

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

CITY GROWTH AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

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1.1	<u>Determination of Urgent Business</u>	The Committee resolved: There was no urgent business.		
2.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	The Committee resolved: in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items 11.1 (Christmas Village 2017 Feedback - Exempt Appendix), 11.2 (Unrecoverable Debt - Exempt Appendix), 11.3 (Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - Exempt Appendices), 11.4 (UNESCO Creative Cities Designation), 11.5 (Creative Funding Grants Programme), 11.6 (Site at King Street/Beach Esplanade (OP85)), 11.7 (Community Asset Transfer – Seaton Huts and Depot), 11.8 (Disposal of Land, Devil's Den, Woodside), 11.9 (New Schools Development Programme 2018 – Appendices), 11.10 (Disposal of Former Victoria Road School) and 11.12 (Middlefield Regeneration).		

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3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> the following declarations of interest were intimated:-</p> <p>(1) Councillor Laing declared an interest in items 10.1 (VisitAberdeenshire Destination Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire Tourism Strategy 2018 – 2023) and 10.2 (Christmas Village 2017 Feedback) by virtue of her being a Council appointed members of VisitAberdeenshire Board and Aberdeen Inspired Board respectively. She considered that the nature of her interest required her to leave the meeting and she therefore took no part in the consideration of these items;</p> <p>(2) Councillor Flynn declared an interest in items 10.5 (Aberdeen City Local Housing Strategy 2018 – 2023) and 10.6 (Aberdeen City’s Affordable Housing Delivery Programme) by virtue of him being a Council appointed Board member of Shaping Aberdeen Hosing LLP. He considered that the nature of his interest required him to leave the meeting and he therefore took no part in the consideration of these items;</p> <p>(3) Councillor Nicoll declared an interest in item 10.10 (Wellington Road Multimodal Corridor Study) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of Nestrans Board. He considered the nature of his interest</p>		

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		<p>did not require him to leave the meeting and therefore chose to remain in the meeting for consideration of the item;</p> <p>(4) Councillor Boulton declared an interest in items 10.5 (Aberdeen City Local Housing Strategy 2018 – 2023) and 10.6 (Aberdeen City’s Affordable Housing Delivery Programme) by virtue of her being a Council appointed Board member of Shaping Aberdeen Hosing LLP. She considered the nature of her interest did not require her to leave the meeting and therefore chose to remain in the meeting for consideration of these items; and</p> <p>(5) Councillor Yuill declared an interest in item 10.10 (Wellington Road Multimodal Corridor Study) by virtue of him being a Council appointed substitute member of Nestrans Board. He considered the nature of his interest did not require him to leave the meeting and therefore chose to remain in the meeting for consideration of the item.</p>		
4.1	<u>Requests for Deputation</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> there were no requests for deputation.		
5.1	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting of 19 June and Special Meeting of 1 August 2018 - For Approval</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve both minutes as correct records.		

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6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to remove item 6 (Strategic Car Parking Review), item 10 (Property Asset Management Policy and Framework), item 45 (Joint Initiative for Vehicle Emissions (Jive 2) Report), item 86 (Community Planning Aberdeen - Local Outcome Improvement Plan Annual Report) and item 102 (Ferryhill Engine Shed Lease) from the Planner; (ii) to transfer item item 54 (Citizens Using Non Digital Platforms – Options Appraisal) to the Strategic Commissioning Committee Planner; and (iii) to note the reasons for the reporting delays in terms of item 7 (Capacities of Junctions Associated with the AWPR/B-T - NOM Cllr Boulton), item 9 (Annual Report on Economic Panel), item 11 (Service Income Policy), item 13 (Aberdeen Art Gallery - Visitor and Economic Impacts), item 15 (Building Performance Policy), item 19 (Balnagask Motte Regeneration), item 26 (City Centre Masterplan Project EN10: Union Terrace Gardens – Outline Design, Business Case, Development Costs and Procurement Strategy), item 49 (Credit Review Rating Annual Report), and item 51 (Reserves Strategy). 		

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7.1	<p><u>Motion by Councillor Reynolds - EU Funding for Hydrogen Trains</u></p> <p>“Following decades of campaigning for electrification of the rail line to the North East and the understandable financial difficulties, Aberdeen City Council calls upon the Scottish Government, Abellio, Transport Scotland and any other interested party to investigate, as a matter of urgency whilst EU funding is still available, to replace existing rolling stock with environmentally friendly hydrogen trains.</p> <p>Subject to Council agreement with the above, that the Chief Executive write to local authorities on the route to gain their support.”</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> to adopt the Notice of Motion.</p>		
8.1	<p><u>Referrals from Council, Committee and Sub Committees</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> None Received.</p>		
9.1	<p><u>City Growth and Resources Performance Report - COM/18/146</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the performance and improvement measures contained in the report at Appendices A and B; (ii) to note the continued progress in aligning performance reporting with the Council structures; (iii) that officers amend future performance reports to ensure (1) that actual numbers are included as well as percentage figures; and (2) that 		

