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To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 23 February 2018

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **MONDAY, 5 MARCH 2018 at 10.15am.**

In terms of Section 53 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, a decision of a local authority to review its Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils shall be by resolution by not less than two-thirds of the members voting thereon at a local authority meeting specially convened for the purpose with notice of the object.

In the event that the meeting runs beyond 10.30am, the ordinary Council meeting (scheduled to start at 10.30am) will commence upon conclusion of the Special Council meeting.

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Agenda Item 1

You must consider at the earliest stage possible whether you have an interest to declare in relation to any matter which is to be considered. You should consider whether reports for meetings raise any issue of declaration of interest. Your declaration of interest must be made under the standing item on the agenda, however if you do identify the need for a declaration of interest only when a particular matter is being discussed then you must declare the interest as soon as you realise it is necessary. The following wording may be helpful for you in making your declaration.

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons

For example, I know the applicant / I am a member of the Board of X / I am employed by...
and I will therefore withdraw from the meeting room during any discussion and voting on that item.

OR

I have considered whether I require to declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons however, having applied the objective test, I consider that my interest is so remote / insignificant that it does not require me to remove myself from consideration of the item.

OR

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons however I consider that a specific exclusion applies as my interest is as a member of xxxx, which is

- (a) a devolved public body as defined in Schedule 3 to the Act;
- (b) a public body established by enactment or in pursuance of statutory powers or by the authority of statute or a statutory scheme;
- (c) a body with whom there is in force an agreement which has been made in pursuance of Section 19 of the Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland) Act 1990 by Scottish Enterprise or Highlands and Islands Enterprise for the discharge by that body of any of the functions of Scottish Enterprise or, as the case may be, Highlands and Islands Enterprise; or
- (d) a body being a company:-
 - i. established wholly or mainly for the purpose of providing services to the Councillor's local authority; and
 - ii. which has entered into a contractual arrangement with that local authority for the supply of goods and/or services to that local authority.

OR

I declare an interest in item (x) for the following reasons.....and although the body is covered by a specific exclusion, the matter before the Committee is one that is quasi-judicial / regulatory in nature where the body I am a member of:

- is applying for a licence, a consent or an approval
- is making an objection or representation
- has a material interest concerning a licence consent or approval
- is the subject of a statutory order of a regulatory nature made or proposed to be made by the local authority.... and I will therefore withdraw from the meeting room during any discussion and voting on that item.

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ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Special Council
DATE	5 March 2018
REPORT TITLE	Review of Community Council Governance
REPORT NUMBER	CG/17/135
CHIEF OFFICER	Fraser Bell
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-

To present the responses received during the public consultation and the Amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils including boundary changes for various Community Councils.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Council:

- 2.1 approve the revisions to the Scheme and associated documents as set out in Appendix 1;
- 2.2 approve the boundary and name changes for Community Councils as outlined in Appendix 2;
- 2.3 note the two proposals for the boundary change between Bucksburn and Newhills and Dyce and Stoneywood Community Councils as outlined in sections 3.5 to 3.8 of the report and in Appendix 2;
- 2.4 approve the proposed action to be taken in relation to Bucksburn and Newhills and Dyce and Stoneywood Community Council boundaries as outlined at section 3.9 of the report;
- 2.5 note the two proposals for the boundary change between the City Centre and Ferryhill and Ruthrieston Community Councils as outlined at section 3.10 of the report and in Appendix 2;
- 2.6 approve the proposed action to be taken in relation to the City Centre and Ferryhill and Ruthrieston Community Council boundaries as outlined at section 3.11 of the report;

- 2.7 note the position between Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank Community Council and George Street Community Council on the boundary proposal as outlined at section 3.12 of the report;
- 2.8 approve the issue of a public notice inviting members of the public to comment on the Amended Scheme and associated documents;
- 2.9 note the content of the consultation responses and resulting actions as outlined in Appendix 3; and
- 2.10 note that a report providing the outcome of the second phase of public consultation and requesting approval of the final Scheme and boundaries will be submitted to a Special Meeting of Council in July 2018.

3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

Consultation Responses

- 3.1 Public Consultation on the Scheme, boundary proposals and associated documents commenced on 15 December 2017 and ended on 16 February 2018. During this time three sessions were organised in the Town House whereby, members of the public were invited to attend to see the boundary proposals in more detail and the proposed amendments to the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. Attendees were given the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposals either via the website or on forms available at the events.
- 3.2 During the consultation 13 responses were received. Some of those related to Boundary changes and these have been outlined below. The others related to the content within the Scheme and associated documents.
- 3.3 The full list of consultation responses and the actions taken have been included in Appendix 3.

Boundary Proposals

- 3.5 During the consultation, Bucksburn and Newhills Community Council requested that the original boundary proposal be considered. At the time of the proposal being circulated to Community Councils, Dyce and Stoneywood Community Council did not accept the proposal.
- 3.6 Bucksburn and Newhills CC firmly believe that the new Exhibition Centre should be within their boundary. The old Rowett Institute was always considered to be part of Bucksburn although it sat within the boundary for Dyce and Stoneywood CC. It is also felt that residents within the surrounding area of Bucksburn would be more affected by traffic and disturbance from the development which could have little impact on residents within Dyce.
- 3.7 The proposal for the Bucksburn and Newhills CC boundary is to travel along Dyce Drive to the junction with Wellheads Drive and then follow the road along to Market Street and along to Stoneywood Road, then following

Stoneywood Road down to the original boundary. This would take in the full area that is traditionally known as Bankhead which forms part of Bucksburn as well as the Exhibition Centre.

- 3.8 The alternative proposal was to only include the area that forms part of Bankhead and to leave the Exhibition Centre within Dyce and Stoneywood CC.
- 3.9 It is proposed that during the second phase of public consultation, both options are presented and that an event be held in both Community Council areas to engage with the public to gain their views on the boundary proposals and to get a clearer view on which area of the city they believe they are part of. This would help to shape the boundary moving forward.
- 3.10 During the consultation an alternative proposal for the boundary between the City Centre and Ferryhill and Ruthrieston Community Councils was submitted. It has been suggested that the initial proposal was requesting a large area felt to be part of Ferryhill into the City Centre boundary. The alternative proposal was to travel down Holburn Street to the junction with Justice Mill Lane, continue onto Langstane Place, travel down Windmill Brae, onto Bridge Street, then continuing onto College Street to the junction with Wellington Place and then travel across the railway line onto Market Street. This would put Union Square, the bus station and train station into the City Centre CC boundary.
- 3.11 It is proposed that during the second phase of public consultation, both options are presented and that an event be held in both Community Council areas to engage with the public to gain their views on the boundary proposals and to get a clearer view on which area of the city they believe they are part of. This would help to shape the boundary moving forward.
- 3.12 During the consultation George Street Community Council requested that the boundary between them and Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank Community Council remained at the railway line and not split at the dual carriageway down Powis Place. The rationale for changing the boundary was to include Froghall Community Centre into the Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank boundary and to prevent one Community Council crossing the dual carriageway for an area of land to include everything down the left hand side of Powis Place. The recommendation would be to approve the original proposal.

Review of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

- 3.11 The Scheme and associated documents have been updated to provide a clearer structure to assist Community Councils in undertaking their duties.
- 3.12 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 has provision for amending the Scheme and states that any proposals are required to be issued for public consultation. The Good Practice Guide issued by the Scottish Government indicates that two periods of 8 weeks consultation are required with a further 4 weeks period of notification.

Complaints Procedure

- 3.13 The purpose of the Complaints Procedure is to enable Community Councils to manage complaints in a fair and consistent manner. It is proposed that the Community Council Liaison Officer will monitor the nature of the complaints to identify any trends that could be addressed by training.
- 3.14 The Minister for Local Government and Housing wrote to all Local Authorities in January 2017 requesting that when they were reviewing their Scheme, that they consider implementing a robust complaints procedure.
- 3.15 The Complaints Procedure and Guidance for Community Councils is contained within the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils at Appendix 1. The document will be a standalone document once approved.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of advertising the amended Scheme in the local Press can be met from within the existing approved Community Council Advertising budget therefore there would be no additional financial implications for the Council.
- 4.2 In 2014, The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 was enacted which changed the process for registering to vote to Individual Electoral Registration, which has resulted in a reduction in the number of students registered to vote at an address in Aberdeen during the term of their studies. This has resulted in a significant reduction in funding for those Community Councils with a high student population. If the grant formula is not amended then some Community Councils will face a continued reduction in funding which would reduce the functionality of the work of the Community Council.
- 4.3 The formula for calculating Community Council grants has been amended to ensure the distribution of funds is fairer and based on the Head of Population rather than the Electoral figures. The projected figures for the 2018/19 grant allocation can be met from within the Community Council Grants budget therefore there would be no additional financial implications for the Council.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 (section 22) outlines the process for amending the Local Authority Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils. Local Authorities after considering any representations made at the initial consultation stage, may, after giving public notice of the amendments to the proposals and a further invitation to make representations, amend the Scheme to take account of those representations and adopt it.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Financial

6.1 Community Councils are required to undertake a variety of tasks including communicating with their communities. The annual grant that the Council provides enables them to fulfil their duties. If the grant formula is not amended then some Community Councils will face a continued reduction in funding which would reduce the functionality of the work of the Community Council resulting in local communities not being engaged or able to contribute effectively to local decision making.

Customer / citizen

6.2 The Council is required to consult members of the public on any major proposal that would affect the operation of Community Councils in Aberdeen. If the proposal is not advertised this may have a negative impact on the working relationship between the Council and the Community Councils which in turn would affect the citizens of Aberdeen. To actively seek the communities' comments on the proposal would be beneficial to the Council to enable their engagement and participation in the democratic process.

Legal

6.3 To ensure the Council complies with the provisions within the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 (section 22), the Council is required to consult with the public on amendments to the Scheme therefore failure to do so would be a risk to the Council. To mitigate against the risk, the amended Scheme and associated documents should be issued for public consultation.

6.4 There are no risks identified under the Environmental, Technological, Employees or Reputational categories.

7. IMPACT SECTION

7.1 Economy

There are no direct impacts on the economy.

7.2 People

7.2.1 This report takes into consideration aspects of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan specifically in relation to community engagement. The Council along with its partners is seeking ways to improve community engagement. Enabling public consultation on the proposals will provide local people to be involved in the democratic process and shape the way forward for Community Councils.

7.2.2 The Aberdeen City Community Council Forum established a Boundaries Project Group to look at various aspects of the boundaries, including the current boundaries and whether they were still relevant, looking ahead to major developments which may affect the natural boundaries and making proposals to improve them to fit with natural communities.

7.2.3 The Scheme and associated documents, including the boundary information has been circulated to all Community Councils and to all Elected Members to seek their views on the proposals. The majority of the responses received to

date have been positive and where appropriate the suggestions made have been included in the amended documentation before members.

7.3 Place

- 7.3.1 The amendments to the Community Council boundaries will help to embed a community structure and enable residents and visitors to engage with and feel part of an active community.

7.4 Technology

There are no direct impacts.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. 2012 Aberdeen City Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils
2. Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils including Complaints Procedures for other Local Authorities
3. Model Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils – Scottish Government

9. APPENDICES (if applicable)

Appendix 1 – Amended Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils
Appendix 2 – Amended Boundaries
Appendix 3 – Consultation Responses

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Introduction

Community Councils were first established in Scotland following the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. Thereafter, the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act, 1994, which produced the current system of unitary local authorities, made provision for the continuation of Community Councils. Under the legislation, every local community in Scotland is entitled to petition their local authority to establish a Community Council in their area.

Community Councils are voluntary bodies which exist within a statutory framework and which have been granted statutory rights of consultation.

The general purpose of a Community Council shall be to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to the local authorities for its area, and to public authorities, the views of the community which it represents, in relation to matters for which those authorities are responsible, and to take such action in the interests of that community as appears to it to be expedient and practicable.

They can complement the role of the local authority although they are not part of local government.

The Scheme will come into operation from October 2018 when the new term for Community Councils begins in Aberdeen City. The Scheme will be subject to review periodically prior to each new term.

1. Statutory Purposes

The statutory purposes of Community Councils established under the Scheme are set out in Section 51 (2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as follows:-

In addition to any other purpose which a Community Council may pursue, the general purpose of a Community Council shall be to ascertain, co-ordinate and express to the local authorities for its area, and to public authorities, the views of the community which it represents, in relation to matters for which those authorities are responsible, and to take such action in the interests of that community as appears to it to be expedient and practicable.

2. Establishment of Community Councils

2.1 Areas

2.1.1 Aberdeen City Council has produced list of community council areas (page 17). Maps which outline their boundaries can be requested by contacting the Community Council Liaison Officer at communitycouncils@aberdeencity.gov.uk

2.2 Existing Community Councils

2.2.1 Aberdeen City Council shall organise elections for all Community Councils in October every three years.

2.3 Where no Community Council exists

2.3.1 To establish a new Community Council, an application submitted by 20 residents, who are on the electoral register for that area must be submitted to the Community Council Liaison Officer. On receipt of the application form, Aberdeen City Council shall arrange an election for that area.

3. Role and Responsibilities

The general purpose of Community Councils is to act as a voice for their local area.

This will involve them articulating the views and concerns of local people in their area on a wide range of issues of public concern and make representations to the Local Authority, other public sector bodies and private agencies on matters within their sphere of interest.

Community Councils should have in place mechanisms to encourage public involvement and feedback to secure greatest possible involvement from all sectors of the community which may include consultations, questionnaires, public meetings and effective means to publicise the determinations of the community council.

3.1 Role

- 3.1.1 Community Councils have a statutory right to be consulted on planning applications and licensing applications.
- 3.1.2 Community Councils are a type of community participation body as defined under the Community Empowerment Act 2015. They have the authority to make participation requests to a public service authority to permit them to participate in an outcome improvement process.
- 3.1.3 Community Councils should develop robust and effective working relationships with the City Council and other agencies.
- 3.1.4 Community Councils may be consulted on any other matters by the Local Authority, Community Planning Partnership and other public sector and private agencies.
- 3.1.5 Community Councils may carry out other activities that are in the general interests of the communities they represent, provided those activities fall within the objectives of their Constitution and the terms of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Council.
- 3.1.6 In the case of complex planning applications, it may be impractical for Community Councils to perform a full consultation affecting the whole community where the proposal might benefit from a formal consultation, collate the feedback and lodge a meaningful representation within the timescales allowed. In this case Community Councils may lodge representations based on material considerations affecting the interests of their community provided they have also advertised the application in their community and encouraged members of the community to make their own representations.
- 3.1.7 In carrying out their activities Community Councils must at all times adhere to the law; the terms of the Scheme; Constitution; Standing Orders; and the Community Councillors' Code of Conduct.
- 3.1.8 Each Community Council is required to adopt a Constitution, Standing Orders and the Code of Conduct. The Community Councils Constitution is required to be approved by the Local Authority. The purpose of these documents is to:
- encourage and maintain consistency for all Community Councils,
 - facilitate properly structured and regulated proceedings, and
 - ensure that items of business relevant to the community are properly debated and decisions are reached in a democratic manner.

3.2 Responsibilities

Community Councils have a duty under statute to represent the views of their local community. It is vital therefore, that they reflect the broad spectrum of opinion and interests the community.

In order to fulfil their responsibilities and in being effective and representative, Community Councils shall:

- 3.2.1 Inform the community of the work and decisions of the Community Council by posting agendas and minutes of meetings in public places, such as libraries, notice boards and online, subject to the provisions contained within the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which will apply from 25 May 2018.
- 3.2.2 Provide publicly available contact information such as names, addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses and website links to enable members of the public to contact them.
- 3.2.3 Allow members of the public to attend all meetings of the Community Council and ensure they have the opportunity to address the Community Council.
- 3.2.4 Send agendas and draft minutes of Community Council meetings to Community Council members, the Community Council Liaison Officer and to relevant elected members and other interested parties.
- 3.2.5 Have in place consultative mechanisms to encourage public involvement to secure greatest possible involvement from all sectors of the community it represents. This could be in form of consultations, questionnaires, public meetings and providing information to the community.
- 3.2.6 Seek to broaden both representation and expertise by promoting the Associate Membership of the Community Council of persons for specific projects/issues.
- 3.2.7 Make particular efforts to encourage young people and other under-represented groups to attend/participate in Community Council meetings and to ensure equality of opportunity in the way the Community Council carries out its functions.
- 3.2.8 Maintain proper financial records and present financial reports at Community Council meetings.
- 3.2.9 Inform the Community Council Liaison Officer of any change in membership (resignations, associate members) and circumstances, as soon as is practicable.

