

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

CITY GROWTH AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 24 APRIL 2018

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1.1	<u>Determination of Urgent Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> There were no items of Urgent Business		
2.1	<u>Members are Requested to Determine that any Exempt Business be Considered with the Press and Public Excluded</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items 10.1 (Pinewood Hazledene Sale Update), 10.2 (Shaping Aberdeen Housing LLP) and 10.3 (Disposal of Site at Harris Drive, Aberdeen).		
3.1	<u>Members are Requested to Intimate any Declarations of Interest</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> The following declarations of interest were intimated:- (i) Councillors Boulton and Flynn declared an interest in items 6.1 (Notice of Motion by Councillor Nicoll – Former Craighill Primary School Site) and 10.2 (Shaping Aberdeen Housing LLP) by virtue of them being Council appointed Board members of Shaping Aberdeen Housing LLP.		

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		<p>They considered that the nature of their interest required them to leave the meeting and they took no part in the consideration of these items;</p> <p>(ii) Councillors Nicoll declared an interest in item 9.4 (External Funding for Transport Projects) by virtue of him being a Council appointed Board member of Nestrans. He considered that the nature of his interest did not require him to leave the meeting during consideration of the item;</p> <p>(iii) Councillor Yuill declared an interest in item 9.4 (External Funding for Transport Projects) by virtue of him being a Council appointed Substitute Board member of Nestrans. He considered that the nature of his interest did not require him to leave the meeting during consideration of the item; and</p> <p>(iv) Councillor Yuill declared an interest in item 10.1 (Pinewood Hazledene Sale Update) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of Robert Gordon's College Board of Governors.</p>		
4.1	<u>There are no Requests for Deputation at this Time</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> There were no requests for deputation.		
5.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to remove the following items from the		

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		<p>Business Planner as they are to be reported as Service Updates:- Environmental Noise Action Plan Update; Local Transport Strategy Annual Monitoring and Progress Report; Towards a Fairer Aberdeen – Engagement with People and Groups Affected by Poverty; Europe Green Capital Awards; Community Benefit Management Process; World Energy Cities Partnership Annual Report; Civitas Portis; Sponsorship of Business Awards; Powering Aberdeen; and Air Quality Action Plan;</p> <p>(ii) to remove the following item from the Business Planner as it is to be considered as part of the Performance report at the next meeting:- Public Bodies Duties - Climate Change;</p> <p>(iii) to transfer the following items from the Business Planner as a result of their Terms of Reference:- Best Way Forward for Sport in Aberdeen (transfer to Strategic Commissioning Committee Business Planner); Business Cases for the Delivery of 2,000 Council Houses (to be transferred to the Capital Programme Committee Business Planner); and</p> <p>(iv) to note the update in relation to the Site at Beach Esplanade/King Street and that a report in this regard would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>		
6.1	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Nicoll -</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		

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	<p><u>Former Craighill Primary School Site</u></p> <p>That the City Growth and Resources Committee:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes that the former Craighill Primary School site in Heatherwick Road, Aberdeen, has been a vacant brownfield site for over 5 years. The site has been identified by the Council as suitable for development for housing since 2014 and that to date there is no timescale for the work commencing; 2. Notes that the former school site had buildings to the north side of the site, which is a now a hard core type surface and a grass playing field to the south side bordering Gardner Drive. The site is now overgrown, attracts fly tipping and wind-blown litter and is at present unsightly. The site is surrounded by a circa1.5m metal railing fence with gates which are padlocked to prevent pedestrian access; 3. Notes that the site sits within a residential area of the Kincorth housing scheme and that there are limited facilities in the area for 	to take no action.		