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		<p>each row in the tables be numbered for ease of reference;</p> <p>(iv) that in relation to Appendix A, that the number of MP/MSP enquiries dealt with on time be circulated to members;</p> <p>(v) that in relation to Appendix B, that the methodology used to provide the Corporate Landlord information be circulated to members; and</p> <p>(vi) that in relation to Appendix B (Required Maintenance Cost of Operational Assets per square metre), that clarification on why the target was set at £86 sqm for next year be circulated to members.</p>		
10.1	<p><u>VisitAberdeenshire Destination Aberdeen & Aberdeenshire Tourism Strategy 2018 - 2023 - PLA/18/137</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to endorse the VisitAberdeenshire Aberdeen & Aberdeenshire Destination Tourism Strategy 2018 – 2023 as attached in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(ii) to endorse the action plans and priority activities detailed in the Tourism Strategy for 2018 – 2021;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer City Growth, following consultation with the Chief Officer Finance and the Head of Commercial and Procurement Service to enter into negotiation with VisitAberdeenshire on a new Service Level Agreement for the 2019 – 2022 period to promote the city, subject to the Councils annual budget setting process; and</p> <p>(iv) that officers circulate details to</p>		

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		<p>members of benchmark information against KPIs including current data against future statistics so that impact could be measured.</p>		
10.2	<p><u>Christmas Village 2017 Feedback - PLA/18/136</u></p> <p>Please note that the attached appendices which were previously placed within the Exempt/Confidential Section of this agenda have been made public following agreement with Aberdeen Inspired.</p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the evaluation of the Christmas Village 2017; (ii) to seek annual feedback in the form of a committee report from Aberdeen Inspired annually in line with the Funding and Service Provision Agreement from August 2016-January 2019; (iii) to note this is the final year of the Christmas Village Funding and Service Provision Agreement with Aberdeen Inspired. This is the penultimate report relating to the feedback for the Christmas Village as requested by the Finance Policy and Resources Committee. Future delivery of the Christmas Village to be discussed by Aberdeen City Council as part of the budget setting process in 2019; (iv) that reasons why so few visitors out with the city are travelling to visit the Christmas Village be circulated to members of the Committee; and (v) that details of the Aberdeen and Grampian Chamber of Commerce survey dates from previous years compared to survey dates from 2017 and a copy of the survey instruments be circulated to Committee members. 		

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10.3	<u>Review on the Governance of the 365 Advisory Group and Aberdeen Festivals - PLA/18/147</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the proposed model to contribute to the delivery of Aberdeen 365 Events Plan; (ii) to note the formation of a new informal Aberdeen 365 Advisory Group; (iii) to note the composition of the new Group and agrees to appoint the Chief Officer – City Growth and Councillor Boulton as the City Council’s representatives on the group; (iv) to note the terms of reference for the new Group; (v) to note the secondment of a Council officer to VisitAberdeenshire to fulfil the new city-centric events development and supporting delivery role; and (vi) to recommend to the first meeting of the group referred to in the report that Councillor Boulton be appointed as Chair. 		
10.4	<p><u>Unrecoverable Debt - CUS/18/134</u></p> <p>Please note that Appendix 4 is contained within the Confidential/Exempt Section of this agenda.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the value of Council Tax, Non-Domestic Rates and Housing Benefit Overpayments deemed by the Chief Officer - Finance as unrecoverable and shown in Appendices 1 to 4; and (ii) to approve the Non-Domestic Rates debts in excess of £25,000 shown in Appendix 4 are unrecoverable and be written off. 		
10.5	<u>Aberdeen City Local Housing Strategy 2018 - 2023 - PLA/18/037</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to approve the Aberdeen City Local 		

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		<p>Housing Strategy 2018 – 2023 (Appendix 1); and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to produce an annual update report on progress for each of the strategic outcomes to allow progress to be monitored and evaluated and to report back to City Growth & Resources Committee in June each year.</p>		
10.6	<p><u>Aberdeen City's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019/20 - 2023/2024 - PLA/18/060</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved: to approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan and its submission to the Scottish Government.</p>		
10.7	<p><u>Aberdeen City's Affordable Housing Delivery Programme - PLA/18/061</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note progress made at section 3.1 of the report in relation to the number of affordable houses completed in 2017/2018 through the affordable housing supply programme;</p> <p>(ii) to note the current financial position at sections 3.2 & 3.3 of the report in relation to contributions for affordable housing obtained through Section 75 arrangements with developers and funds received through the reduction in the Council Tax Discount for Second Homes and Long Term Empty Properties for the delivery of affordable housing;</p> <p>(iii) to approve the allocation of the Section 75 and Council Tax monies as detailed below noting that £13,381,560 has been allocated to</p>		