4. Membership of Community Councils

- 4.1 There shall be a minimum and maximum membership number of elected Community Councillors in a Community Council.
- 4.2 The minimum age to stand for election as a Community Councillor is 16 years of age.
- 4.3 Qualification for membership is by residency within the specific Community Council area.
- 4.4 Community Council candidates for membership must be named on the current electoral register for the Community Council area in which they reside as a local government elector.
- 4.5 There shall be provision made for non-voting Associate Membership for purposes as defined by each Community Council.
- 4.6 No elected member of Aberdeen City Council shall be eligible to be a member of a Community Council. If a member of a Community Council is so elected, they will be deemed to have resigned from the Community Council the day after the result of the Local Government election is declared.
- 4.7 Elected members of the Scottish, United Kingdom and European Parliaments are entitled to become ex-officio members of Community Councils, with no voting rights.

5. Community Council Elections

5.1 Eligibility for Membership and Voting

- 5.1.1 Voting shall be open to any individual elector aged 16 and over, within the area of the Community Council and whose name appears on the Electoral Register and are registered as a local government elector on the day of Poll.
- 5.1.2 For membership, all candidates and witnesses at the date of the nomination are required to be registered as a local government elector at an address within the relevant community council boundary.

5.2 Frequency of Elections

- 5.2.1 The first elections for Community Councils in terms of this Scheme shall be held in October 2018.
- 5.2.2 Elections will be held in October on a three year basis on dates to be determined by the Returning Officer.

5.3 Returning Officer

The Returning Officer for Community Council Elections shall be appointed by the City Council.

5.4 Nominations

5.4.1 The Returning Officer shall make Nomination forms widely available by publication on the Aberdeen City Council website and in City Council offices, libraries and Community Centres. It shall not be necessary to use such a form, provided that the nomination is submitted in writing and:-

- (a) is signed by the candidate, confirming his/her eligibility and willingness to stand and to serve as a member of the Community Council if elected;
- (b) states the Candidate's full name and address, together with any commonly used name or names, by which he/she wishes to be described in the Notice of Poll and Ballot Paper, where a candidate has requested that their address is not published on the Notice of Poll or Ballot paper, the address field will state 'address within the xxx community council area';
- (c) states the full name and address and is signed by the witness.

5.4.2 The nomination form will contain a section to allow candidates to submit a written statement in support of their nomination which will appear alongside the ballot paper. Where no statement is provided, the following text will appear on a separate paper for candidate statements and provided to voters together with the ballot paper:

"This candidate chose not to submit a statement in support of their nomination".

5.4.3 The Returning Officer shall reject any Nomination:-

- (a) which does not contain the information prescribed in section 5.4.1;
- (b) which is submitted after the deadline for the receipt of nominations;
- (c) where, on checking, it appears that the candidate or witness is not registered as a local government elector at the address stated on the form; or
- (d) any address stated on the form is outwith the area of the Community Council.

5.4.4 The Returning Officer shall not be obliged to carry out any further investigation as to the eligibility of a person to be nominated.

5.4.5 Nominations may be lodged in person by the candidate or witness, or by post. Delivery to any address other than that stated in the Notice of Election shall not be sufficient and the onus shall be on the candidate to prove that any nomination paper delivered was properly delivered.

5.5 Method of voting

5.5.1 Voting shall be by secret ballot.

5.5.2 Voting methods will be determined by the Returning Officer. They will be designed to ensure a properly run election and accurate count. Chosen voting methods

should also increase accessibility and participation and wherever possible will include electronic methods.

5.5.3 Community Councils within Aberdeen City shall be elected on the Single Transferable Vote (STV) method of election.

5.5.4 Where a By Election is called due to the numbers of Community Councillors falling below that of the minimum required, only the vacant positions for that Community Council will be advertised, allowing the current elected membership to remain in place.

5.5.5 Postal Votes, where requested

(a) A postal ballot can be requested and shall be issued to any resident who is registered as a local government elector at an address within the relevant community council boundary.

5.5.6 Proxy Votes

(a) Electors who have appointed proxies for the purposes of voting in Local Government Elections shall be deemed to have appointed those persons as proxies for the purposes of Community Council elections. It shall not be competent to make separate application to vote by proxy at Community Council elections while retaining it for Local Government elections.

5.6 Stages Common to All Elections

5.6.1 Timetable

Publication of Notice of Election	Not less than eight weeks before Date of Poll
Time for Lodging Nominations	A period of not less than four weeks commencing the day after publication of the Notice of Election and ending as near as may be, four weeks before the Date of Poll. Nominations may be lodged at the Election Unit between the hours of 10.00 and 16.00 on any working day during this period
Statement of Persons Nominated	As soon as may be after close of nominations
Time for withdrawal of Nominations	During the period for Lodging Nominations and not later than one week after at 16:00hrs
Notice of Poll, Notice of Uncontested Election (with, in either case, statement of persons validly nominated) or Notice of Failure to Establish a Community Council	Not later than the third working day after the close of the period for Withdrawal of Nominations
Date of Poll	The date fixed by the Returning Officer in terms of paragraph 5.2 Polling shall be between the hours of 08:00 and 20:00 on that day
Counting of Votes	As soon as possible after the Close of Poll

Publication of Result	Not later than the third day after the completion of the Counting of Votes
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5.6.2 Notice of Election

The Returning Officer shall publish notice advising that an election for the Community Council will take place and inviting nominations.

The Notice of Election shall state:-

- (a) the number of members to be elected to the Community Council;
- (b) the place and time for the lodging of nominations;
- (c) the qualification to stand as a candidate or to be a witness; and
- (d) that if the number of candidates exceeds the number of places to be filled, a poll will be held on a particular date.

5.6.3 Notice of Poll, Notice of Uncontested Election or Notice of Failure to Establish a Community Council

In the event that the number of candidates validly nominated exceeds the number of places to be filled, the Returning Officer shall publish a Notice of Poll.

A Notice of Poll shall:-

- (a) list the candidates in alphabetical order of surname;
- (b) state the address of the candidate or where the candidate has requested their address is not listed to state an address within the xxx community council area;
- (c) specify the date and hours of the Poll;
- (d) specify the method for voting; and
- (e) specify the location of the polling station if applicable.

A Notice of Uncontested Election shall:-

- (a) list the candidates in alphabetical order of surname
- (b) state the address of the candidate or where the candidate has requested their address is not listed to state an address within the xxx community council area; and
- (c) state that, the number of candidates validly nominated being less than the number of places to be filled, but greater than the number required to establish the Community Council (or in the case of a by-election, to maintain it), those candidates are deemed to be elected on the date of the notice.

A Notice of Failure to Establish a Community Council shall state:-

- (a) that, the number of Candidates validly nominated, being less than the minimum number of members of the Community Council (or, in the case of a by-election, less than one half when taken with the existing members of the Community Council), the Community Council has not been established (or has been dis-established as the case may be); and
- (b) that no further petition for the establishment shall be competent for a period of three calendar months (or twelve calendar months in the case of a second failed election).

5.6.4 Withdrawal of Nomination

A candidate may withdraw his/her nomination by notice in writing, to the Returning Officer. Such notice must be signed and dated by the Candidate and shall be signed by one witness who shall add his/her full name and address. A nomination which has been withdrawn cannot be re-instated except that, where the withdrawal has been made during the nomination period, a fresh nomination of the same individual shall be competent if made before the last time for lodging nominations.

5.6.5 Counting of votes

The Returning Officer shall arrange for the counting of votes following the Poll. In normal circumstances this will be the first working day following the date of Poll.

5.7 Request to Establish a Community Council between Election Years

5.7.1 The City Council, on receipt of a written application by not less than twenty electors, shall conform to Section 52(7) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, in respect of a Community Council area, shall within not more than six weeks from the date of the application, acknowledge and set a date for an election for establishing the Community Council for that area in accordance with this Scheme. The City Council shall fix the date of the election.

6. Terms of Office of Members of Community Councils

6.1 The first term of office of members of Community Councils shall extend to a date in October 2021 to be determined by the City Council.

6.2 The term of office of members of Community Councils shall expire on a date in October every third year thereafter to be determined as aforesaid.

6.3 Retiring members of Community Councils, if not otherwise disqualified under the provisions of this Scheme, shall be entitled to stand for re-election.

7. Filling of Vacancies

7.1 Casual Vacancies

7.1.1 Casual vacancies on a Community Council may arise in the following circumstances:-

- (a) When an elected Community Council member submits his/her resignation;
- (b) When an elected Community Council member ceases to be registered on the electoral register within the Community Council area;
- (c) When an elected Community Council member has his/her membership disqualified (Section 9)
- (d) When a Community Councillor is elected as a Local Councillor, MSP or MP;
or

- (e) Due to unreasonable non-attendance by a Community Councillor at scheduled Community Council meetings for a period of six months

7.2 Co-option to Community Councils

- 7.2.1 Filling a vacancy can be undertaken through co-option. However, should circumstance arise that lead to the number of elected Community Council members falling below half of the maximum permitted membership, Aberdeen City Council shall be informed and may undertake arrangements for a by-election, where appropriate, to be held.
- 7.2.2 Co-opted members must be eligible for membership of the Community Council as detailed in Section 4 of the Community Council Scheme. All proposed co-options must be provided to Aberdeen City Council so that appropriate checks can be made relating to the eligibility.
- 7.2.3 Co-opted members must be elected onto the Community Council by a two-thirds majority of the elected Community Council members present and voting.
- 7.2.4 Co-opted members will have full voting rights and will serve until the next round of elections.
- 7.2.5 The number of co-opted members may not exceed a third of the current elected Community Council membership. Should the ratio become greater due to any circumstances, Aberdeen City Council shall be informed and may determine arrangements thereafter for a by-election, where appropriate.
- 7.2.6 After 12 months from the date of their co-option to the Community Council, the co-opted member will become a full member and will no longer be counted within the ratio of co-opted members.

7.3 Associate Members

- 7.3.1 Associate members may be appointed by a Community Council where there may be a need for individuals with particular skills and knowledge. These individuals do not have voting rights.
- 7.3.2 Associate members may include representation from other local organisations and may serve for a period determined by the Community Council, but will terminate no later than the next community council election.
- 7.3.3 A Community Council can appoint any number of Associate members and they do not count towards the total number of Community Councillors.

7.4 By-Elections

- 7.4.1 Where the number of elected community councillors falls below the minimum requirement or co-option has not been possible, a by-election may be called.

7.4.2 Only the vacant positions will be advertised to be filled.

7.4.3 Successful candidates will become full members.

8. Equalities

8.1 Recognition should be given to the contribution of everyone participating in the work of the Community Council.

8.2 The City Council further acknowledges that Community Councillors are volunteers who give up their own time to undertake the work of Community Councils.

8.3 Community Councils must comply with the Equal Opportunities legislation and ensure that equality of opportunity be given to every participant to have their knowledge, opinion, skill and experience taken into account.

8.4 See also the Code of Conduct.

9. Disqualification of Nomination or Membership

9.1 Membership is invalidated should a Community Councillor's name be removed from the electoral register.

9.2 If any member of a Community Council fails to attend any Community Council meeting, with or without submitting apologies, throughout a period of six months, the Community Council may terminate their membership.

9.3 At the discretion of individual Community Councils, a period of leave of absence for Community Council members may be granted ensuring that the active membership remains above the minimum number required.

10. Meetings

10.1 First Meeting

10.1.1 The first meeting (inaugural) of every newly established Community Council shall be convened by the Community Council Liaison Officer and attended and chaired by them or a person appointed by them for that purpose.

10.1.2 The business of the first meeting for all Community Councils will include the appointment of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary/Minute Secretary and Treasurer and to consider the Constitution and Code of Conduct.

10.1.3 Adoption of a Constitution by the Community Council and approval by the Local Authority should follow within three months of the inaugural meeting.

10.2 Meeting Frequency

10.2.1 The frequency of meetings will be determined by each Community Council, subject to a minimum of one Annual General Meeting and six ordinary meetings being held each year.

10.3 Quorum

10.3.1 The quorum for Community Council meetings shall be one third of the current voting membership or four members, whichever is the greater.

11. Liaison with the City Council

11.1 Aberdeen City Council have in place a Protocol which outlines the expectations and standards for the way in which Community Councils and the Council can work together to improve communication and participation across the City.

11.2 Aberdeen City Council have in place a Planning Process Agreement with Community Councils which outlines how the Community Councils and Aberdeen City Council will work together to ensure that the views of local communities are taken into account in the planning process.

11.3 In order to facilitate the effective functioning of Community Councils, Aberdeen City Council has appointed a Community Council Liaison Officer (CCLO) to act as a liaison officer with Community Councils.

11.4 The CCLO shall have the right to attend any meetings of Community Councils.

11.5 Community Councils shall provide copies of their agendas and minutes within prescribed timescales to the CCLO.

11.6 Community Councils may make representations to the local authority and other public and private agencies, on matters for which it is responsible and which it considers to be of local interest.

11.7 Representations should be made, in the case of statutory objections, such as planning or licensing matters, to the appropriate City Council official.

11.8 On issues where the City Council is consulting with Community Councils, representations should be made to the appropriate City Council officer.

11.9 The CCLO shall facilitate advice and assistance to Community Councils and arrange for the establishment of a training programme for Community Councils on the duties and responsibilities of community council office bearers, the role of Community Councils, the functions of the City Council and other relevant topics.

12. Resourcing a Community Council

12.1 Financial Year

12.1.1 The financial year of each Community Council shall be from January to December to allow for the proper submission of audited statement of accounts to the Community Council's annual general meeting to be held within two months of the end of the financial year.

12.2 Annual Accounts

12.2.1 The Annual Accounts of each Community Council shall be independently examined by one examiner appointed by the Community Council, who is not a member of that Community Council.

12.2.2 A copy of the independently examined statement of accounts and/or balance sheet shall be forwarded immediately after the accounts are approved at the Community Council's Annual General Meeting, and by the 31 March of each year, to the CCLO to enable the annual grant to be calculated.

12.2.3 The CCLO in consultation with the City Council's Finance Team may require the Community Council to produce such records, vouchers and account books.

12.3 Annual Administrative Grant

12.3.1 The City Council may provide an administrative grant to Community Councils to assist with the operating costs of the Community Council.

12.3.2 The grant is to be determined by the City Council shall be fixed at a rate which will be reviewed on an annual basis.

12.3.3 The administration grant is available to cover the cost in administering Community Council business which includes:

- Auditors' fees
- Stationery
- Postage
- Travel costs
- Accommodation lets (where meetings are held outwith Council premises)
- Bank charges
- Advertising
- General publicity and promotional materials
- Consultation with the community
- Financial assistance to local groups and projects within the Community Council area

12.4 Other Resources

12.4.1 Each Community Council shall have the power to secure resources for projects consistent with its functions.

12.4.2 Community Councils can organise a photocopying account at their local library and are entitled to 200 single sided sheets per month.

12.4.3 Community Councils shall be given access to Council owned buildings (Schools, Community Centres and Community Learning Centres) for their meetings via the letting process free of charge. This does not include leased Community Centres as the Management Committee will be responsible for any bookings and may charge a fee for using the room.

13. Liability of Community Council Members

13.1 A scheme of insurance liability cover has been arranged. The insurance liability cover becomes effective upon the City Council advising the insurance underwriter of the establishment of a Community Council.

14. Dissolution of a Community Council

14.1 If the Community Council by a two-thirds majority of the total voting membership decides at any time that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve, it shall agree a date for a public meeting to be held to discuss the proposal to dissolve.

14.2 If the proposal is supported by a majority of those persons present at the public meeting and is approved by Aberdeen City Council, the Community Council shall be deemed to be dissolved. All financial liabilities shall be paid with the remaining balance transferred to Aberdeen City Council who shall hold the funds for a future Community Council representing the area.

15. Amendment of Schemes

15.1 The City Council, having regard to changing circumstances and to any representations made to them, shall from time to time review this Scheme and where they consider that the Scheme ought to be amended, shall proceed in accordance with the procedure specified in Section 53 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.