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	<p>children to play safely; and</p> <p>4. Instructs the Director of Resources to investigate the financial costs and details of the work which would be required to bring the site back into use as a children's play area until such time as detailed development plans are brought forward and implemented to bring the site back into use for residential housing, and that a report in this regard be brought back to the next meeting of the Committee in June.</p>			
7.1	<u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u>	The Committee resolved: there were no referrals from Council, Committees or Sub Committees.		
8.1	<u>Council Financial Performance - Quarter 4, 2017/18 - RES/18/001</u>	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the current final outturn position for the financial year 2017/18; (ii) to approve the various transfers for 2017/18, between Council accounts and earmarked sums for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account and Common Good as at 31 March 2018 as shown in Appendix 1; (iii) to note that in accordance with the relevant strategies to maintain revenue balances, the Council's objective of retaining recommended		

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		<p>levels of uncommitted balances has been achieved;</p> <p>(iv) to note that the unaudited Annual Accounts for 2017/18 will be presented to the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Committee, along with the Annual Governance Statement and Remuneration Report, at its meeting on 8 May 2018; and</p> <p>(v) to congratulate the Director of Resources, Interim Chief Officer - Finance and officers in the Finance Team for the work involved in the preparation of the report.</p>		
9.1	<u>ACC Corporate Branding - CUS/18/004</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the approval of the proposed updated crest by the Lord Lyon;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the adoption of the updated ACC crest which will facilitate improved digital and online design;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Marketing and Design Manager to create brand guidelines for the use of the crest across all services in conjunction with the Communications Policy presented to full council December 2015;</p> <p>(iv) to approve implementation of the introduction of the new crest and refreshed brand in a phased manner as assets are naturally replaced over time beginning in Summer 2018; and</p> <p>(v) to agree that no consideration by the Council for further rebranding shall be given prior to 2022.</p>		

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9.2	<u>Update on Recruitment of Developer Obligations Officer - GOV/18/005</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note with disappointment the Council has been unable to recruit a Developer Obligations Team Leader; (ii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer of Strategic Place Planning to liaise with HR to enquire if any current employee who may be suitable for potential redeployment to this post taking into consideration the budget set aside from the existing corporate training budget to fund retraining and redeployment costs; (iii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer of Strategic Place Planning following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to agree to a 12-month extension to the Service Level Agreement with Aberdeenshire Council for the provision of Developer Obligations Services; and (iv) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer of Strategic Place Planning to report back to committee in 9 months to report on recruitment and operation of the Developer Obligation Service. 		
9.3	<u>Local Authority Markets - PLA/18/005</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the establishment and holding of annual markets at the events detailed in this report, in accordance with section 27 of the Local Government and Planning (Scotland) Act 1982; and (ii) to delegate authority to the Chief 		

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		<p>Officer – Operations and Protective Services to establish, hold, manage, regulate and administer the markets referred to above in accordance with section 27 of the Local Government and Planning (Scotland) Act 1982, to otherwise exercise all powers under section 27 in relation to those markets (except the power to make byelaws) and to take all decisions relating to the day-to-day administration of those markets.</p>		
9.4	<p><u>External Funding for Transport Projects 2018/19 - PLA/18/003</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note that Aberdeen City Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) has been awarded funding from Paths for All to deliver projects outlined in the Smarter Choices, Smarter Places 2018/19 Programme; (2) has been awarded funding from NESTRANS Revenue Programme 2018/19 to deliver projects outlined in the report; (3) is bidding to the NESTRANS Capital 2018/19 funds to deliver projects outlined in this report; (4) is bidding to the SUSTRANS Community Links 2018/19 fund to deliver projects outlined in this report; and (5) intends to use staff time, Civitas Portis works, existing Developer Contributions and Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route Non-Motorised User 		

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		<p>(AWPR) (NMU) Offset Mitigation funding as part of the match funding mechanism;</p> <p>(ii) authorises the Developer Contributions and the AWPR NMU offset mitigation funds to be used as Match Funds and spent in accordance with the relevant legal agreement; and</p> <p>(iii) to note that the procurement of contracts with estimated expenditure of £250,000 and above (Works) and £50,000 and above (Goods or Services), will be reported to the Strategic Commissioning Committee at its meeting on 30th April 2018.</p>		
9.5	<p><u>Inward Investment and Trade Priorities - PLA/18/006</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to approve the international trade and inward investment priorities for 2018-19;</p> <p>(ii) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - City Growth (in consultation with the Co-Leaders) to authorise only necessary and appropriate travel to markets approved by Council/Committee as international trade and inward investment priorities for 2018 – 2019 as opportunities arise, provided the cost of such travel is reasonable and does not exceed the budget envelope set out in the report;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Customer Experience to update the Travel Policy in line with approved Scheme of Governance;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer - City</p>		

