

COUNCIL DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING - TUESDAY, 6 MARCH 2018

Please let the Clerk 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 Clerk know as it may be necessary to advise the Council or seek further instructions from the Council.

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1	<u>No urgent business</u>	None		
2	<u>No exempt business</u>	None		
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	<u>The Council resolved:</u> to note the declarations of interest which will be recorded in the minute.		
4	<u>General Fund Revenue Budget 2018/19 to 2022/23 and General Fund Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 - CG/18/032</u>	<u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>Target Operating Model</u> (i) to note the alignment of the Council's revenue budget to the interim functional structure approved by Council in August 2017; (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Finance to formally notify the approved budget to all the newly confirmed Chief Officers within the interim functional structure; <u>Balance Sheet Recommendations</u> (iii) to note the projected balance sheet position including the reserves as at 31 March 2018;	Finance Finance	Sandra Buthlay Steve Whyte/ Sandra Buthlay

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	<p>Replacement page 17 which contains an amended figure for Sport Aberdeen for 2018/19. Revised version of Appendix 2 also circulated.</p>	<p>(iv) to approve the General Fund capital programme as attached at Appendix 1 of the report, and by doing so note that the Council will be maintaining the level of debt as advised to Moody's, the Council's credit rating agency;</p> <p>(v) to approve an additional capital investment of £10million on road maintenance over the next five years;</p> <p>(vi) to approve the Prudential Indicators as circulated, and by doing so note that this demonstrates the affordability and sustainability of the Council's borrowing levels and therefore ability to sustain its credit rating;</p> <p>(vii) to approve the recommended use of reserves for 2018/19 as detailed in paragraph 3.39 of the report, and by doing so note that the level of uncommitted reserves is in line with CIPFA guidance as noted in its "Local Authority Reserves & Balances" bulletin published in July 2014;</p> <p>(viii) to note the contingent liabilities faced by the Council as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, which may place future financial liabilities on the Council;</p> <p>(ix) to note that transformation of the Council will require the use of reserves, including capital receipts to fund associated costs;</p> <p>(x) to delegate to the Chief Officer - Finance to make suitable provision as part of the 2017/18 Annual Accounts for any future VS/ER payments which will be reported back to the relevant committees in due course;</p> <p>(xi) to approve the reserves strategy as outlined in paragraphs 3.37 to 3.39 of the report which will ensure that reserves will increase over the medium term and therefore provide the Council with additional liquidity and financial resilience going forward;</p> <p>(xii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Finance to report back to the City Growth and Resource Committee before December 2018 on a detailed reserves strategy;</p> <p><u>Revenue Budget Recommendations</u></p> <p>5 Year Revenue Budget Position</p> <p>(xiii) to note the draft financial position for 2019/20 to 2022/23 as shown in paragraph 3.40 of the report;</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Finance</p>	<p>Steve Whyte/ Sandra Buthlay</p> <p>Steve Whyte/ Sandra Buthlay</p>

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		<p>(xxiii) to instruct the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services to bring forward an all options business case report to the September 2018 meeting of the City Growth and Resources Committee on the best way forward for sport in Aberdeen given the imminent contractual 10-year agreement with Sport Aberdeen is about to end;</p> <p>(xxiv) as part of our commitment to Civic Leadership and Urban Governance, to instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to arrange for a state of the city annual conference led by the Co-Leaders to coincide with the independent report by the Economic Panel Report due back before members each year;</p> <p>(xxv) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to bring forward an all options business case to the Capital Programme Committee in September 2018 on the most appropriate option for the old AECC;</p> <p>(xxvi) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to bring an up to date business case and progress report to the Capital Programme Committee on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposed Tillydrone new Primary School; • Torry Primary School Hub; • Milltimber Primary School; and • Berryden Corridor (all stages); <p>(xxvii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to bring a review of the School Estate report within the next nine months to the Education Operational Delivery Committee and thereafter to forward the report to the Capital Programme Committee;</p> <p>(xxviii) to instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to bring forward an all options business case to the Capital Programme Committee in September 2018 on how best to proceed with Queens Square as part of the next phase of the masterplan;</p> <p>(xxix) to instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to enter into dialogue with the United Kingdom and Scottish Governments on how best to progress a City Deal 2 noting the Aberdeen Region City Deal said <i>“In order to realise the full potential of the area a transport appraisal (supported by UK Government and Scottish Government, Transport Scotland and local partners) will take a 20 year strategic view of the transport implications of the investment unlocked by this Deal across all modes including road and</i></p>	<p>Commercial and Procurement Services</p> <p>City Growth</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>City Growth</p> <p>City Growth</p>	<p>Craig Innes</p> <p>Richard Sweetnam</p> <p>Stephen Booth</p> <p>Stephen Booth</p> <p>Stephen Booth</p> <p>Richard Sweetnam</p> <p>Richard Sweetnam</p>