Aberdeen City Council

Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

Including:
Population Estimates
Membership Numbers
Brief Description

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Community Council Name	Approx Population of CC Area	Membership	Outer Boundaries of CC Area
1. Ashley and Broomhill	9393	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	Starting at Cromwell Road, continuing onto Union Grove, to the junction with Holburn Street, along Holburn Street to just after Broomhill Avenue, along to Anderson Drive up to the junction with Cromwell Road.
2. Braeside and Mannofield	5888	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	Starting at Countesswells Road, continuing onto Seafield Road to the roundabout, along South Anderson Drive to the railway line. Follow the railway line to the junction of Pitfodels Station Road, along to North Deeside Road, along to Bairds Brae, along to the junction with Craigton Road, along to Airyhall Avenue, up to the junction with Countesswells Road.
3. Bridge of Don	19089	Minimum 10 Maximum 20	At its junction with the unclassified road at Lochgreens Cottage, following the city boundary in a south-easterly direction to its furthestmost point at the shoreline south of Blackdog Rock. Following the coastline southwards to the Don Estuary.
4. Bucksburn and Newhills	7712	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>Two proposals – this will be updated following final consultation.</p> <p>Initial Proposal At the boundary of the Scottish Agricultural College at Forrit Brae with the A96, travel along Inverurie Road until the path to take you to Greenburn Road. Continue along Greenburn Road until the junction with Greenburn Drive. Follow Greenburn Drive to the point it meets the weir and follow the weir northwards to a point just</p>

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			<p>west of the houses on Waterton Road. Follow Waterton Road to the west of the houses to the point at the Allotment Gardens. Follow the railway line southwards to the point it meets Greenburn Drive. Continue eastwards until the junction with Stoneywood Road.</p> <p>Following the A947 Stoneywood Road southwards to a point where it meets the River Don west of Lower Persley Farm. Follow the River Don eastwards to the Persley Bridge. From the centre line of the Persley Bridge follow the A90 to the Haudagain Roundabout. Following the A96 Auchmill Road in a northwards direction to its junction with Manor Drive. Follow Manor Drive to the boundary line south of the dwelling houses between the A96 and Manor Park Caravan Park and the allotments, following westwards to the boundary with the football grounds and then following an unclassified path through open land north of Heathryfold Circle to Westerton of Auchmill. Follow the boundary line to the junction of Provost Rust Drive and follow a boundary line/ drain in a north-westerly direction to Howes Road.</p> <p>Follow the Howes Road southwards and then at the weir adjacent to Howes Cottage, follow the Bucks Burn westwards to the corner of woodland and following the</p>

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			<p>boundary line northwards to an unclassified track towards Overhills. At a point level with the unclassified road which runs south of Overhills, take a line westwards to the unclassified road. Following the unclassified road westwards to its junction with an unclassified track near Dykeside Steading. Follow the unclassified track north of Dykeside Steading westwards to the southernmost boundary of Brimmond Country Park to the picnic site at the south-east corner and then along the boundary path northwards to the picnic site at the entrance from the unclassified road leading to Wynford Farm. Following the unclassified road past Wynford Farm and then taking the unclassified road leading to Tulloch and thence on to Ashtown Farm.</p> <p>Follow the unclassified road southwards then eastwards to a junction with the unclassified road which leads to Chapel of Stoneywood. Follow the unclassified road to a point level with woodland lying to the east of the road. Take a line to the corner of the woodland and follow the boundary to a point level with a drain running northwards. Follow the drain northwards for a short distance and then take a line to the drain which runs in a west to east direction to Eastside of Craibstone. Following the boundary line of the SAC in a north-easterly direction and</p>

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			following woodland at Forrit Brae to the junction at the A96.
5. Castlehill and Pittodrie	9301	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	Starting on King Street at the junction of Linksfield Road, continuing across Kings Links Golf Course to the Esplanade to the shore line, along the shoreline down to encompass the North Pier. Travel along the Quay area to the junction of Victoria Road, up to North Esplanade West, along Market Street to the junction with Guild Street, along Trinity Quay, onto Virginia Street. Travel northwards along Marischal Street onto King Street, along King Street to West North Street, along Mounthooly Way, along to the junction with King Street and continue down King Street to the junction with Linksfield Road.
6. City Centre	6037	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>Two proposals – this will be updated following final consultation.</p> <p>Initial Proposal Starting at the junction of Carden Place and Albert Street, continue along Carden Place onto Skene Street continuing onto Woolmanhill to the roundabout, across to St Andrew Street, onto Crooked Lane, continuing along to Berry Street, continuing onto Gallowgate and along northwards until the start of the Greyfriars Carpark.</p> <p>Continue onto West North Street to the junction with King Street, along King Street, onto</p>

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			<p>Castle Street, across to Marischal Street (right hand side), continue down Marischal Street onto Virginia Street to the junction with Market Street.</p> <p>Continue along Market Street to the junction with Palmerston Road, continue across the railway line to Wellington Place, continue onto Springbank Terrace onto Willowbank Road to the junction with Holburn Street, continue northwards along Holburn Street to the junction with Union Street, continue in an eastwards to the junction with Victoria Street, continue to the junction with Waverly Place, continue along Waverly Place to the junction with Carden Place.</p>
7. Cove and Altens	6806	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>At a point level with the southernmost corner boundary of the Kelder Water Treatment Works, follow the coastline to Horse Shoe Point and the City boundary. Follow the City boundary to a boundary point mid way along the roundabout forming the Charlestown Flyover. Follow the A965 Wellington Road northwards to its junction with Craigshaw Drive. Follow Craigshaw Drive to Greenbank Crescent and follow the unclassified path southwards to the boundary of Loirston Country Park and the caravan park. Follow the unclassified path to Cat Cairn and on to and including Baron's Cairn. Follow the unclassified path to the access entrance at the railway line and take a line</p>

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			in a westerly direction to the coastal boundary at Kelder Water Treatment Works.
8. Craigiebuckler and Seafield	6438	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>Starting a point west of the A944 roundabout, along Skene Road to the junction of Groats Road, along to Hazlehead Avenue, along to the roundabout, along Queen's Road to the junction with Anderson Drive.</p> <p>Continue along to the junction with Seafield Road, along Seafield Road and continuing onto Countesswells Road, along to a point on Countesswells Road, following a track in a northerly direction to its junction with the A944.</p>
9. Culter	4888	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>At the junction of the City boundary on the Leuchar Burn, just south of Garlogie Inn, follow the City boundary to a point west of North Lasts Quarry at a junction with a fenceline/ dyke leading to Northlasts Manor.</p> <p>Follow the boundary line southwards between woodland and open ground to an unclassified road leading to the junction with Contlaw Road. Following Contlaw Road to the junction with Culter House Road. Following Culter House Road southwards to an unclassified track heading in a south easterly direction to the boundary of the Albyn School playing fields at the North Deeside Road.</p>

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			<p>Follow the North Deeside Road southwards to the junction with Pittengullies Brae. Follow Pittengullies Brae to the City boundary on the River Dee. Follow the City boundary along the River Dee westwards and onwards to the junction on the Leuchar Burn.</p>
<p>10. Cults, Bielside and Milltimber</p>	<p>11103</p>	<p>Minimum 8 Maximum 16</p>	<p>At the A944 Alford Road, adjacent to Bishopsdam Bridge follow the A944 Alford Road eastwards to its junction with the unclassified track adjacent to Jessiefield Piggery. Follow an access track southwards through woodland, head west along an unclassified road before heading south along an access track to Countesswells Road. Follow Countesswells Road eastwards to the easternmost boundary of the Robert Gordon's College playing fields. Following the boundary of Robert Gordon's playing fields to Craighton Road and then in a south westerly direction to Bairds Brae. Follow Bairds Brae southwards to North Deeside Road to its junction with Pitfodels Station Road.</p> <p>Follow Pitfodels Station Road to Inchgarth Road and follow the boundary of Inchgarth House ground to a path adjoining Scottish Water's Inchgarth Reservoir compound which forms the Ward boundary to its junction with the River Dee.</p>

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			<p>Follow the River Dee westwards along the City boundary to a junction with a drain adjacent to Wedderburn to Pittengullies Brae. Following Pittengullies Brae to its junction with the North Deeside Road, following the North Deeside Road to an unclassified track to the west side of Albyn School's playing fields. Follow the unclassified track in a north westerly direction through woodland to its junction with Culter House Road. Follow Culter House Road to Contlaw Road. Follow an unclassified road from its junction with Contlaw Road to Northlasts Steading. At Northlasts Manor follow the boundary to the Ord Burn.</p> <p>Follow the Ord Burn to Mill of Brotherfield and then on to the Brodiach Burn to the A944 Alford Road, adjacent to Bishopsdam Bridge.</p>
11. Danestone	4067	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>At a point starting at the southernmost boundary of the Todhill Sewage works and city boundary with the River Don, follow the city boundary eastwards to the junction with Whitestripes Road, follow the Whitestripes Road southwards to Whitestripes Avenue and on to the roundabout on the A90 Parkway.</p> <p>At the roundabout follow the ward boundary for Danestone southwards to Brae of Cairnfield and back to the Diamond Bridge. At the</p>

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			Diamond Bridge follow the ward boundary along the River Don to the Todhill Sewage Works.
12. Dyce and Stoneywood	6486	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>Two proposals – this will be updated following final consultation.</p> <p>Initial Proposal From a starting point at the City boundary where it crosses the railway line at Kinaldie, follow the City boundary along the River Don to the Todhill Sewage works and follow the River Don to Lower Persley.</p> <p>Cross the River Don at Lower Persley and follow the A947 Stoneywood Road northwards to the junction with Market Street. Follow Market Street to the junction with Wellheads Drive, follow Wellhead Drive to the junction with Dyce Drive. Follow southwards down Dyce Drive. Back on to the junction with the Inverurie Road. Continue along Inverurie Road to Forrit Brae Drain.</p> <p>Follow the line of the Forrit Brae Drain, past the buildings on the west side at Eastside of Craibstone to the unclassified road which runs between Chapel Farm and Newhills. Take the unclassified road south towards Newhills until its junction with the unclassified road to Ashtown Farm. Take the unclassified road in a westerly direction to Littlemill Burn. Follow the course of Littlemill Burn in a northerly direction to where it becomes</p>

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			<p>the Black Burn. Follow the Black Burn to its junction with the A96. Follow the A96 in a southerly direction to the Clinterty Roundabout and take a northerly route from the roundabout, along the B973 to its junction with an unclassified road towards Caskieben. Follow the unclassified road to a T junction with another unclassified road. Follow the unclassified road in a westerly direction to where it meets the Black Burn. Follow the Black Burn to the railway line at Kinaldie and its joining point with the River Don.</p>
<p>13. Ferryhill and Ruthrieston</p>	<p>10040</p>	<p>Minimum 6 Maximum 12</p>	<p>Two proposals – this will be updated following final consultation.</p> <p>Initial Proposal Starting on Willowbank Road (south side of road), continue along onto Springbank Terrace, continue across the railway line onto Palmerston Road and continue along to the junction with Market Street.</p> <p>Continue along Market Street to a point just past the Victoria Bridge Roundabout, follow the River Dee along North Esplanade West, onto Riverside Drive onto Stonehaven Road, continue to the roundabout at the junction with Anderson Drive, continue along Anderson Drive to the path just before Broomhill Avenue, continue eastwards to Holburn Street, continue along Holburn Street back to the</p>

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			junction with Willowbank Road.
14. Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank	4387	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	Starting from the St Machar roundabout continuing southwards to Hermitage Avenue; eastwards along the south side of Hermitage Avenue; southwards along Firhill Road; eastwards along Sunnybank Road projected southwards along Froghall View to Mounthooly Way excluding all properties and their curtilage to the east on the Spital, Boa Vista Place and Kings Crescent; continue along to Causewayend. Continue along to Powis Place onto Powis Terrace then north to St Machar Drive; and eastwards to St Machar roundabout.
15. Garthdee	5459	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	Starting at the junction of Pitfodels Station Road, continue eastwards onto the path continuing along to the junction with Anderson Drive, continue southwards across the roundabout at the Holburn Street junction onto Stonehaven Road, continue to the River Don, follow the River Don in a westerly direction until a point just south of the RGU university and follow the path along and then take a northwards turn and continue to Inchgarth Road, continue until the junction with Pitfodels Station Road and continue back to the starting point.
16. George Street	7246	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	Starting at the junction of Powis Place and Belmont Road, follow Powis Place, onto Causewayend (west side)

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			<p>Mounthooly Way, continue to the roundabout onto West North Street, continue to the start of the Greyfriars Carpark and along to the Gallowgate onto Berry Street to the roundabout and down towards Crooked Lane., travel northwards towards St Andrew Street to the roundabout. Follow Skene Square on to Caroline Place, onto Berryden Road and back to the starting point.</p>
<p>17. Kincorth and Leggart</p>	<p>8047</p>	<p>Minimum 6 Maximum 12</p>	<p>At the boundary of the River Dee and the playing fields to the east of the King George VI Bridge following the boundary of the playing fields to Abbotswell Road. Following Abbotswell Road in a south-westerly direction to the roundabout at West Tullos Road. Following West Tullos Road in a southerly direction to the boundary of Kincorth Hill and the properties on Rosewood Avenue.</p> <p>Following the boundary around Kincorth Hill adjoining the properties on the northern side of Redmoss Road and then following the boundary in a north-westerly direction to the north-westerly corner boundary of Parkhead Farm. Following a fenceline bordering the northern edge of Loirston Country Park to a boundary line west of Parkhead Farm and following a line to a boundary fence north of a covered reservoir and to the corner of Clerk Maxwell Crescent.</p>

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			<p>Following Clerk Maxwell Crescent to its junction with the A90 and following the A90 in a southerly direction to a boundary fence to the City boundary. Following the City boundary in a northerly direction to the City boundary at the River Dee.</p> <p>Following the centre point of the River Dee in a north-westerly direction to the boundary of the River Dee and the playing fields to the east of the King George VI Bridge.</p>
18. Kingswells	5559	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>Starting at the A944 junction, follow the City boundary northwards to the unclassified track south of Winford Farm to the unclassified road to the west of Brimmond Country Park. Following the boundary line of Brimmond Country Park eastwards, following the unclassified track south of the reservoir and north of Dykeside Steading to the corner boundary to the south east of Overhills.</p> <p>Following the unclassified track southwards and following field boundaries in a southerly direction to Fernhill Cottage and thence on to the junction with the A944 Alford Road, following the A944 westwards to its junction with an unclassified track leading between Whitemyres Holdings and Maidenstead Steadings to the corner of Maidencraig Wood. Following the northern</p>

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			<p>boundary of Maidencraig Wood to its junction with Skene Road.</p> <p>Following Skene Road on to the A944 Alford Road to the City boundary.</p>
<p>19. Mastrick, Sheddocksley and Summerhill</p>	<p>14472</p>	<p>Minimum 8 Maximum 16</p>	<p>Starting at the junction of Springhill Road and Provost Fraser Drive, continue along eastwards to the roundabout and go along Anderson Drive southwards to a point just east of Campsie Place, go along Campsie Place, onto Summerhill Road, go along Summerhill Road to the junction with Summerhill Terrace, continue onto Stronsay Place, onto Eday Road, continue along to a point just past Eday Court and follow the path along the Den Burn and along northwards to the junction with the Lang Stracht, travel eastwards then follow the path northwards then follow the track along to the junction with Springhill Road, along northwards back to the junction with Provost Fraser Drive.</p>
<p>20. Nigg</p>	<p>1524</p>	<p>Minimum 6 Maximum 12</p>	<p>At the junction of West Tullos Road and Craigshaw Street, following Craigshaw Street to its junction with Craigshaw Drive and following Craigshaw Drive in a westerly direction to Wellington Road. Following Wellington Road in a southerly direction to a point mid-way along the roundabout forming the Charlestown Flyover.</p> <p>Follow the City boundary to a boundary fence at a point west</p>

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			<p>of the A90 and level with the northern end of Clerk Maxwell Crescent and following the boundary fence to the A90, following the A90 in a northerly direction to its junction with Clerk Maxwell Crescent and following a line to a boundary fence north of a covered reservoir.</p> <p>Following a fenceline bordering the northern edge of Loirston Country Park to a boundary line west of Parkhead Farm. Following the boundary of Parkhead Farm and along the properties on the northern side of Redmoss Road to a point with Abbotswell Crescent and following Abbotswell Crescent in a northerly direction to the junction with West Tullos Road and Craigshaw Street.</p>
21. Northfield	12246	Minimum 8 Maximum 16	<p>Starting at the Haudagain Roundabout, follow North Anderson Drive to the roundabout leading to Provost Fraser Drive. Follow Provost Fraser Drive to its junction with Springhill Road. Follow Springhill Road in a southerly direction to the path which follows the boundary to Sheddocksley Sports Centre. Follow the unclassified path to the boundary with Fernhill reservoir. Follow the boundary line to its junction with the unclassified track leading from Greenferns and in a northerly direction to the Bucks Burn. Follow the Bucks Burn to a field boundary running from a north-westerly point on Howes Road</p>

