LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COUNCIL DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2017

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Council and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise Council or seek further instructions from Council.

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1	Aberdeen: The Smarter City - Progress Report 2012-2017	The Council resolved: (i) to note the content of the progress report; and (ii) to agree to the inclusion of the report in Council Tax bills for 2017/18.	Office of Chief Executive	Angela Scott
2	Strategic Business Plan Refresh 2017- 2018	The Council resolved: to note the content of the refreshed Strategic Business Plan 2017-2018.	Office of Chief Executive	Martin Murchie
3	General Fund Revenue Budget 2017/18 to 2021/22 and Non-Housing Capital Programme 2017/18 to 2021/22	The Council resolved: (i) to note that the presentation of this year's budget report was fundamentally different from previous years and that this reflected the change in financial reporting to Council as a result of London Stock Exchange listing. A specific requirement of this is that all expenditure figures must be shown as gross.	Corporate Governance	Steven Whyte/ Helen Valentine

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	(ii) to note the projected balance sheet position including the reserves as at 31 March 2017; (iii) to approve the Non Housing Capital Programme as attached and by doing so to note that the Council would be maintaining the level of debt over the next five years as advised to Moody's the credit rating agency; (iv) to instruct the Chief Executive to report back to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 9 March 2017 on the uncommitted funding detailed within the Non Housing Capital Programme attached; (v) to await the outcome of the four STAG appraisals as agreed within the City Region Deal with both the UK and the Scottish Governments, and to instruct the Chief Executive to begin dialogue with partners in relation to developing strategic transport proposals under a second City Region Deal; (vi) to approve the Prudential Indicators as attached and by doing so to note that the indicators should convey confidence to the investors in the Council's Bond of our ability to repay the debt due; and (vii) to approve the recommended use of reserves for 2017/18 and any underspend for 2016/17 as set out in the report and the attached budget for the creation of a 'Change Fund' of	Executive Corporate Governance Office of Chief	Angela Scott Mark Masson (for information) Angela Scott

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	£8million for procurement of services and severance payments to support the change plans set out in the strategic plan.		
	Revenue Budget Recommendations		
	Long Term and Medium Term		
	 (viii) to note the draft financial position for 2018/19 to 2021/22 as shown in paragraph 5.35 of the report; and (ix) to note the Medium Term and Long Term Financial Plans as shown in Appendix 4 of the report. 		
	Short Term		
	 (x) to approve the attached balanced revenue position for 2017/18, which included a contribution to the Change Fund reserve of £3.1million; (xi) to approve the level of funding for 2017/18 in relation to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) and note that it would be for the IJB itself to determine which savings options to take from Appendix 		
	7 of the report; (xii) to approve the IJB Budget protocol proposed by the Chief Executive as shown at Appendix 8 of the report and note that it would also have to be approved by NHS Grampian and the IJB; and (xiii) to instruct the Director of Education	Education and	Gayle Gorman
	and Children's Services to provide a	Children's Services	

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	further report to the Education and Children's Services Committee, setting out plans for how the ring fenced monies allocated to Council under the Attainment Fund would be utilised, and provide reassurance that recurring commitments were not being made. The report also to include plans for the use of the Council's allocation of additional capital and revenue funding for the expansion of early learning and childcare, once the allocation had been received from the Scottish Government.	·	Allison Swanson (for information)
	Taxation		
	 (xiv) to agree to freeze Council Tax at 2016/17 levels for 2017/18; (xv) to note that the Scottish Government had legislated to change the Council Tax multipliers for properties in Bands E-H which led to an increase of 7.5% to 22.5% in Council Tax for these bands; and 		
	(xvi) to note the announcement of the Scottish Government proposing additional business rates relief and		Angela Scott
	instruct the Chief Executive to consider this announcement in relation to Appendix 9 of the report and report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 9 March 2017.	Corporate Governance	Mark Masson (for information)
	<u>Other</u>		