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		<p>Growth to submit an annual service update to the City Growth and Resources Committee on international travel outlining the economic benefits achieved;</p> <p>(v) to approve the submission of a bid for Aberdeen to host the World Energy Cities Partnership Annual General Meeting in 2019 up to a cost to the Council of £60,000 and that an appraisal of the submission is provided to the next meeting of the Committee in June 2018; and</p> <p>(vi) to note progress with the Invest Aberdeen initiative and current priorities.</p>		
9.6	<u>External Projects and Partnership - PLA/18/007</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to approve elected member and officer international travel as detailed in the Travel Plan for financial year 2018-19;</p> <p>(ii) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - City Growth, in consultation with the Chief Officer – Customer Experience, to authorise travel within the allocated budget; and</p> <p>(iii) to include in future reports, the duration of the trips and an update as to the impact of Brexit on future travel in terms of funding/partnerships.</p>		
9.7	<u>Low Carbon Travel and Transport Fund - PLA/18/010</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note a business case to support participation in Transport Scotland's Low Carbon Travel & Transport (LCTT) Challenge Fund which has been</p>		

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		<p>approved by Capital Board and Corporate Management Team (CMT);</p> <p>(ii) to approve Aberdeen City Council's participation in the programme;</p> <p>(iii) to approve entering into a legal agreement with Transport Scotland for the purpose of funding the project;</p> <p>(iv) to approve the creation in the Non-Housing Capital Programme of a new project expenditure budget of £1,479,467 for the low carbon fuelling station at the new AECC, funded by the LCTT grant funding of £1,035,627 and a transfer of £443,840 from the construction inflation budget of the Non-Housing Capital Programme; and</p> <p>(v) to note the details of low carbon utilisation in other regions.</p>		
9.8	<p><u>Cultural Strategy for Aberdeen - PLA/18/015</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to approve Culture Aberdeen, a Cultural Strategy for the City of Aberdeen 2018-2028 as attached in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the steps that have been undertaken to develop the Strategy through Culture Aberdeen;</p> <p>(iii) to approve the five year action plan and priority activities for 2018-19;</p> <p>(iv) to note the Council's considerable contribution to realising the strategy ambitions through the existing 2018/19 revenue budget commitments and that any future Council financial commitment towards delivery will require a fully costed business case to</p>		

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		<p>be brought to Committee for approval;</p> <p>(v) to instruct Chief Officer - City Growth to bring to the next meeting of the City Growth and Resources Committee business cases for UNESCO Creative Cities Designations for:-</p> <p>(1) Crafts and Folk Art</p> <p>(2) Gastronomy; and</p> <p>(vi) to instruct Chief Officer - City Growth to bring back a report to the next City Growth and Resources Committee meeting with a review on the Governance of the 365 Advisory Group and Aberdeen Festivals.</p>		
9.9	<u>Aberdeen City Council Ownership - Local Development Plan Review Bids - RES/18/002</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord in consultation with the Co-Leaders, to submit appropriate submissions for any site within Council ownership in relation to the Local Development Plan review and to circulate these to all members of the Council.</p>		
10.1	<u>Pinewood Hazeldene Sale Update - RES/18/016</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note the letter from Ledingham Chalmers dated 24 April 2018; and</p> <p>(ii) to otherwise approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.</p>		
10.2	<u>Shaping Aberdeen Housing LLP - RES/18/006</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>to approve the recommendations in the exempt report subject to:-</p>		

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		<p>(1) amending recommendation 2.7 to read “instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to liaise with Shaping Aberdeen Housing LLP in relation to taking the necessary legal steps to wind it up”;</p> <p>(2) amending recommendation 2.9 to read “subject to approval of recommendation 2.8, agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener of City Growth and Resources Committee to approve the finalised financial model as outlined within the report; and</p> <p>(3) deleting the words “and the Chief Officer – Governance” at recommendation 2.11(b).</p>		
10.3	<u>Disposal of Site at Harris Drive, Aberdeen - RES/18/008</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		

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