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			<p>to the turning circle at the corner of Provost Rust Drive.</p> <p>Follow the existing boundary line to the houses on Bonnyview Drive and open land to include the Heathryfold area to the unclassified path adjacent to Auchmill Terrace to the A96 at Auchmill Road. Follow Auchmill Road in an easterly direction to the Haudagain Roundabout.</p>
22. Old Aberdeen	5172	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	<p>Starting from a point in the centre of Bridge of Don; thence southwards to enclose the west side of King Street until its junction with Mounthooly Way; westwards to enclose the north side of Mounthooly Way to Kings Crescent; northwards to the immediate west of Kings Crescent (both sides) and the Spital up to Froghall Terrace; west along Froghall Terrace and north along Froghall View to Sunnybank Road to enclose all properties and their curtilage facing onto the Spital including Boa-Vista Place; westwards onto Sunnybank Road then northwards along Firhill Road to Hermitage Avenue including Old Aberdeen Medical Centre and the boundary of the University lands; westwards along north side of Hermitage Avenue then north along Bedford Road to St Machar Drive enclosing the east side of Tillydrone Avenue up to and including the Benholme Lodge (Wallace Tower); northwards along the western boundary of Seaton Park to the River Don</p>

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			describing a line along the centre of the River Don from the western boundary to Seaton Park to the Bridge of Don.
23. Queen's Cross and Harlaw	7453	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	Starting at the roundabout junction of Queen's Road and Kings Gate, continue along Kings Gate, across the Kings Cross roundabout, continuing down Kings Gate onto Beechgrove Terrace, along to the junction of Craigie Loanings, continue in a southwards onto Albert Street, continued onto Waverley Place, onto Rubislaw Place and down to the junction with Albyn Place and along Holburn Street until the junction of Union Grove, continue onto Cromwell Road to the roundabout, along Anderson Drive northwards to the roundabout at the junction with Queen's Road, continue along westwards until the roundabout at the junction with Kings Gate.
24. Rosehill and Stockethill	10737	Minimum 8 Maximum 16	Starting at Rosehill Roundabout, travel along Rosehill Drive and long Hilton Avenue to the junction with Clifton Road, travel along Clifton road to the junction with Leslie Road and travel along to the roundabout. Travel along St Machar Drive to the point it meets the railway line. Follow the railway line to Powis Terrace and then follow the path south of Belmont Road to the junction with Berryden Road. Travel along Berryden Road to the roundabout at Elm

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			<p>Place.</p> <p>Travel along Elm Place to the junction with Laurelwood Avenue. Travel along Laurelwood Avenue to the junction with Ashgrove Road. Travel westwards long Ashgrove Road onto Ashgrove Road West to the junction with North Anderson Drive. Travel North along North Anderson Drive back to the Rosehill Roundabout.</p>
<p>25. Rosemount and Mile End</p>	<p>10874</p>	<p>Minimum 8 Maximum 16</p>	<p>Starting at the junction of North Anderson Drive and Ashgrove Road West, travel eastwards onto Ashgrove Road until the junction with Berryden Road.</p> <p>Travel Southwards on Berryden Road, onto Caroline Place, onto Skene Square to the roundabout, follow Woolmanhill onto Skene Street to the junction with Albert Place, continue northwards to Whitehall Place.</p> <p>Go northwards along Craigie Loanings to the junction with Rosemount Place. Continue westwards onto Beechgrove Terrace, onto Kings Gate to the roundabout and then northwards back to the junction with Ashgrove Road West.</p>
<p>26. Seaton and Linksfield</p>	<p>4675</p>	<p>Minimum 6 Maximum 12</p>	<p>Starting a point on King Street at the River Don, follow the River Don eastwards towards the shoreline. Follow the shoreline along the Esplanade to a point in line with Linksfield Road.</p>

Community Council Name	Approx Population of CC Area	Membership	Outer Boundaries of CC Area
			Travel along Linksfield Road to the junction with King Street and continue along King Street back to the starting point.
27. Tillydrone	5572	Minimum 6 Maximum 12	Starting at the end of the Diamond Bridge, follow the Rover Don eastwards and then southwards to a point beside Tillydrone Road. Follow Tillydrone Avenue to the St Machar roundabout. Travel westwards towards the railway line. Follow the railway line and then northwards towards the starting the point.
28. Torry	10360	Minimum 8 Maximum 16	<p>Starting at the mid-point of the Queen Elizabeth Bridge, follow the River Don along its mid-line towards the harbour entrance. Following the coastline in a south-easterly direction, incorporating the south breakwater and following the coastline to Bay of Nigg.</p> <p>At a point level with the southernmost corner boundary of the Kelder Water Treatment Works, follow a line westwards to the railway line. Follow an access entrance and unclassified path through Loirston Country Park, excluding Baron's Cairn towards Cat Cairn. From Cat Cairn follow an unclassified path to the boundary path between Loirston Country Park and the caravan park. Follow the unclassified path towards Greenbank Crescent.</p> <p>Follow Greenbank Crescent and take a southerly line to</p>

Community Council Name	Approx Population of CC Area	Membership	Outer Boundaries of CC Area
			<p>Craigshaw Drive. Follow Craigshaw Drive, across the A956, Wellington Road, along Craigshaw Street to West Tullos Road. At the roundabout follow Abbotswell Road to the corner boundary to the industrial estate. Follow the perimeter boundary to the centre point of the River Dee, opposite the boating lake in Duthie Park and then follow the River Dee towards the Queen Elizabeth Bridge.</p>
<p>29. Woodend</p>	<p>1800</p>	<p>Minimum 6 Maximum 12</p>	<p>Starting at a point at the wedge of Maidencraig Woods just north of Skene Road, travel eastwards along the path onto Eday Road, continue along Eday Road onto Stronsay Place, continue onto Summerhill Terrace to the junction with Summerhill Road.</p> <p>Continue southwards towards Campsie Place and follow along to North Anderson Drive. Continue southwards to the roundabout at the junction with Kings Gate. Continue along Kings Gate to the roundabout and onto Hazlehead Avenue. Continue along to Groats Road, continue northwards onto Skene Road. Follow Skene Road westwards back to the starting point.</p>
<p>30. Woodside and Hilton</p>	<p>7009</p>	<p>Minimum 6 Maximum 12</p>	<p>Starting at the Persley Bridge, follow the River Don to a point just beyond Jacobs Ladder. Continue Southwards onto the railway line. Follow the railway line to the point it meets St Machar Drive, head westwards</p>

Community Council Name	Approx Population of CC Area	Membership	Outer Boundaries of CC Area
			onto Leslie Road until the junction with Clifton Road. Travel along Hilton Avenue onto Rosehill Drive. Follow Anderson Drive down to Great Northern Road and cross the Haudagain onto the A90 to the start point at Persley Bridge.

Allocation of Community Councillors

Average Population Numbers	Minimum and Maximum
1,000 – 10,000	6 and 12
10,001 – 15,000	8 and 16
15,001 – 20,000+	10 and 20

Population figures are based on the current data zones and allocated as close to the Community Council area as possible.



Aberdeen City Council
Constitution for Community Councils

(Name of Individual Community Council)

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1. Name

- 1.1 The name of the Community Council shall **be (insert name of individual Community Council)**, which will subsequently be referred to as 'the Community Council' in this Constitution.

2. Area of the Community Council

- 2.1 Aberdeen City Council had produced a list of approved Community Council areas and maps which outline their boundaries. Access to maps can be requested by contacting the Community Council Liaison Officer on 01224 522723 or by accessing them via the website: <http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk>

3. Objectives

The objectives of the Community Council shall be to:

- 3.1 Have in place mechanisms to encourage public involvement and feedback to secure greatest possible involvement from all sectors of the community which may include consultations, questionnaires, public meetings and effective means to publicise the determinations of the community council.
- 3.2 Express fairly the views, and diversity of opinions of the community (where received in relation to 3.1 above) to Aberdeen City Council and other public or private organisations.
- 3.3 Act as a voice for their local area on matters affecting the community's welfare and environment.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

- 4.1 The role and responsibilities of the Community Council is governed by Section 3 of the Scheme.

5. Membership

- 5.1 The membership of the Community Council is governed by Section 4 of the Scheme.
- 5.2 The constituted membership of the Community Council **is (insert number based on table below)**
- 5.3 The number of members will vary per community council area based on the approximate population count as follows:

Average Population Numbers	Minimum and Maximum
1,000 – 10,000	6 and 12
10,001 – 15,000	8 and 16
15,001 – 20,000+	10 and 20

6. Method of Election

- 6.1 The election procedure for the Community Council is governed by Section 5 of the Scheme.

7. Vacancies on the Community Council

- 7.1 Where a vacancy arises which does not result in the number of Community Council Members falling below the minimum number of the elected membership the Community Council can agree to fill the vacancy by co-option.
- 7.2 The Community Council can only have one third of the total membership as co-opted members.
- 7.3 Where a by election is called due to the numbers of Community Councillors falling below that of the minimum required, only the vacant positions for that Community Council will be advertised, allowing the current elected membership to remain in place.

8. Associate Members

- 8.1 Associate members may be appointed by a Community Council where there may be a need for individuals with particular skills and knowledge. These individuals do not have voting rights.
- 8.2 Associate members may include representation from other local organisations and may serve for a period determined by the Community Council, but will terminate no later than the next community council election.

9. Voting Rights of Members of the Community Council

- 9.1 The right to vote at any meeting of the Community Council or any sub-committee thereof shall be held by all Community Councillors, but not by associate members.
- 9.2 In the event of a vote of the Community Councillors that results in a majority not being achieved, the chairperson shall have the casting vote in addition to their deliberative vote.

10. Election of Office Bearers

- 10.1 At the first meeting of the Community Council following an election the Community Council shall appoint a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer and any other office bearers as necessary eg Minute Secretary, Planning Officer, Licensing Officer.
- 10.2 All office bearers will be elected for three years unless they decide to step down from the role.

- 10.3 No single Community Councillor shall hold more than one of the following positions at any one time; Chairperson, Secretary or Treasurer, without written approval from Aberdeen City Council.
- 10.4 In the event of a vacancy arising in any of the positions, the Community Council shall appoint an office bearer at its next available meeting.
- 10.5 The Community Council may appoint a member of the public to record the minutes of the meetings on behalf of the Community Council.

11. Sub Committees of the Community Council

- 11.1 The Community Council may appoint community councillors to sub committees of the Community Council and shall determine their composition, terms of reference, duration, duties and powers.

12. Meetings of the Community Council

- 12.1 The Community Council shall abide by the Scheme, Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to ensure the proper conduct at meetings.
- 12.2 The quorum for Community Council meetings shall be a third of the total membership or four whichever is the greatest.
- 12.3 The Community Council shall arrange regular meetings with a minimum of six and one Annual General Meeting per year.
- 12.4 The Constitution is to be adopted formally and signed by the Chairperson and one member of the Community Council. Within three months of the first meeting following an election, the Community Council shall review, may introduce minor amendments to reflect local circumstance if desired, but must agree and sign the Constitution and submit to the Community Council Liaison Officer for approval on behalf of Aberdeen City Council within the three month timeframe.
- 12.5 The Annual General Meeting will be held within 2 months of the end of the Financial Year (31 December of each year) for the purpose of presenting the annual accounts for approval.
- 12.6 Dates, times and venues for regular meetings of the Community Council shall be fixed at the first meeting of the Community Council following an election and thereafter at its Annual General Meeting. All dates can be modified where required.
- 12.7 Copies of all minutes of meetings of the Community Council and any of its committees shall be approved at the next meeting of the Community Council.
- 12.8 A draft minute shall be circulated at least seven days prior to its next meeting to all Community Council members, Elected Members, Aberdeen City Council and any other parties as agreed by the Community Council.

12.9 Should the Community Council receive a written request signed by 20 residents in the Community Council area to convene a Special Meeting for a particular matter, it shall call such a meeting within four weeks of receipt of such a request. Special Meetings shall require at least seven days public notice.

13. Public Participation in the Work of the Community Council

13.1 All meetings of the Community Council shall be open to members of the public and the opportunity should be afforded at each meeting to permit members of the public to address the Community Council.

13.2 Notices calling meetings of the Community Council shall be posted within the Community Council area for a minimum period of seven days before the date of the meeting, eg noticeboards, website, social media, local library.

14. Information to Aberdeen City Council

The Community Council Liaison Officer shall receive:

- (a) The completed data permission form for every Community Councillor
- (b) The calendar of meeting dates to include times and venues
- (c) The agendas and minutes for all meetings
- (d) The independently examined accounts on an annual basis

Any Local Library within the Community Council Boundary shall receive:

- (a) The calendar of meeting dates to include times and venues
- (b) The agendas and minutes for all meetings

15. Control of Finance

15.1 The Community Council will maintain proper financial records and present regular financial reports at scheduled Community Council meetings. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Community Council.

15.2 The monies provided by Aberdeen City Council in the annual Administrative Grant shall be for Community Council Administration and other approved purposes.

15.3 The Community Council shall have a minimum of three bank signatories, usually from amongst the office bearers, of which any two can sign cheques on behalf of the Community Council. The Treasurer would automatically be a bank signatory.

15.4 A statement of accounts for each financial year, examined by a competent independent examiner appointed by the Community Council, shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for approval.

15.5 The independent examiner shall not be a member of the Community Council which includes associate members.

- 15.6 The financial year of the Community Council shall be from 1 January to 31 December of each year.
- 15.7 The annual grant for the Community Council will consist of a basic grant of £600 and 7p per head of population in the area.
- 15.8 Once approved at the Annual General Meeting, the annual statement of accounts shall be submitted to the Community Council Liaison Officer no later than 31 March of each year to enable the annual grant to be calculated.
- 15.9 If a Community Council submits the annual accounts later than the prescribed time unless there is exceptional circumstances that have been notified to the CCLO, a pro rata grant will be calculated and issued. The grant will reduce for each month the accounts are late.

16. Complaints

- 16.1 In the event of a complaint being received about the Community Council or its members, the Community Council shall refer to the Community Council Complaints Procedure.

17. Alterations to the Constitution

- 17.1 Where a Community Council wishes to amend the Constitution after it has previously been signed and submitted, any proposal by the Community Council to amend the Constitution must be first considered and minuted at a meeting of the Community Council before representation is made to Aberdeen City Council.
- 17.2 Any proposed amendments may not conflict with the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils and the objectives contained within the Constitution.
- 17.3 If the proposal is supported by two-thirds of the total voting membership of the Community Council and is approved in writing by Aberdeen City Council, the amendment shall be deemed to have been duly authorised and will come into effect.

18. Dissolution of the Community Council

- 18.1 If the Community Council by a two-thirds majority of the total voting membership decides at any time that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve, it shall agree a date for a public meeting to be held to discuss the proposal to dissolve.
- 18.2 If the proposal is supported by a majority of those persons present at the public meeting and is approved by Aberdeen City Council, the Community Council shall be deemed to be dissolved. All financial liabilities shall be paid with the remaining balance transferred to Aberdeen City Council who shall hold the funds for a future Community Council representing the area.

Approval and Adoption of the Constitution

This Constitution was adopted by _____

Community Council, on _____ (DATE)

Signed _____ Chairperson

Print _____

Date _____

Signed _____ Member

Print _____

Date _____

And was approved on behalf of Aberdeen City Council, on _____ (DATE)

Signed _____

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Aberdeen City Council Standing Orders for Community Councils

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1. Meetings

- 1.1 All meetings of Community Councils are open to members of the public. The Community Council shall have the right to discuss items of business in private where it considers it appropriate to do so.
- 1.2 The Chairperson shall notify those present why an item will be considered in private and the reason will be formally recorded in the minute of meeting.
- 1.3 The frequency of meetings will be determined by each Community Council, subject to a minimum of one Annual General Meeting and six ordinary meetings being held each year.
- 1.4 The notice of ordinary and Annual General Meetings of the Community Council featuring the date, time and venue shall be provided to each Community Council Member, Elected Members and the Community Council Liaison Officer by the Secretary of the Community Council at least seven days before the date of the meeting.
- 1.5 Special meetings may be called at any time on the instructions of the Chairperson or on receipt of not less than half of the total number of Community Councillors or if requested to do so in writing by 20 residents in the Community Council area. Special meetings shall be held within four weeks of receipt of such request and shall require at least seven days public notice.