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	(xvii) to instruct the Chief Executive to prepare a business case around the feasibility of Aberdeen City Council		Angela Scott
	introducing Low Emission Zones throughout the city. To agree that the Scottish Government, partner organisations and stakeholders have significant roles in the development of any business case and that the business case must reflect the legislative position of the Scottish Government and instruct the Chief Executive to provide members with an initial report at the June 2017 Council meeting on progress;		Martyn Orchard (for information)
	(xviii) to instruct the Chief Executive to sign the Construction Standards Charter between the Council and UCATT; (xix) to agree to allocate £50,000 from the Cycling Walking Safer Streets capital grant towards upgrading for cycle		Angela Scott
	routes throughout Aberdeen; (xx) agree to allocate £50,000 from Cycling Walking Safer Streets capital grant to enable street lighting to be installed on the remaining unlit section of Cove Road;		
	to the March 2017 Council meeting on the feasibility of building 2,000 Council	Executive	Angela Scott
	houses; (xxii) to agree to allocate £826,000 to accelerate the upgrade of play parks;	Corporate Governance	Martyn Orchard (for information)
	(xxiii) to agree to allocate £976,000 to allow for the further expansion of Pupil Support Assistants back into schools	Education and Children's Services	Gayle Gorman

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		to help raise attainment, and instruct the Director of Education and Children's Services to report to the Education and Children's Services Committee on how this will be implemented; and (xxiv) to agree to maintain the grant funding to Sport Aberdeen at current levels subject to Sport Aberdeen implementing the 1% pay rise received by local government for 2016/17 and the nationally agreed increase for 2017/18.	Corporate Governance	Allison Swanson (for information)
4	Draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Housing Capital Budget 2017/18 to 2021/22	The Council resolved: (i) to approve the budget as attached in Appendix 1 of the report subject to (ii) and (iii) below; (ii) to approve that the weekly unrebated rents for municipal houses be frozen for 2017/18 with the exception of those phasing towards the model rent, to take effect from 3 April 2017; (iii) to approve the level of revenue contribution to the Housing Capital budget for 2017/18 at £24.045 million as well as a provisional contribution for the subsequent four financial years as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; (iv) to maintain the level of working balances to ensure a minimum of 10% is maintained to meet future contingencies; (v) to approve the level of miscellaneous rents and service charges, including	Corporate Governance	Helen Sherrit

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Item Title	Council Decision Heat with Rent as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; (vi) to set a capital programme for the financial year 2017/18 based on the rent strategy adopted as well as the indicative level of programme for the financial years 2018/19 and 2021/22 as contained within the report; (vii) in order for work to commence on the capital programme, to approve the estimated expenditure in relation to each of the proposed procurement exercises regarding the various requirements shown against each heading of the Housing Capital Expenditure budget set out in Appendix 1 to the report, without the need for separate Committee approval of each requirement; (viii) to authorise the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to undertake or instruct	Communities, Housing and	Officer to Action Bernadette Marjoram
	appropriate procedures to procure the works referred to in Appendix 1 of the report for the capital programme and award contracts relating thereto; and (ix) to instruct the Interim Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to undertake a full	Communities, Housing and	Bernadette Marjoram
	strategic review of service delivery in relation to the Housing Revenue Account and report back to the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee on 8 November 2017.		Emma Parr (for information)

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5	<u>Common Good Budget 2017/18 - 2021/22</u>	Referred simpliciter to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 9 March 2017.	Corporate Governance Office of Chief Executive	Helen Valentine/ Mark Masson Ciaran Monaghan
6	North East Scotland Pension Fund Budget 2017/18 - 2021/22	The Council resolved: (i) to note the provision contained within the Council's General Fund budget for 2017/18 to 2021/22; (ii) to instruct the Head of Finance to recover the actual costs from the North East Scotland Pension Fund; and (iii) to note the progress on the introduction of a Service Level Agreement.	Corporate Governance	Gill Mutch/ Laura Colliss

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