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		<p><i>rail. This work will commence in 2016 and will be based on Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance. The appraisal will recognise the priorities of local, regional and national transport plans and programmes as well as the existing work outlined above.”;</i></p> <p>(xxx) to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive of COSLA and Scottish Government calling for a review of the funding mechanism;</p> <p>(xxxi) as part of our commitment to Civic Leadership and Urban Governance, to instruct the Chief Executive to bring a report to the City Growth and Resources Committee working with partners to include our ALEOs, Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce, Aberdeen Burgesses Federation of Small Businesses, Opportunity North East and Scottish Enterprise to assess the impact on Aberdeen of Scottish Government funding in comparison to the funding received by other local authorities and identify how the Council can encourage the Scottish Government to provide a better financial settlement for Aberdeen;</p> <p>(xxxii) to note that Pupil Equity Funding is allocated by the Scottish Government on the basis of free school meal eligibility. To note the approach to estimating free school meals registrations is being kept under review by the Scottish Government to allow the Scottish Government to improve the quality of data for identifying children living in households affected by poverty. To instruct the Chief Operating Officer to bring a report to the next Education Operational Delivery Committee on how the Council can substantially increase the uptake of free school meals throughout the city;</p> <p>(xxxiii) to note the success of similar projects in UK cities and instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to provide a business case to the Capital Programme Committee around the introduction of a cycle hire scheme which would have the potential to bring a real sea-change to transport in the city;</p> <p>(xxxiv) to agree to ring fence £1,351,000 of the council tax increase of £3,389,000 (40%) to be spent on the following growth items:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="412 1321 1547 1513"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="412 1321 1332 1361"></th> <th data-bbox="1332 1321 1547 1361">£</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="412 1361 1332 1437">Towards a Fairer Aberdeen provision of Meals to Children during school holidays</td> <td data-bbox="1332 1361 1547 1437">50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="412 1437 1332 1513">Set up a Co-operative Business Development fund to support small businesses and their staff to explore new ways of</td> <td data-bbox="1332 1437 1547 1513">75,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		£	Towards a Fairer Aberdeen provision of Meals to Children during school holidays	50,000	Set up a Co-operative Business Development fund to support small businesses and their staff to explore new ways of	75,000	<p>OCE</p> <p>OCE</p> <p>Chief Operating Officer</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>Angela Scott</p> <p>Angela Scott</p> <p>Rob Polkinghome</p> <p>Eric Owens</p>
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5	<p data-bbox="188 612 788 724"><u>Draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Housing Capital Budget 2018/19 to 2022/23 - CG/18/030</u></p>	<p data-bbox="815 612 1460 651"><u>The Council resolved:</u></p> <p data-bbox="815 651 1460 1503">(i) to approve the budget as attached in Appendix 1 (pages 5 to 6) of the report subject to the resolutions below;</p> <p data-bbox="815 801 1460 944">(ii) to approve that the weekly unrebated rents for municipal houses be increased by 2.6% for 2018/19, to take effect from 30 April 2018;</p> <p data-bbox="815 944 1460 1088">(iii) to continue to cap rent increases due to rent restructuring at a maximum of £3 per week until model rent is achieved;</p> <p data-bbox="815 1088 1460 1200">(iv) to reduce the rent of those above the phasing following rent restructuring to the model rent;</p> <p data-bbox="815 1200 1460 1423">(v) to approve the level of revenue contribution to the Housing Capital budget for 2018/19 at £20.6million as well as a provisional contribution for the subsequent four financial years as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;</p> <p data-bbox="815 1423 1460 1503">(vi) to approve the proposal to maintain the working balances at 10% to meet</p>	Finance Early Intervention and Community Empowerment	Helen Sherrit Derek McGowan												

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		<p>future contingencies as detailed in Appendix 1 (pages 5 to 6) of the report;</p> <p>(vii) to agree to freeze the level of miscellaneous rents and service charges, including Heat with Rent as detailed in Appendix 1 (pages 16 to 17) of the report;</p> <p>(viii) to approve, based on the rent strategy adopted, the capital programme for the financial year 2018/19 (Appendix 1 pages 23 to 26 of the report);</p> <p>(ix) to note the indicative level of programme for the financial years 2019/20 to 2022/23 (Appendix 1 pages 23 to 26 of the report);</p> <p>(x) to approve as estimated expenditure in terms of the Procurement Regulation 4.1.1, in order for work to commence on the capital programme, the sums shown against each heading of the Housing Capital Expenditure budget for the financial year 2018/19 set out in Appendix 1 (pages 23 to 26) to the report without the need for separate committee approval of each;</p> <p>(xi) to delegate authority to the Director of Resources, following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to undertake or instruct appropriate procedures in accordance with the Council's Procurement Regulations to procure the works referred to in Appendix 1 (pages 23 to 26) of the report for the</p>	<p>Resources</p> <p>Commercial and Procurement Services</p> <p>Resources</p> <p>R</p>	<p>Steve Whyte</p> <p>Craig Innes</p>

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		<p>has been prepared and that work will continue to be undertaken to comprehensively review Common Good assets; and</p> <p>(iv) to note the intention to review the process for dealing with applications to the Common Good Fund from 2019/20.</p>		
7	<u>North East Scotland Pension Fund Budget 2018/19 - 2022/23 - CG/18/027</u>	<p><u>The Council resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the provision in respect of the North East Scotland Pension Fund (NESPF) contained within the Council's General Fund budget for 2018/19 to 2022/23;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Finance to recover, from the NESPF, the actual costs incurred by the Council in acting as the administering authority for the NSPF; and</p> <p>(iii) to congratulate staff for their work in relation to the key achievements of NESPF.</p>	Finance	Gill Mutch/ Laura Colliss/ Steve Whyte

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