2. Minutes

- 2.1 Minutes of all Community Council meetings shall be drafted timeously and distributed to members of the Community Council at least seven days prior to the next meeting. All minutes shall be submitted for approval to the next meeting of the Community Council.

3. Quorum

- 3.1 The quorum for all Community Council meetings shall be one third of the current voting membership of the Community Council or four voting members, whichever is the greater.

4. Order of Business

4.1 Ordinary Meetings

The order of business for ordinary Community Council meeting should include:

- (a) Recording of those present and apologies received
- (b) Police Report if present
- (c) Minutes from previous meeting submitted for approval
- (d) Any matters arising not on the agenda for discussion
- (e) Correspondence
- (f) Reports from Office Bearers

- (g) Elected Member reports/updates
- (h) Consideration of any other agreed item of business as directed by the Chairperson
- (i) Members of the Public
- (j) Date of next meeting

4.2 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting can be held prior to the commencement of an ordinary meeting. The minutes should be presented to the next ordinary Community Council meeting for the purposes of establishing accuracy however they will remain in draft form until the following Annual General Meeting.

The order of business at the Annual General Meeting should include the following:

- (a) Recording of those present and apologies received
- (b) Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting for approval
- (c) Chairperson's annual report (this can be written or verbal), questions from the floor
- (d) Treasurer presents the Annual Accounts, questions from the floor
- (e) Office Bearer positions if required
- (f) Close of meeting.

4.3 Special Meeting

The order of business at Special Meetings of the Community Council shall be as follows:

- (a) Recording of those present and apologies received
- (b) The nature of the Calling Notice for the Special Meeting
- (c) The business for debate, as described in the calling notice
- (d) Close of meeting.

5. Order of Debate

- 5.1 In instances where the Chairperson is absent, the meeting should proceed through the Vice Chairperson or other interim Chairperson (if the Vice Chairperson is absent) as agreed by the members present.
- 5.2 The Chairperson shall decide the order of questions, relevancy and competency arising at meetings of the community council and their ruling shall be final and not open for discussion.
- 5.3 The Chairperson in determining the order, relevance and competency of business and questions shall have particular regard to the relevance of the issue to the community and ensure that the discussion and proceedings are conducted in such a manner that decisions are reached in a democratic manner.
- 5.4 In the event of disorder arising at any meeting, the Chairperson can adjourn the meeting to either the next scheduled meeting of the Community Council or another date and time.

- 5.5 Every Community Councillors motion or amendment shall be proposed and seconded.
- 5.6 A motion or amendment once made and seconded shall not be withdrawn without the consent of the proposer and seconder thereof.
- 5.7 A motion or amendment which is contrary to a previous decision of the Community Council shall not be competent within six months of that decision, unless an error or new information becomes available which requires further consideration.

6. Voting

- 6.1 Voting shall be taken by a show of hands of those present and eligible to vote with the exception of the appointment of office bearers which may be held by secret ballot.
- 6.2 The Chairperson of a meeting of the Community Council shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote.
- 6.3 In the absence of the Chairperson, the casting vote shall be transferred to the Vice Chairperson or other interim Chairperson (if the Vice Chairperson is absent) as agreed by the members present.

7. Obstructive and Offensive Conduct

- 7.1 In the event that any member of the Community Council or member of the public is disregarding the authority of the Chairperson or any other person present at the meeting, or conducts themselves in a disruptive, obstructive or offensive manner, a motion may be moved and seconded to remove the individual(s) from the remainder of the meeting.
- 7.2 Such a motion will be put to the meeting without discussion and if supported by a majority of the members of the Community Council present and voting, the motion will be declared carried. The individual will be required to leave the meeting immediately.

8. Alteration of Standing Orders

- 8.1 A proposal to alter the Standing Orders may be proposed to Aberdeen City Council at any time by the Community Council, provided that a notice of a motion to that effect is given at the meeting of the Community Council prior to submitting to Aberdeen City Council.
- 8.2 Aberdeen City Council shall have the final discretion on any proposed change of the Standing Orders.

9. Sub Committees

- 9.1 The Community Council may appoint sub committees as it may from time to time decide and shall determine their composition, terms of reference, duration, duties and powers.

10. Suspension of Standing Orders

- 10.1 These Standing Orders shall not be suspended except at a meeting at which two-thirds of the total number of Community Council members are present and then only if the proposer states the object of their motion and if two-thirds of those members present consent to such suspension.

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Aberdeen City Council Code of Conduct for Community Councils

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Code of Conduct for Community Councillors

The Code of Conduct for Community Councillors is based largely on the Code of Conduct for local authority councillors and relevant public bodies as provided for in The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc (Scotland) Act 2000.

Community Councillors, as elected representatives of their communities, have a responsibility to make sure that they are familiar with, and that their actions comply with, the principles set out in this Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct and its principles, shall apply to all Community Councillors and those representing the Community Council. These principles are as follows:

- Service to the Community (Public Service)
- Selflessness
- Integrity
- Objectivity
- Accountability and Stewardship
- Openness
- Honesty
- Leadership
- Respect

When appointed to the Community Council, members formally agree to abide by the Code of Conduct.

Service to the Community

- As a Community Councillor you have a duty to act in the interests of the local community, which you have been elected or nominated to represent.
- You also have a duty to act in accordance with the remit of the Aberdeen City Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils, as set out Aberdeen City Council under the terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- You have a duty to establish and reflect, through the Community Council, the views of the community as a whole, on any issue, irrespective of personal opinion.
- You should ensure that you are, within reason, accessible to your local community and local residents. Community Councils should encourage the general community to express their views whenever possible by making use of available mechanisms such as suggestion boxes, community surveys, opinion polls, websites and social media.

Selflessness

- You have a duty to take decisions solely in terms of the interest of the community that you represent.
- You must not use your position as a Community Councillor to gain financial, material, political or other personal benefit for yourself, family or friends.

Integrity

- You must not place yourself under any financial or other obligation to any individual or organisation that might reasonably be thought to influence you in your representation of your community.
- If you have any private and/or personal interest in a matter to be considered by the Community Council, you have a duty to declare this and if deemed necessary by other members, withdraw from discussions and the decision making process with regard to that matter.
- You should not accept gifts or hospitality that may be seen to influence or be intended to influence your opinion or judgement. The offer and/or receipt of any gifts, regardless of form, should always be reported to and noted by the Secretary of the Community Council.

Objectivity

- In all your decisions and opinions as a Community Councillor, you must endeavour to represent the overall views of your community, taking account of information which is provided to you or is publicly available, assessing its merit and gathering information as appropriate, whilst laying aside personal opinions or preferences.
- You may be appointed or nominated by your Community Council to serve as a member of another representative body. You should ensure that this Code of Conduct is observed when carrying out the duties of the other body.
- You are free to have political and/or religious affiliations; however you must ensure that you represent the interests of your community and Community Council and not the interests of a particular political party or other group.

Accountability and Stewardship

- You are accountable for the decisions and actions that you take on behalf of your community through the Community Council.
- You must ensure that the Community Council uses its resources prudently and in accordance with the law.

- Community Councillors will individually and collectively ensure that the business of the Community Council is conducted according to the Council's Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils and this Code of Conduct.
- Community Councillors will individually and collectively ensure that annual accounts are produced showing the financial undertakings of the Community Council as set out in the Councils Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.
- They must also ensure that all resources are used efficiently, effectively and fairly and are used strictly for the purposes of Community Council business and for no other purpose.
- Minutes of Meetings recording all actions and decisions made should be produced and circulated to all members of the Community Council as soon as possible after each meeting.
- Any breach of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils as set out by Aberdeen City Council under the terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 should be reported via the Community Council Complaints Procedure.

Openness

- You have a duty to be open about your decisions, actions and representations, giving reasons for these where appropriate.
- You should be able to justify your decisions and be confident that you have not been unduly influenced by the views and/or opinions of others.
- If you have dealings with the media, members of the public, or others not directly involved in your Community Council, you should ensure that an explicit distinction is made between the expression of your personal views and opinions from any views or statement made about or on behalf of the Community Council.
- If you are present at a meeting where any item of business in which you have financial or other interest is to be dealt with, you shall disclose your interest as soon as possible after the start of the meeting.

Honesty

- You have a duty to act honestly.
- You also have an obligation to work within the law at all times.
- You must declare any private interest relating to your Community Council duties and take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the interest of the community and the Community Council.

Leadership

- You have a duty to promote and support the principles of this Code of Conduct by leadership and example, to maintain and strengthen the community's trust and confidence in the integrity of the Community Council and its members in representing the views and needs of the local area.
- You must also promote social inclusion and challenge discrimination in any form.
- You should act to assist the Community Council, as far as possible, in the interest of the whole community that it serves.
- Where particular interest groups' concerns are in conflict with those of other groups or other areas you should help to ensure that the Community Council is aware of them.

Respect

- You must respect fellow members of your Community Council and those that you represent, treating them with courtesy, respect and in a non-discriminatory manner at all times. This should extend to any person, regardless of their position, or member of staff within any organisation or body regardless of their position that you have dealings with in your capacity as a Community Councillor.
- Recognition should be given to the contribution of everyone participating in the work of the Community Council.
- You must comply with Equal Opportunities legislation and ensure that equality of opportunity be given to every participant to have their knowledge, opinion, skill and experience taken into account.
- You should ensure that confidential material, including details about individuals, is treated as such and that it is handled with dignity and discretion and is not used for personal, malicious or corrupt purposes.

Breach of Code of Conduct

- If any member of the Community Council is deemed to be in breach of the Code of Conduct then the matter must be reported via the Community Council Complaints Procedure.

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Aberdeen City Council
Community Council
Complaints Procedure

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Introduction

Community Councils should aim to represent all people in the area without prejudice and be non-party political and non-sectarian. Any person 16 years or over and resident in the Community Council area, can be nominated to join their local Community Council.

Community Councils are regularly consulted by the local authority and public bodies on a wide range of issues which affect their area, such as planning, environment and health. All Community Council meetings are open to the public.

More Information on Community Councils can be found at:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/council_government/councillors/community_councils/elr_community_councils.asp

From time to time, complaints may be made about Community Councils and individually against Community Councillors.

Community Councils should adhere to the Code of Conduct as detailed in the Aberdeen City Council Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils.

If you are dissatisfied or have concerns about a standard of service, actions or lack of action provided by your Community Council or one or more of its members, these can be reported through the Community Council Complaints Procedure.

Please note that Aberdeen City Council have a separate Complaints Handling Procedure to record and manage complaints by members of the public in relation to Council Services and/or Officers of the Council and this should not be confused with the Community Council Complaints Procedure. You can find information relating to complaints by going to <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/index.php/services/have-your-say/make-complaint>

This Procedure is for making complaints against Community Councils or its members and can be used by members of the public, Community Councillors or elected members.

What is a Community Council complaint?

A Community Council complaint is an expression of dissatisfaction or concern relating to the actions of a Community Council or its members. This may be about the conduct, standard of service, actions or lack of action by a Community Council or its members.

Who can complain?

Anyone who is affected by a Community Council can make a complaint. Sometimes you may be unable or reluctant to make a complaint on your own. We will accept complaints brought by third parties as long as you have given personal consent.

If you are under 16 and wish to complain, you may contact us yourself or if you would prefer, you can ask a trusted adult such as a parent, older sibling or a guardian to contact us for you.

If you believe yourself to be a vulnerable adult, you may contact us directly or if you would prefer, you can ask someone you trust to contact us on your behalf.

Anonymous Complaints will not be accepted.

What can I complain about?

You can complain about things such as:

- Treatment by, or attitude of, a Community Councillor when dealing with a Community Council issue;
- Breaches to the Aberdeen City Council Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils;
- Financial irregularities or fraud;
- Breaches in confidentiality;
- Misuse of social media, email or letters for the purpose of personal and/or financial gain; or
- Bringing the Community Council into disrepute.

What can't I complain about?

There are some things Community Councils can't deal with, these being:

- Decisions of Aberdeen City Council;
- Complaints regarding Aberdeen City Council services or officers
- A request for compensation on a decision the Community Council has made

How do I complain?

You can complain by email or in writing to the Secretary of the Community Council or in person to the Chairperson of the Community Council.

If the complaint relates to the Secretary then contact the Chairperson and vice versa.

If you feel that it is not appropriate for the Community Council to deal with the complaint, you can contact the Community Council Liaison Officer for Aberdeen City Council for guidance on how to proceed.

Community Council Contact	Aberdeen City Council Contact
As the secretaries may change, the most up to date contact information can be found on the website at: http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/council_government/councillors/community_councils/elr_community_councils.asp	Community Council Liaison Officer, Aberdeen City Council, Corporate Governance, Town House, Broad Street Aberdeen, AB10 1AQ Communitycouncils@aberdeencity.gov.uk 01224 522723

When complaining, please provide the following information:

- Your full name, address and email address (if applicable)
- As much detail as you can about the complaint
- How you would like us to resolve the issue

How long do I have to make a complaint?

You must make your complaint within 6 months of the incident you want to complain about.

It is expected that most complaints will be submitted immediately or within two to three months from the date of the incident. In exceptional circumstances, we may be able to accept a complaint after the time limit. If you feel that the six month time limit should not apply to your complaint, please tell us why by contacting us.

What happens when I have complained?

Our complaint procedure provides two opportunities to resolve complaints:
Stage 1 – Frontline Resolution
Stage 2 – Investigation by Panel

These have been outlined below.

Stage 1 – Frontline Resolution

We aim to resolve complaints quickly by the Community Council. This could mean an explanation or where appropriate an apology if something has clearly gone wrong. In such circumstances, steps will be taken to prevent such a problem re-occurring.

Process

1. The complaint should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Community Council or in person to the Chairperson.
2. The Secretary will pass the complaint to the Chairperson, or another appropriate officer bearer (if the complaint relates to the Chairperson).
3. The Chairperson will determine whether to uphold or not uphold the complaint and send a response to the complainant within five working days.
4. Where the Chairperson determines that the complaint is not upheld the matter will be noted and no further action will be taken other than providing a response to the complainant.
5. Where the Chairperson determines that the complaint is upheld, appropriate action will be taken to address and resolve the complaint. This could be an explanation of the circumstances or where appropriate an apology or referral to stage 2.
6. If your complaint is more complex and requires a more detailed investigation it will be escalated to stage 2 of the complaints process. If we do this, we will notify you within five working days.
7. If you are unhappy with the frontline resolution response you can ask us to consider your complaint at stage 2 by contacting the Community Council or the Community Council Liaison Officer.

Stage 2 – Investigation by Panel

Stage 2 deals with two types of complaints:

- those that have not been resolved at frontline resolution; and
- those that are complex and require a detailed investigation from the outset.

Stage 2 investigations will be referred to a Panel of Community Councillors from within the pool of members. The Panel will consist of five members who will have been trained in basic mediation and conflict resolution.

Process

1. The Panel Chair will acknowledge receipt of the complaint in writing within five working days.
2. On receipt of all paperwork in relation to the complaint, the Panel will determine whether further interviews are required or if a decision can be made using the information before them.

If Further Information is Required

1. The Panel will arrange to meet with you to discuss your concerns and to review any evidence provided. Questions at this time shall be for clarification purposes and notes will be taken by the Panel Members.
2. Where the subject of the complaint relates to a Community Council's actions or decisions, the Panel will meet with the Office Bearers of the Community Council to discuss the complaint and to give them the opportunity to put forward their position and to answer any questions.
3. Where the subject of the complaint relates to the behaviour of a Community Councillor, the Panel will meet with the individual concerned to explain the nature of the complaint and to seek their position in relation to the complaint.

Outcome

1. We will provide you with a full written response detailing the final outcome of the complaint as soon as possible but within 30 days, unless we have contacted you to advise that your complaint will take longer to resolve.
2. The decision by the panel will be the final decision in respect of your complaint. If you require further clarification then you can contact the Chair of the Panel via the Community Council Liaison Officer.

