT NORTH DEESIDE ROAD

29. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which provided information relating to the petition for a crossing refuge on North Deeside Road, near its junctions with Abbotshall Road and Westerton Road, provide information on the feasibility and costs of installing a refuge crossing at this location, and provide members with the results of the pedestrian surveys previously carried out on North Deeside Road.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee request no further action at this location.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendation.

CYCLE PATH FOR FERRYHILL SCHOOL CHILDREN

30. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which outlined the proposed methodology to be followed and sought committee approval for it.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Delegate authority to the Interim Head of Planning and Sustainable Development in conjunction with staff from Education and Children's Services to engage with pupils, parents and teachers from Ferryhill School on developing a school travel plan; and
- (b) When the travel plan is complete, instruct the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to report back to the appropriate committee with the anticipated levels of active travel associated with the school, how any future actions should be progressed, what resources will be needed and how these can be sourced.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

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VARIOUS SMALL SCALE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED PROPOSALS STAGE 1

31. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which advised of the need for various small scale traffic management measures identified as necessary on road safety and/or traffic management grounds, and asks permission to progress the statutory procedure to establish Traffic Regulation Orders to bring these proposals into effect.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Approve the proposals in principle;
- (b) Instruct the Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to commence the necessary legal procedure of initial consultation with Police Scotland, Scottish Ambulance Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Public Transport Operators, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association and any other organisations representing persons likely to be affected by any provision in the order as the authority considers appropriate e.g. Community Councils, Aberdeen Cycle Forum, Disability Equity Partnership etc. If no objections are received, then progress to the public advertisement; and
- (c) Following the public advertisement, if there are no objections, the Traffic Regulations Orders may be made by way of delegated authority. In the event of objection(s) being lodged, instruct officers to report the results to a future meeting of this Committee.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

AS PER ITEM 4, COUNCILLOR BELL DECLARED AN INTEREST FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS AND WITHDREW FROM THE MEETING.

VARIOUS SMALL SCALE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED PROPOSALS STAGE 3

32. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which considered objections that had been lodged with respect to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee –

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- (a) Acknowledge the three objections received as a result of the statutory consultation;
- (b) Approve the orders that did not attract objections, and that all the orders be made and implemented accordingly; and
- (c) In relation to “The Aberdeen City Council (Abbotshall Crescent and Friarsfield Road, Aberdeen) (20 mph Speed Limit) Order 201(X)” and “The Aberdeen City Council (Rosewell Gardens and Summerhill Road, Aberdeen) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 201(X)” overrule the objections received and approve this order be made and implemented as originally envisaged.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

PROCUREMENT OF NEW DIRECTION SIGNS FOR AWPR TRAFFIC

33. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which sought approval to procure the works necessary to make changes to the strategic directional signs within the city that will be affected by the opening of the AWPR, in line with the City Sign Alterations Framework previously reported to Council.

The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Approve the procurement of the strategic directional signs and all works associated with their installation, in association with the ongoing Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) works;
- (b) Approve the estimated expenditure of the procurement detailed in Appendix A; and
- (c) Subject to approval of (a) and (b), instruct Head of Public Infrastructure and Environment to undertake the procurement of the works.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

ABERDEEN IN BLOOM

34. The Committee had before it a report by the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which advised of the success achieved by Aberdeen in this year’s Beautiful Scotland and Britain in Bloom campaigns.

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The report recommended:-

That the Committee -

- (a) Acknowledges Aberdeen's awards in this year's campaigns and gives thanks and congratulations to all those that took part and helped make Aberdeen's campaign such a successful one;
- (b) Agrees that Aberdeen should take part in the 2018 Beautiful Scotland campaign; and
- (c) Agrees for Environmental Services to continue to support and develop community partnerships and projects.

The Committee resolved:-

To approve the recommendations.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION RECORDED UNDER ITEM 3 OF THIS MINUTE, THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS CONSIDERED WITH THE PRESS AND PUBLIC EXCLUDED.

EXEMPT APPENDIX - PROCUREMENT OF NEW DIRECTION SIGNS FOR AWPR TRAFFIC

35. The Committee had before it the exempt appendix to item 14.11 on today's agenda.

The Committee resolved:-

To note the information contained within the exempt appendix.

- COUNCILLOR YVONNE ALLAN, Convener.

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