Permitted Sanctions

The Panel can make the following decisions:

1. Where the complaint is in relation to a Community Council:
 - Guidance given in relation to the issue
 - Mentoring offered, where appropriate
 - Training given, where appropriate
 - Censure of behaviour and a written warning to behave in accordance with the Code of Conduct contained in the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

2. Where the complaint is in relation to a Community Councillor's behaviour or actions:
 - Training given, where appropriate
 - Suspension from Community Council meetings and activities for a period of time to be agreed by the majority of the Panel
 - Censure of behaviour and a written warning to behave in accordance with the Code of Conduct contained in the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils

In serious cases only:

- Request by the majority of the Panel that the Community Councillor resign from the Community Council
- To remove the Community Councillor with immediate effect only by unanimous decision of the Panel.

Quick Guide to our Complaints Procedure

Complaints Procedure

- You can complain in writing or by email to the Secretary of Community Council or in person to the Chairperson;
- We have a two stage complaints procedure – Frontline Resolution and Investigation by Panel. We will try to deal with your complaint quickly but if it's clear the matter will require a detailed investigation and it will take longer we will notify you of progress.

Stage 1 - Frontline Resolution

- We will always try to resolve your complaint as soon as possible (within five working days);
- If you are unhappy with the frontline resolution response, you can ask us to consider your complaint at stage 2;
- We will determine whether to uphold or not uphold your complaint.

Stage 2 - Investigation by Panel

- We will acknowledge your complaint within five working days;
- We will consider complex complaints;
- We will consider complaints where you are unhappy with the frontline resolution response;
- We will determine whether to uphold or not upload your complaint;
- We will give you our decision in writing within 30 working days unless we have notified you that your complaint will take longer to resolve.

Further Advice

- If after receiving your final decision at Stage 2, you are still dissatisfied or require further clarification you can seek further guidance from the Panel Chair via the Community Council Liaison Officer.

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Introduction

However much you strive to avoid complaints being made about your Community Council or Community Councillors, there may be occasions when complaints are made based on decisions you have taken, in connection with matters you have not taken any action on or regarding the conduct of your Community Council or Community Councillors.

This complaints procedure has been developed at the request of a number of Community Councils and has been facilitated by the Community Council Liaison Officer of Aberdeen City Council. The Minister for Local Government and Housing wrote to all Local Authorities in 2016 requesting that they consider implementing a complaints procedure for Community Councils.

On most occasions a swift apology or explanation will be enough but sometimes a detailed investigation will be required. This guidance document explains the process for dealing with complaints at Stage 1 – Frontline Resolution and at Stage 2 – Investigation by Panel.

Basic training on Mediation and Conflict Resolution will be given to individual Community Councillors to help you deal with complaints that may occur. This will be a requirement to enable Community Councillors to sit on the Investigation Panel for Stage 2 complaints.

Stage 1 – Frontline Resolution

Complaint Received

Procedure

1. The complaint should be made in writing to the Secretary of the Community Council or in person to the Chairperson.
2. The Secretary will pass the complaint to the Chairperson or another appropriate officer bearer (if the complaint relates to the Chairperson).
3. The Chairperson will determine whether to uphold or not uphold the complaint and send a response to the complainer within five working days.
4. Where the Chairperson determines that the complaint is not upheld the matter will be noted and no further action will be taken other than providing a response to the complainant.
5. Where the Chairperson determines that the complaint is upheld, appropriate action will be taken to address and resolve the complaint. This could be an explanation of the circumstances or where appropriate an apology or referral to stage 2.
6. All decisions should be notified to the Community Council Liaison Officer.
7. Where the complaint has been referred to Stage 2, the Community Council Liaison Officer will make arrangements for a Panel to be convened and for the relevant paperwork to be shared with the Panel members.
8. Where required, the Community Council Liaison Officer can provide advice based on the content of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils.

Stage 2 – Investigation by Panel

If the complaint has been referred from Stage 1, the Community Council Liaison Officer will have received the paperwork in relation to the complaint and will organise for a Panel of five members, from within the pool of members, to be convened to deal with the complaint.

The Panel will not have members from Community Councils with adjacent boundaries to the Community Council that the complaint is about.

Where the complaint is from one Community Council against another, members of that Community Council will not sit on the Panel.

If the complaint has been referred from Stage 1 by the Community Council the complainant will have been notified in writing of that decision.

If after receiving the decision of the Community Council at Stage 1, the complainant is still not satisfied, they can write to the Community Council or Community Council Liaison Officer asking that the complaint be referred to Stage 2.

Procedure

1. The members of the Panel will agree on the Chair for the Investigation
2. The Panel Chair will acknowledge receipt of the complaint in writing within five working days.
3. On receipt of the paperwork in relation to the complaint, the Panel will determine whether further interviews are required or if a decision can be made using the information before them.
4. All investigation meetings will be held in private.

Further Information Required

1. The Panel will arrange to meet the complainant to discuss their concerns and to review any evidence provided. Questions at this time shall be for clarification purposes and notes will be taken by the Panel Members.
2. Where the complaint is about a Community Council's actions or decisions, the Panel will meet with the Office Bearers of the Community Council to discuss the complaint and to give them the opportunity to put forward their position and to answer any questions.
3. Where the complaint is about a Community Councillor, the Panel will meet with them to explain the nature of the complaint and to seek their position in relation to the complaint. The Community Councillor can be accompanied to the meeting by a

friend or another Community Councillor to support them. Any person accompanying a Community Councillor will not be allowed to address the Panel but can offer advice or assistance to the Community Councillor.

No Further Information Required

Where the Panel agree that a decision can be made using the evidence before them based on the written submissions provided they will make a decision.

When the Investigation Process is Complete

1. The Panel will meet to determine the outcome of the investigation. They will decide to either uphold or not uphold the complaint and what sanctions if any should be applied.
2. The decision of the Panel will be communicated to the Community Council or the individual Community Councillor by Recorded Delivery letter.
3. Where the subject of the complaint relates to a Community Council, the Panel can make the following decisions:
 - Guidance to be given in relation to the matter
 - Mentoring offered, where appropriate
 - Training given, where appropriate
 - Censure of behaviour and a written warning to behave in accordance with the Code of Conduct contained in the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils
4. Where the subject of the complaint relates to a Community Councillor's behaviour or actions, the Panel can make the following decisions:
 - Training given, where appropriate
 - Censure of behaviour and a written warning to behave in accordance with the Code of Conduct contained in the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils
 - Suspension from Community Council meetings and activities for a period of time, up to a maximum of six months, to be agreed by the majority of the Panel

In serious cases only (Criminal Offences)

- Request by the majority of the Panel that the Community Councillor resign from the Community Council
- To remove the Community Councillor with immediate effect by unanimous decision of the Panel

Following the Decision of the Panel

1. The decision of the Panel is final
2. The complainant will be notified in writing within 30 days of receiving the initial complaint, of the decision of the Panel (unless prior notification has been given that the complaint will take longer to resolve)
3. The Community Council Liaison Officer will be notified in order for them to action the sanction as agreed by the Panel.
4. The Community Council Liaison Officer will monitor the complaints to enable them to identify common complaints and to implement training where required.

Stage 1 – Frontline Resolution Template

Your Ref. ***insert complainers ref here***
Contact. ***insert your name here***
Email: ***insert contact email address here***

CC Logo here

Insert Contact Details of Complainant here

Insert Date here

Dear insert complainant's name here

Complaint regarding – insert brief title/description

Thank you for your complaint of ***insert date here*** regarding ***insert issue of complaint here***.

Your complaint highlights the following point(s) which will be addressed within this letter:

1. ***enter all complaints in order of severity***
- 2.

Summarise the complaint, explain why any issues occurred, and provide a meaningful apology as appropriate.

Identify key areas where failings have already been identified and/or remedial action has already taken place as a result of the complaint.

I trust this response has addressed all areas of your complaint and explains why the outcome has been reached. However, if this does not resolve the matter and you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to request us to escalate your complaint to the next stage of the Community Council complaints procedure and for a Panel to carry out an investigation into your complaint. If you wish for this to happen, please contact us using the email address at the top of the letter or by contacting the Community Council Liaison Officer on 01224 522723 or email communitycouncils@aberdeencity.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Stage 2 - Complaint Investigation Plan

Complainant Name:

Complaint Reference:

Panel:

	Points of complaint	Issues to be explored	Evidence available	Evidence needed	How evidence will be gathered	Any other comments or observations
1						
2						
3						
4						
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	Target date for response	
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Stage 2 – Decision Letter Template

Your Ref. ***insert complainers ref here***
Contact. ***insert your name here***
Email: ***insert contact email address here***

Name and address of complainant

Date here

Dear ***insert complainant's name here***

Complaint regarding [insert broad description of complaint here]

Thank you for your complaint on ***insert date*** here regarding ***insert issue of complaint here***.

Your complaint has now been investigated and the findings are set out below. In this letter I will explain what the Panel have found out from the investigation, what the conclusions are and if appropriate, what actions are to be taken to address your concerns.

The complaints investigated are:

1. ***enter all complaints in order of severity***
- 2.

Background

Enter the background to the events leading to the complaint including a brief time line if helpful. This section should outline the relevant facts only.

Investigation

Provide a brief background to investigation process, i.e. we have reviewed the documentation you provided, reviewed notes held on the matter

Provide any other factual evidence relevant to the complaint

Conclusion

The conclusion should summarise the complaint and the decision reached

Identify key areas where failings have been identified and/or remedial action has already taken place as a result of the complaint.

Yours sincerely

Appendix 2 - Detailed Changes per Community Council

Area	Existing Community Council	Changes in Boundary	Reasons	Agreement/Further Action
1	Ashley and Broomhill	No Changes		
2	Braeside and Mannofield	Removed area of Pinewood/Countesswells Road	Residents within that area feel part of Craigiebuckler & Seafield	YES
3	Bridge of Don	<p>1. Removed Danestone into new area</p> <p>2. New development at Grandhome be included in the new Danestone Boundary</p> <p>3. Removed area to the left – up to the River Don into Danestone CC Boundary</p>	<p>1. Request from residents and Community Centre</p> <p>2. Looking forward on completion of the development. Also sits within Dyce, Bucksburn and Danestone Ward Boundary</p> <p>3. This area sits better with the new Danestone CC boundary and uses the river as the natural boundary between Dyce and Stoneywood.</p>	
4	Bucksburn and Newhills	<p>Proposal 1 Add area, up Dyce Drive to Wellheads Drive Junction, along the road until Market Street. Using Stoneywood Road as the new boundary back down to original</p>	<p>Proposal 1 Residents and the Community Council believe that this area is part of Bucksburn and that the old Rowett Institute Building was traditionally known as being in Bucksburn not within</p>	At the informal consultation stage, Dyce and Stoneywood CC stated that they did not want any of the boundaries to change. They have not provided

		<p>boundary.</p> <p>Proposal 2 To add the area from midway along Greenburn Drive, following the weir to the west of the Newhills Bowling Club, up behind the houses on the west side of Waterton Road, along Waterton Road to where it meets the railway line. Following the railway line to the point just east of Greenburn Drive and continuing onto Stoneywood Road and down to the junction with Bankhead Road.</p> <p>Plus these changes for both proposals</p> <p>2. Add in Howes Road, follow across Golf course back to original boundary. Along the road taking in the Clubhouse</p> <p>3. Move Area beside the Haudagain to Bucksburn & Newhills (Pizza Hut, wine shop across the dual carriageway)</p> <p>4. Extend boundary to the left to include Brimmond Hill and</p>	<p>Dyce.</p> <p>Residents in old part of Stoneywood believe they part of Bucksburn.</p> <p>2. To align with Dyce, Bucksburn and Danestone Ward Boundary</p> <p>3. To prevent Northfield CC going across the dual carriageway for a small area</p>	<p>a response at the formal stage.</p> <p>Further Action It is proposed that a targeted event be held in Bucksburn and in Dyce to present both proposals and to gain the views of local residents.</p> <p>2. No response from Northfield CC</p> <p>3. No response from Northfield CC</p>
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		Brimmond Country Park	4. Defined within Council operations as Bucksburn area. Also potential development in Newhills area that may span into this area.	4. At the informal consultation stage, Kingswells CC stated they felt that the area should remain within their boundary. They have not provided a response at the formal stage.
5	Castlehill and Pittodrie	1. Extended boundary at Pittodrie end to Linksfield Road 2. Remove Union Square, College Street, Guild Street and Market Street	1. Aligns with George Street/Harbour Ward boundary 2. Area seen to be in the City Centre	YES YES
6	City Centre	Proposal 1 Extend boundary down Holburn Street to Willowbank Road, Springbank Terrace and across to Market Street. Taking in Union Square and Guild Street and up Marischal street to meet existing boundary on Union Street Proposal 2 From Union Street, go along Holburn Street to the junction with Justice Mill Lane, continue	Proposal 1 Gives the City Centre both sides of Union Street and Union Square all felt to be in the City Centre Proposal 2 Based on comments from one of the Local Councillors, this option was put forward as	Comment received that not all of this change is City Centre. Further Action It is proposed that a targeted event be held in the City Centre and in Ferryhill to present both proposals and to gain the views of local residents.

		<p>onto Langstane Place, down onto Windmill Brae, continue down Bridge Street onto College Street to the junction with Wellington Place, travel across the railway line to Market Street. This would take in Union Square area and the other side of Union Street</p> <p>Plus these changes for both proposals</p> <p>2. Extend boundary to include Waverly Place up to Carden Place. Taking in Rose Street, Thistle Lane and Victoria Street</p> <p>3. Extend Boundary to include Skene Street onto Woolmanhill along to existing boundary</p> <p>4. Extend Boundary up Gallowgate as far as the end of the carpark and cross over to west north street and join original boundary at this side of dual carriageway. Taking in the Flats on Littlejohn Street and on the corner</p>	<p>being the more likely City Centre Boundary.</p> <p>2. Extends the boundary to the area thought to be City Centre</p> <p>3. as above</p> <p>4. Residents in the flats approached some time ago stating they did not feel they were part of George Street</p>	<p>2. No response from Queen's Cross and Harlaw CC</p> <p>YES</p> <p>YES</p>
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7	Cove and Altens	No Changes		
8	Craigiebuckler and Seafield	Added area of Pinewood and Countesswells Road into this area.	Residents believe they part of Craigiebuckler & Seafield	YES
9	Culter	No Changes		
10	Cults, Bieldside and Milltimber	Added row of houses at Pitfodels Station Road to this area	These houses are generally thought to be part of CBM	YES
11	Danestone	<p>1. Traditional area of Danestone.</p> <p>2. Area at Balgownie to the left of Gordon Brae.</p> <p>3. Grandholm Village</p> <p>4. New Grandhome development</p> <p>5. Added an area to follow the river to the left from Bridge of Don CC</p>	<p>1. Residents within Danestone have requested their own Community Council.</p> <p>2. Fits into the Dyce, Bucksburn and Danestone Ward Boundary.</p> <p>3. sits just before the Diamond Bridge after Danestone</p> <p>4. The area at Grandhome is a new development at the other side of the Parkway and within the Dyce, Bucksburn and Danestone Ward Boundary</p> <p>5. This takes in Grandhome House and Mains of Grandhome. This is also in the</p>	

			Dyce/Bucksburn/Danestone ward.	
12	Dyce and Stoneywood	<p>Proposal 1 Add area, up Dyce Drive to Wellheads Drive Junction, along the road until Market Street. Using Stoneywood road as the new boundary back down to original boundary.</p> <p>Proposal 2 To remove the area from midway along Greenburn Drive, following the weir to the west of the Newhills Bowling Club, up behind the houses on the west side of Waterton Road, along Waterton Road to where it meets the railway line. Follow in the railway line to the point just east of Greenburn Drive and continuing onto Stoneywood Road and down to the junction with Bankhead Road.</p>	<p>Proposal 1 Residents and the Community Council believe that this area is part of Bucksburn and that the old Rowett Institute Building was traditionally known as being in Bucksburn not within Dyce.</p> <p>Residents in old part of Stoneywood believe they part of Bucksburn.</p>	<p>At the informal consultation stage, Dyce and Stoneywood CC stated that they did not want any of the boundaries to change. They have not provided a response at the formal stage.</p> <p>Further Action It is proposed that a targeted event be held in Bucksburn and in Dyce to present both proposals and to gain the views of local residents.</p>
13	Ferryhill and Ruthrieston	<p>Proposal 1 Remove area from Willowbank Road, Springbank Terrace onto Wellington Place up College Street onto Bridge</p>	<p>Proposal 1 To have Union Square which is thought to be part of the City Centre.</p>	<p>Comment received that not all of this change is City Centre</p>

		<p>Street and along Union Street onto Holburn Street.</p> <p>Proposal 2 From Union Street, go along Holburn Street to the junction with Justice Mill Lane, continue onto Langstane Place, down onto Windmill Brae, continue down Bridge Street onto College Street to the junction with Wellington Place, travel across the railway line to Market Street. This would take in Union Square area and the other side of Union Street.</p>	<p>Proposal 2 Based on comments from one of the Local Councillors, this option was put forward as being the more likely City Centre Boundary.</p>	<p>Further Action It is proposed that a targeted event be held in the City Centre and in Ferryhill to present both proposals and to gain the views of local residents.</p>
14	Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank	<p>Extended the boundary to make the dual carriageway the boundary at Powis Place/Causewayend</p>	<p>Froghall Community Centre sits in that area.</p>	<p>George Street CC have requested that the boundary is not changed.</p> <p>The recommendation for this boundary is to change as proposed.</p>
15	Garthdee	<p>Small area to the west of the allotments moved to Cults, Bieldside & Milltimber CC – Pitfodels Station Brae</p>		<p>Garthdee CC don't agree with the proposal</p>
16	George Street	<p>1.Reduced area to have the dual carriageway at Powis</p>	<p>1. Froghall Community Centre sits in that area.</p>	<p>1. George Street CC have requested that the</p>

		Place/ Causewayend as the boundary 2. New boundary at Gallowgate Carpark beside Church. Flats at Littlejohn Street and Council Office moved to City Centre		boundary is not changed. The recommendation for this boundary is to change as proposed. 2. YES
17	Kincorth and Leggart	No Changes		
18	Kingswells	Remove area to the top to remove Brimmond Hill and Brimmond Country Park	Defined within Council operations as Bucksburn area.	At the informal consultation stage, Kingswells CC stated they felt that the area should remain within their boundary. They have not provided a response at the formal stage.
19	Mastrick, Sheddocksley and Summerhill	1. Removed a bit of Stronsay Drive/Eday Road into Summerfield (Woodend) 2. Extended boundary down Summerhill Road, along Campsie Place then along North Anderson Drive to meet	1. To straighten the boundary 2. Back of fire station leads onto shopping area at Summerhill	

		existing boundary, taking in the Fire Station		
20	Nigg	No Changes		
21	Northfield	<p>1. Remove Howes Road, follow across Golf course back to original boundary. Along the road taking in the Clubhouse</p> <p>2. Move Area beside the Haudagain to Bucksburn & Newhills CC (Pizza Hut, wine shop across the dual carriageway)</p>	<p>1. Aligns to Ward Boundaries</p> <p>2. So CC not crossing dual carriageway for a small area.</p>	No response from Northfield CC on these proposals.
22	Old Aberdeen	No Changes		
23	Queen's Cross and Harlaw	<p>1. Added area to the east along Beechgrove Terrace down Craigie loanings to meet existing boundary</p> <p>2. Removed the Grammar School - Esslemont Avenue along Albert Place</p> <p>3. Removed from Carden Place eastwards to Rose Street</p>	<p>1. Area felt to be in Queen's Cross area of the city</p> <p>2. Thought to be in Rosemount area of the City</p> <p>3. Thought to be in the City Centre</p>	<p>Rosemount and Mile End CC have agreed to the proposals.</p> <p>Queen's Cross and Harlaw CC have not responded.</p>
24	Rosehill and Stockethill	Merged the majority of the old Cattofield Community Council	Part of Cattofield was added to Woodside and Hilton (the	

		and Westburn and Berryden Community Council.	Hilton area) No community Council has been established in either of these areas for some time however there has been interest in both, just not enough to establish a Community Council. It was felt that the new area although larger may generate additional people and the areas would have similar issues.	
25	Rosemount and Mile End	<p>1. Removed area to the west along Beechgrove Terrace down Craigie loanings to meet existing boundary.</p> <p>2. New boundary – Skene Street/Woolmanhill – moving the library into City Centre</p> <p>3. Added in Grammar School – Esslemont Avenue along Albert Place</p>	<p>1. Area felt to be in Queen’s Cross area of the city</p> <p>2. Area felt to be in City Centre especially Central Library</p> <p>3. Area thought to be in Rosemount area of the City</p>	<p>1. Rosemount and Mile End CC have agreed to the proposals</p> <p>2. YES</p> <p>3. No response from Queen’s Cross and Harlaw CC</p>
26	Seaton and Linksfield	1. Reduced boundary back to Linksfield Road	Two CC’s had Pittodrie in their name and it split the area in half. Aligns with George Street/Harbour Ward Boundary	

27	Tillydrone	No Changes		
28	Torry	No Changes		
29	Woodend	1. Added small area a bit of Stronsay Drive/Eday Road	1. Uses main road as a boundary straight across	
30	Woodside and Hilton	<p>1. Extended down Clifton Road onto Leslie Road down to the roundabout.</p> <p>2. Extended up to Rosehill roundabout, down Rosehill Drive onto Hilton Avenue and down to existing boundary on Clifton Road</p> <p>3. Hutcheon Low to remain with Woodside and Hilton.</p>	<p>1. This is the boundary for network and Parish Church</p> <p>2. Hilton Avenue and surrounding streets part of Hilton</p>	YES

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Appendix 3 - Responses received as part of the first public consultation exercise

Respondent	Comments	Response/ Action Taken
Bucksburn and Newhills Community Council	<p>Many thanks for all your help and the explanations you gave at our meeting on 30th January, 2018.</p> <p>With a clearer understanding of the whole boundary issue, for both Community Councils and elected Councillors ward boundaries, having now considered the matter of what relates to each community, and how it effects each community.</p> <p>The effects of commercial/industrial development, the new exhibition centre, the proposed new housing developments on the Schools, Medical facilities, and the general infrastructure, road usage, traffic passing through along the A96 and the pollution caused etc. but also the loss of green space on this community.</p> <p>We propose that The Aberdeen City Council adopt the Original Proposal for boundary change.”</p> <p>This would make it possible for Community and Individuals to make fair representation on what happening in the area they live.</p> <p>In that respect the boundaries should be 1)The boundary between Dyce/Stoneywood Community Council and Bucksburn/Newhills Community Council should be Dyce Drive, Wellheads Drive, Market Street, Stoneywood and along the A947 to the existing boundary</p>	<p>There are two proposals being offered for the change to the Bucksburn and Newhills and Dyce and Stoneywood Community Council Boundaries.</p> <p>There is currently not consensus between the Community Councils therefore it is proposed that public engagement events be held in both Bucksburn and Dyce to seek the views directly from residents.</p> <p>The other parts of the boundary changes have received no comment from the neighbouring Community Councils as part of the formal consultation therefore the recommendation would be to adopt those changes.</p>

	<p>with Bucksburn & Newhills Community Council, as detailed on the original plan, placing the new Exhibition Centre, Waterton Road, Stoneywood Road and Prospect Terrace area in Bucksburn /Newhills area.</p> <p>2) The minor change to include the north side of the A96 leading to the Haudagain roundabout as detailed on the plan</p> <p>3) The area next to Heatheryfold/Northfield including the Auchmill Golf Club all as detailed on the plan.</p> <p>4) The Brimmond Hill area as detailed on the plan, although residents at the west side (Clinterty side) do have a Kingswells postal address.</p>	
Culter Community Councillor	<p>We are delighted to see the addition of clause 3.1.6 under Role. We all know there is a tension between the general duty on Community Councils to consult with their communities, and the specific requirements of Planning law, and that this tension has given rise to challenge levelled at other Community Councils recently. This new clause will allow Community Councils to focus on promoting worthwhile feedback from communities in the short timescales available.</p>	
Local Resident in Bucksburn	<p>I refer to the proposed changes to be made to the boundaries for Community Councils and would like to propose the following changes to the plans issued for the Bucksburn and Newhills area.</p> <p>The plan as issued shows that the new Aberdeen Conference and Exhibition Centre is outwith the boundaries of Bucksburn. The</p>	<p>There are two proposals being offered for the change to the Bucksburn and Newhills and Dyce and Stoneywood Community Council Boundaries.</p> <p>There is currently not consensus between the Community Councils therefore it is proposed that public engagement events be held in both Bucksburn and Dyce to seek the views directly from residents.</p>

	<p>Council must accept that the Rowett was always considered to be part of Bucksburn, although it was nominally outside the Community Council area. Everything associated with the new Exhibition Centre will affect the residents of Bucksburn far more than the residents of Dyce. That includes noise, traffic, litter and everything else that matters. It is essential that this area is included in the Bucksburn and Newhills Community Council area.</p> <p>I would suggest therefore that from the end of Forrit Brae the boundary should travel along the A96 to Dyce Drive, along Dyce Drive to Wellheads Drive, along Wellheads Drive to Market Street, along Market Street to Stoneywood Road, down to join the A947 as shown on your map south of Waterton House.</p>	<p>The other parts of the boundary changes have received no comment from the neighbouring Community Councils as part of the formal consultation therefore the recommendation would be to adopt those changes.</p>
<p>Garthdee Community Council</p>	<p>We are emailing and confirming that following a positive and mutually agreeable meeting with CBM community council, that we have come to a quick and joint position re the boundary changes.</p> <p>We agree to the proposed changes with the boundary going straight down the middle of the station road bridge.</p> <p>I would be really grateful if you could confirm that you have received this email and note that Garthdee community council will not contest any boundary changes so long as it meets the above.</p>	<p>This was already in the proposals for the boundary changes.</p>

<p>Cults, Bielside & Milltimber Community Council</p>	<p>1. Para 3.1.6:</p> <p>This new paragraph is welcome but we would suggest a little more clarification as follows:</p> <p>"In the case of complex applications <i>affecting the whole community where the proposal might benefit from a formal consultation</i>, it may be impractical for Community Councils to perform a valid consultation, collate the feedback and lodge a meaningful representation within the timescales allowed. In this case Community Councils may lodge representations based on material considerations affecting the interests of their community provided they have also advertised the application in their community and encouraged members of the community to make their own representations. ..."</p> <p>2. Section 5.1.1 Suggest the wording be changed to "individual aged 16 and over" to make it clearer that 16 year olds can stand.</p> <p>3. Section 5.4.3 Paragraph 5.4.3 (a) needs to be amended to read "which does not contain the information prescribed in section 5.4.1." The insertion of a new section 5.4.2 makes the current wording invalid.</p> <p>4. In Standing Orders para 1.5 we think that the Chair needs to have authority to call a special meeting, so suggest:</p>	<p>1. The additional wording has been included in the Scheme.</p> <p>2. The new wording has been included in the Scheme.</p> <p>3. Agreed, this was an oversight and has been amended.</p> <p>4. Agreed, the wording has been amended in the Scheme.</p>
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	<p>"Special meetings may be called at any time on the instructions of the Chairperson or on receipt of not less than half of the total number of Community Councillors or if requested to do so in writing by 20 residents in the Community Council area."</p> <p>5. We note a small typo at para 9.2 which should presumably read "Membership is invalidated..."</p> <p>6. In relation to the boundary with Garthdee CC at Pitfodels Station Road, we have met cordially with Garthdee CC and jointly agreed the current proposal for the full length of the road between North Deeside Road and Inchgarth Road to form the boundary between the two council areas. Also both councils agreed that the boundary should run down the centre of the road so that both would be consulted on matters affecting the road.</p>	<p>5. Agreed, this was an oversight and has been amended in the Scheme.</p> <p>6. This was already included in the boundary proposals.</p>
George Street Community Council	George Street Community Council still wants the boundary to be the railway line at Bedford bridge down to Mounthooley Way and not the proposed boundary to have the dual carriageway as the boundary.	Froghall, Powis and Sunnybank Community Council have agreed to the amended boundary and have stated that Froghall Community Centre would then be part of their boundary. They have indicated that they wish for the boundary to be amended as described in the Area descriptions and on the maps.
Old Aberdeen Community Councillor	<p><u>General comment</u> This dossier amount to 7 documents, 76 pages of 'stuff' that any prospective community councillor should read. Many issues are</p>	The document was issued as one to make it easier for sending. Once the documents have been approved they will become separate documents and listed on the website separately. The written descriptions of the boundaries

	<p>repeated in different sections. Line spacing between every sentence makes it more bulky. Our concern is that many will not bother to read it.</p> <p><u>Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils</u> Para. 2.1.1. This refers to reader to page 17 – the List Of Community Council Areas. Either this is an integral part of the Scheme for the Establishment of Community Councils document; in which case it should be an Appendix of that document and so referenced and without an ACC front sheet, or it is a standalone document so should be referenced as that.</p> <p>Para 3.1.6 This states: “In the case of complex planning applications, it may be impractical for Community Councils to perform a valid consultation, collate the feedback and lodge a meaningful representation within the timescales allowed”. The timescale is equally short for any planning application and we see no logical or legislative reason to differentiate between complex and the simpler applications. The phrase ‘valid consultation’ is problematic, as it is not defined. Suggest change to “In the case of any planning application, ...” . Or define ‘valid’. Or both.</p>	<p>takes up 21 pages and these have never been provided before. The Complaints Procedure takes up 18 pages and this is a new addition.</p> <p>It will be a standalone document so requires the front sheet.</p> <p>The term valid has been changed to full as valid was not considered to be the right terminology.</p> <p>Complex planning applications come with additional paperwork and often very lengthy which does not allow Community Councils to read all of it and then seek the views of the community within the timescales.</p> <p>For smaller applications it is deemed that for the majority of these, the Community Council would be able to determine whether representation was required without discussing each application with the public. For example, change of windows. Where an application relates to an extension of a house, Community Councils would be expected to seek the views of neighbouring properties.</p>
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	<p>The last sentence is also troubling; “In this case Community Councils may lodge representations based on material considerations affecting the interests of their community provided they have also advertised the application in their community and encouraged members of the community to make their own representations”. This raises issues of what is sufficient. What is deemed sufficient advertising, what is deemed sufficient encouragement? What this paragraph is doing is creating a mechanism for those who are against the community council (and community?) viewpoint to call foul due to lack of sufficient ‘advertising’ and ‘encouragement’. In reality, there can never be ‘sufficient’ as this can only be achieved by being able to demonstrate having reached the majority of the community within a timescale that would permit feedback if so wished; i.e. within one week of a planning application being posted. We often don’t even have the full application posted on the council web site in that time.</p> <p>This entire paragraph (3.1.6) should be simplified to something along the lines of; “In the case of any planning application, Community Councils should, within the timescales allowed, conduct valid consultation and lodge a meaningful representation based on the wishes and interests of the community”.</p> <p>Para 5.2.2 The University of Aberdeen is situated centrally within the Old Aberdeen CC. The Aberdeen</p>	<p>These are the words provided to me from other Community Councils heavily involved in planning applications.</p> <p>For major planning applications, as long as the Community Council have advertised it on facebook, website or other means available that will satisfy this and the community will have no come back. This is not asking for feedback but advising the community of the application and telling them where they can make representations.</p> <p>Based on the above I will not be changing the wording in the paragraph.</p> <p>There is a prescribed timetable for the elections so making forms available early will not be possible.</p>
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	<p>University Students Association representative has commented how this date makes it difficult for prospective candidates from the University to put themselves forward for election. Assuming the student is entering second year and has already entered themselves onto the local electoral roll, the process of nomination and secondment will occur while they are within their summer recess; this creates a strong reason either to delay the CC elections until November, or to put in place a means for early nomination, prior to the recess? We note that it should be possible for students to complete nomination forms remotely, provided they have made prior plans for a seconder; perhaps this mechanism could be bolstered by putting in place a circulation/invite system for those wishing to take this opportunity?</p> <p>Para 5.6.5 The current text (para 5.6 (v)) includes the option for candidates to attend at an election count. We think it is important that this scrutiny remains available.</p> <p>Para 7.3.2 This text; “Associate members may include representation from other local organisations and may serve for a fixed period as determined by the Community Council” Is not particularly clear. We suggest: “Associate members may</p>	<p>The Scheme has been changed so only a witness will be required and not a proposer and seconder. Based on elections being held in late October, the deadline for nominations would be near the end of September. The majority of returning students will arrive in Aberdeen late August/early September so they would still have time to submit a nomination form.</p> <p>Experience has shown that there is not a high uptake of students joining Community Councils whether at the election stage or via co-option.</p> <p>At the time of nomination the candidate must be on the electoral register. Evidence has shown that the number of students who do register has reduced significantly since 2014. Although the register is published in August and then December, a person can register the day before a nomination form is submitted. The new system allows the Returning Officer to check all those on the register at the time of nomination.</p> <p>Community Council elections are usually undertaken by online voting with no physical count required. The system used calculates the totals therefore there would be opportunity to attend a physical count.</p> <p>Agreed, the text has been changed in the Scheme.</p>
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	<p>include representation from other local organisations and may serve for a period determined by the Community Council, but will terminate no later than the next community council election”.</p> <p><u>Constitution for Community Councils</u> From the document: “3. Objectives The objectives of the Community Council shall be to: 3.1 Have in place mechanisms to encourage public involvement and feedback to secure greatest possible involvement from all sectors of the community which may include consultations, questionnaires, public meetings and effective means to publicise the determinations of the community council”.</p> <p>We consider that this is incorrectly categorised as an objective – it is something expected of the CC so should be moved under “4. Roles and Responsibilities”</p> <p>Para 12.4 The order of actions required to achieve approval of the constitution is incorrect here. Suggest: “The Constitution is to be adopted formally and signed by the Chairperson and two members of the Community Council. Within three months of the first meeting following an election, the Community Council shall review, may introduce minor amendments to reflect local circumstances if desired, but must agree and sign the Constitution and submit it to the</p>	<p>Agreed the text has been amended in the Scheme.</p>
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	<p>Community Council Liaison Officer for approval on behalf of Aberdeen City Council within three months”.</p> <p>Para. 14 “The local library within the Community Council shall receive:” as several CCs (and specifically the Old Aberdeen CC) do not have a library within their boundary, so suggest this be re-worded as: “Any local library within the Community Council should receive:”</p> <p>Para 15.5 A minimum of three signatories seems like overkill and unnecessary bureaucracy. Often it can take months to put multiple signatures into effect – this just makes that worse.</p> <p>Para 15.7 “per head of population” would be great for Old Aberdeen CC, but suspect you intend this to refer to head count on the electoral register??</p> <p>Para 17 This section would appear to be focused on a desire to alter the constitution subsequent to the review of the constitution after an election (para 12.4), so should be re-worded to that end.</p> <p>What is missing from this constitution is anything regarding what a CC can expect from the City Council. No mention of the Community Council Protocol, for instance.</p>	<p>Agreed the text has been amended in the Scheme.</p> <p>3 in a required minimum to cover illness or holidays. This is common practice and usually banks request this. This will remain as is.</p> <p>The proposal is to change the funding formula from electorate count to per head of population.</p> <p>This section has been amended in the constitution to make it clear when alterations would be carried out.</p> <p>The constitution is the governance arrangements for Community Councils not Aberdeen City Council. There are 2 other documents that state what Aberdeen City Council will do – the Planning Agreement and the Communication Protocol. I will make reference to these somewhere in the Scheme.</p>
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	<p><u>Community Council Complaints Procedure</u> At the bottom of page 61 “There are some things we can’t deal with, these being:...” - this cannot be correct. These are issues that the Community Council can’t deal with, but there are specific process within Aberdeen Council for dealing with such issues and this section should make that distinction clear and direct the reader to the appropriate web site/ contact etc..</p>	<p>This is correct as Community Councils cannot deal with those things listed. The complaints procedure is for Community Councils only.</p> <p>The introduction clearly states that it is a complaints procedure for Community Councils and not for any other purpose. A link to the introduction page has been added to the complaints procedure.</p>
Bridge of Don Community Council	<p>The number of constituents represented by the Bridge of Don Community Council is likely to be one of the largest in Scotland.</p> <p>There are currently two members from Danestone who actively serve in the Bridge of Don Community Council. There is inevitably going to be substantial further growth of the Community Council coverage owing to the development of the Grandhome Estate. The members of the Community Council at the meeting broadly supported the change of boundary that would enable Danestone to form its own Community Council. It was also recognised that from the point of view of residents coming forward from Danestone with issues to review/ discuss/ action there was a perception that there was a disproportionately low occurrence of community members coming forward when compared to Bridge of Don. Subsequently there was some concern that after</p>	<p>This is true and reflected in the Scheme and the number of Community Councillors required for the area.</p> <p>During the lead up to the 2015 Community Council</p>

	<p>a boundary change the Community could fail to actually form a Community Council. It was also noted that in 2015/16 some 500 to 600 leaflets were delivered to the Danestone area that promoted the Bridge of Don Community Council, its remit, but in particular when its next meeting would be with an objective of generating more participation within the Bridge of Don Community Council by residents in the Danestone Area.</p> <p>In fact, the initiative did not result in any additional members of the Danestone Community attending the meeting. This further strengthens concerns that there could be a possibility that the Danestone Community may fail to successfully form a Community Council due to lack of participation.</p> <p>The most prominent concern arising from this possibility was that in the event the boundaries were changed and the residents did fail to form a Council that the Community of Danestone would no longer have a functioning Statutory Planning Consultee arrangement, mechanism or organisation in place.</p> <p>Taking the above in to account, the views of the Bridge of Don Community Council are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Boundary changes to enable Danestone to have the opportunity to form its own Community Council are supported. 	<p>elections, leaflets were distributed throughout Danestone as well as the ones issued by Bridge of Don Community Council. At that time only a few people responded to the campaign. Some residents within Danestone and the Community Centre have stated that they would support a Danestone Community Council being established.</p> <p>1. The boundary for Danestone Community Council will be amended slightly due to other comments received.</p> <p>The original proposal was to remove an area to the west adjoining Dyce and Stoneywood Community Council however this been amended so it will be added to the Danestone boundary using the river as the boundary. Hutcheon Low will remain with Woodside and Hilton</p>
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	<p>2. The Bridge of Don Community Council would take comfort from any mechanism that could be put in place to ensure that the residents of the newly formed area could fall back under the Bridge of Don Community Council in terms of Statutory Planning Consultee arrangement in the event that Danestone did fail to form a local Community Council.</p> <p>3. The Bridge of Don Community Council would undertake further steps to assist in promotion/ likely success of Danestone Community Council being formed. This may be via leafletting, Bridge of Don Community Council Newsletter article and/ or promoting the Bridge of Don Community Council membership from within the Danestone area to enable the possible transference of Bridge of Don Community Council members to Danestone once the formation process is undertaken, if such an action is undertaken. For the sake of clarity by “transference” it is not suggested or proposed that this should in any way circumvent the normal democratic process, only that there would be experienced Community Councillors within the Bridge of Don Community Council that could seek nomination for representation of the Danestone Community Council.</p>	<p>Community Council.</p> <p>2. Once Community Council areas have been approved, they are in place until they are next reviewed. Where a Community Council fails to be established the area cannot be represented by another within the Scheme. The process would then be to either: a) try again to get a Community Council established, which could not be done until 3 months after an election or b) apply to merge the areas together which could take some time to go through consultation and approval.</p> <p>As the neighbouring Community Council Bridge of Don Community Council could comment on planning applications however they would not carry the same weight as they would not be the statutory consultee.</p> <p>3. This would be very welcome and the CCLO would support the Community Council.</p>
ACC Election Team	Is paragraph 5.1.1 describing the eligibility for membership and voting? For voting, the requirements outlined in 5.1.1 need to be met	This section has been changed in the Scheme. Proposers and Seconders have been removed and

	<p>“on the day of poll”. The requirements for candidates, proposers, seconders are at the date of nomination, as already outlined in 5.1.2 . Maybe it would be clearer to make 5.1.1 about voting and so add “on the day of poll” and 5.1.2 about membership by adding the age requirement.</p> <p>Eligibility for voting – do you want the criteria to be inclusion in the register AND residency (as it is described now or implied) or just inclusion in the register? Standard practice would be inclusion in the register only. I would suggest removing the word “resident” from 5.1.1. Defining and verifying residency is difficult. The same comment applies to section 9.1</p> <p>5.4.1 If we continue to allow candidates the option of withholding their address from notices and the ballot paper, we need to give some thought to what appears in its place. Using methodology used in UK parliamentary elections, it would say something like “address within the xxx community council area”. Note that local government elections do not allow for withholding home address. This text has some meaning in UK parliamentary elections as the home address need not be within the contest constituency. If we allow the facility of withholding the home address in a community council election we may wish to make the text more meaningful e.g. “this candidate chose to withhold their home address”.</p> <p>I’m not sure what purpose requiring a proposer</p>	<p>changing to one witness.</p> <p>This section has been changed in the Scheme.</p> <p>The wording has been amended in the Scheme to include ‘address within the xxx community council area’.</p> <p>This has been accepted and will change to a witness.</p>
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	<p>and seconder serves. I suggest removing this requirement and replacing with the signature of a witness.</p> <p>In section 5.4.2 it says the “the following text will appear on the ballot paper”. This should be “on a separate paper for candidate statements and provided to voters together with the ballot paper”.</p> <p>5.5.2 I suggest “Voting methods will be determined by the Returning Officer. They will be designed to ensure a properly run election and accurate count. Chosen voting methods should also increase accessibility and participation and wherever possible will include electronic methods.”</p> <p>In Section 5.6.3 (d) I suggest adding “Specify the methods of voting” and the location of the polling station “if applicable” to allow for the option of running an election without a physical polling place.</p> <p>5.6.5 Suggest “The Returning Officer will arrange for the counting of votes following the poll. In normal circumstances this will be the first working day following the date of poll.”</p>	<p>This has been accepted and the text has been amended.</p> <p>This has been accepted and the text has been amended.</p> <p>This has been accepted and the text has been amended.</p> <p>This has been accepted and the text has been amended.</p>
<p>Member of the Public</p>	<p>With regard to the proposed boundary changes, it is my opinion that the new AECC is included within Bucksburn and Newhills CC boundary as it is in no way associated with Dyce and any traffic problems that may arise will affect Bucksburn and not Dyce. Furthermore the boundary should include Dyce Drive to the</p>	<p>This is similar to the initial proposal as outlined as proposal 1. The part that is not included in the boundary is Stoneywood Terrace to the river don and was discussed with members of Bucksburn and Newhills Community Council.</p>

	junction of Wellheads Drive and to the junction of Market St. Then to Stoneywood Terrace and the river Don all the way to Persley Bridge.	
Member of the Public	<p>Agree with the proposal to create a new community council for Danestone as it is an area not well represented nor is it part of Bridge of Don although clearly they are linked by the facilities and resources that they share.</p> <p>However I do not agree that lower persley(hutcheon low) should form part of this. It is clearly segregated from Danestone by the River Don and can't see how it would be beneficial for residents there to be represented by Danestone Comm Council. Suggest inclusion to Woodside comm council or the comm council which covers the former Davidson Mill site currently being developed."</p>	<p>Hutcheon Low is currently within the Woodside Community Council area however it isn't seen as being part of traditional Woodside.</p> <p>The option would be to either keep it within the Woodside boundary or extend Bucksburn and Newhills boundary. The preferred option would be to keep it within the Woodside boundary.</p>
Members of the Public	<p>Although most community councils work extremely well there is the grave danger that a community council can be taken over by vested interests particularly where there is no contested election and no mechanism to challenge decisions or actions.</p> <p>This is particularly of concern when there a large population flows for example relating to the arrival of students. Students typically arrive in September and are immediately disenfranchised from there community by the fact that the last register of electors is August and the following one is December. To disregard this temporarily transient community is a fundamental flaw in democracy particularly where students form large segments of the local community.</p>	<p>Across Scotland the majority of Community Councils are established uncontested. Over previous elections Aberdeen have had contested elections in three areas.</p> <p>Community Councils can be challenged on the decisions they have made.</p> <p>At the time of nomination, the candidate must be on the electoral register. The process has changed in that the electoral registers are published at certain points in the year however the Returning Officer has access to the complete list up to the date the nomination has been received. A person could register the day before submitting an application as a Community Councillor.</p> <p>History has also shown that there is not a high uptake from students to join Community Councils or to be on the</p>

	<p>To claim that students are represented by student bodies again is false. Student bodies are not community councils and do not have the statutory consultation rights on planning and licensing.</p> <p>To claim that CC elections can 'only' be undertaken in October is also false. There have been main Government elections in October which could possibly conflict with CC elections. The ideal date for CC elections, to avoid the clash of the movement of large numbers of students, is in February.</p> <p>To claim that the 'settled community' would have no voice is also false. There is no principle in law that one person's vote is more important than another whether they form one part of a community or another. It presumes that the settled community would be swamped by the transient community but that is exactly what happens at present in reverse. Where in Community Council legislation is this principle enshrined?</p> <p>Proposals to allow other non elected members to join the CC are again flawed as only existing CC can make the invite. If existing CC are formed by flawed elections this solves nothing in terms of the flawed electoral process.</p> <p>To prevent abuse of power there should be a</p>	<p>electoral register whilst in Aberdeen studying.</p> <p>This is not in the Scheme.</p> <p>The date commonly used across Scotland for Community Council elections is October.</p> <p>Also based on the fact that students could register and apply within the deadlines prescribed this would rule this argument out.</p> <p>This is not in the Scheme.</p> <p>I have assumed the respondent is referring to Associate Members. Anyone with an interest in the work of a Community Council can attend the meetings and if they have expertise in a particular area that the Community Council could benefit from, they can become an associate member.</p> <p>Residents on the electoral register can request that the</p>
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	<p>process whereby 20 voters can request to dissolution of a CC and request another election at anytime in the year (except October to December).</p> <p>The proposal for by elections is also flawed. Allowing an election for one position where all were previously elected uncontested merely perpetuates a flawed system. At the very least not only the vacancy but all vacant positions should be open for by election - at any time (excluding Oct- Dec).</p> <p>Fundamentally to prevent abuse of power any CC should be dissolved by a majority vote in a meeting of not less than 50 electors at a public meeting. Such meeting being called by not less than 20 electors.</p>	<p>Community Council hold a special meeting. This is covered under section 12.9 in the Constitution and 1.5 in the Standing Orders. There would need to be a valid reason for the request and a vote taken. To dissolve a community council a public meeting must take place.</p> <p>This is not what the Scheme states. The Scheme states at section 7.4.2 'Only the vacant positions will be advertised'</p> <p>This means that all vacancies on the Community Council would be advertised. The by election route is usually only undertaken where co-option has not been possible or the numbers fall below the minimum number.</p> <p>By elections are held at anytime throughout the year unless there are scheduled elections in May which may make running the by election more difficult due to time constraints on the Returning Officer.</p> <p>As previously mentioned those on the electoral register can request a special meeting where a discussion can take place and a vote taken.</p>
<p>Bucksburn and Newhills Community Councillor</p>	<p>I believe that Stoneywood should be in the Bucksburn and Newhills ward as should the new exhibition centre from along Dyce Drive down Market street and directly across Stoneywood road down to the mill and the Don. It is a clear border with everything one side being Dyce the other Bucksburn, as it stands the current boundary twists and turns, chops parts of Bankhead off and Greenburn . These areas are locally and historically in Bucksburn not Dyce. The old Rowett site and Strathcona House now the exhibition centre is well removed from the</p>	<p>This is similar to the initial proposal. The only part that has not been accepted is the additional part across Stoneywood Road (from Market Street) down to the mill. This has already been discussed with members of Bucksburn and Newhills Community Council.</p> <p>This is outlined as proposal 1 in the supporting documents.</p>

	<p>community of Dyce and has been classed as the Bucksburn area for years, the traffic and future issues affect Bucksburn not Dyce. Can I also add that the area before the Haudagain with the pizza shop and units should also be in Bucksburn and not Northfield .</p> <p>Thank you"</p>	
<p>Councillor Donnelly, the Depute Provost</p>	<p>May I take this opportunity to object to the proposals for the north of the Ferryhill area to be moved into the wider City Centre Community Council boundary.</p> <p>Whilst I accept that there is a large concentration of licensed premises in the north of Ferryhill, there is a large proportion of care in the community projects in that area as well as retail premises that are part of Ferryhills culture and successful wellbeing.</p> <p>The issues and concerns have always been of my utmost concern as well as previous Ferryhill Community Councils.</p> <p>I propose that the boundary should be amended as follows:</p> <p>From Union Street, go along Holburn Street to the junction with Justice Mill Lane, continue onto Langstane Place, down onto Windmill Brae, continue down Bridge Street onto College Street to the junction with Wellington Place, travel across the railway line to Market Street. This would take in Union Square area and the other side of Union Street.</p>	<p>This proposal has been highlighted in the report with a proposed action to target the views of the local residents.</p>

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