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		<p>help finance the building of 2,000 new social rent Council Houses for Aberdeen:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1330 304 1460 1505"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1330 304 1393 424">Project</th> <th data-bbox="1393 304 1460 424">Funds (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1330 424 1393 836">Council house new build programme</td> <td data-bbox="1393 424 1460 836">13,381,560</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1330 836 1393 1505">Top up funding for Empty Homes Officer post – 2-year</td> <td data-bbox="1393 836 1460 1505">7,350</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project	Funds (£)	Council house new build programme	13,381,560	Top up funding for Empty Homes Officer post – 2-year	7,350		
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		<p>(iv) and that future tables outlined at 3.1.3 of the report, identify who funded the affordable homes.</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="1330 172 1397 252">costs</td> <td data-bbox="1397 172 1458 252"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1330 252 1397 592">Empty Homes Loans Fund</td> <td data-bbox="1397 252 1458 592">50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1330 592 1397 1038">Advertising Low Cost Homes for Sale</td> <td data-bbox="1397 592 1458 1038">5,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1330 1038 1397 1193">Total</td> <td data-bbox="1397 1038 1458 1193">13,443,910</td> </tr> </table>	costs		Empty Homes Loans Fund	50,000	Advertising Low Cost Homes for Sale	5,000	Total	13,443,910	
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10.8	<p><u>Employability One-Stop Shop - PLA/18/148</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved: to agree that a cost-effective solution for the employability one-stop shop should continue to be investigated, and should any additional resource be required, a report will be brought back by Chief Officer - City Growth to this committee requesting such.</p>										

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10.9	<u>Alive at 5 - OPE/18/097</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to submit the full year financial implications of continuing the Alive@5 scheme for consideration in the 2019/20 budget process.		
10.10	<u>Wellington Road Multimodal Corridor Study - PLA/18/132</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to agree the outcomes of the Wellington Road Multimodal Corridor Study STAG Part 1 Report and approve the publication of the final report on the Council website; and (ii) Instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to conduct a STAG Part 2 Appraisal, to consider the eight options identified in the STAG Part 1 report, as detailed in section 3.4, and that consideration be given to the emerging options from the STAG Part 1 External Transportation Links to Aberdeen South Harbour and ensure that both STAG Part 2 reports are submitted to this committee for consideration at the same time.		
10.11	<u>2018-2048 Housing Revenue Account Business Plan - CUS/18/145</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan appended to the report.		
10.12	<u>Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - RES/18/151</u> Please note that there are exempt appendices relating to this report contained within the Confidential/Exempt	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the projects completed or legally committed to date in 2018/19 as shown in Appendix A; (ii) to note the currently approved projects and approves the amended estimated		

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	Section of this agenda.	<p>budgets for each project as shown in Appendix B;</p> <p>(a) Notes in particular the projects to refurbish the toilet facilities at Kincorth Community Centre and Rosemount Community Centre;</p> <p>(b) Notes the shortage of suitable adult changing facilities, which meet the 'changing places' standards (www.changing-places.org) that exist in publicly accessible buildings in the city;</p> <p>(c) Instructs the Chief Officer, Corporate Landlord to investigate the potential financial and practical implications of upgrading these facilities (at 2.2(a)) to include adult changing facilities to 'changing places' standard, that would be accessible to the public during normal opening hours for these premises and bring back a brief report within two cycles of the committee;</p> <p>(iii) to approve the new Condition & Suitability Programme projects listed in Appendix C for inclusion in the 3-year Condition & Suitability Programme and approves the estimated budget for each project;</p> <p>(iv) to approve the removal of the projects listed in Appendix D;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officers for Capital and Corporate Landlord to</p>		

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		<p>implement the detailed 3-year C&S Programme;</p> <p>(vi) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer Corporate Landlord, following consultation with the Capital Board and the Convener and Vice-Convener of this Committee, to amend the C&S Programme should priorities change due to unforeseen circumstances during the year, with such changes to be reported retrospectively to the Committee;</p> <p>(vii) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer Corporate Landlord, following consultation with the Capital Board and the Convener and Vice-Convener of this Committee, to allocate projects or additional budgets to/from a £500k reserve fund, with such allocations to be reported retrospectively to the Committee; and</p> <p>(viii) to note the future Condition and Suitability projects listed in Appendix E and instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to consider ‘changing places’ provision in future projects.</p>		
10.13	<u>Finance for Business - PLA/18/149</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note that the Council’s investment in Business Loans Scotland of £225,000 will be repaid when the loan fund is closed;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the Council’s continued participation in a new national loan fund model whereby appropriate</p>		

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		<p>council officers will only be required to carry out initial verification of local businesses with all due diligence being carried out by a specialist team. As the Scottish Government is providing all the loan funding there will be no direct financial implications to the Council; and</p> <p>(iii) to approve the implementation of the Co-operative Business Development Fund to support local businesses to deliver pilot projects and events designed to increase their business prospects per the proposals at 3.8 to 3.13.</p>		
10.14	<p><u>External Funding and Partnerships - PLA/18/143</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note submission of an application to Interreg NWE’s Hydrogen Waste Vehicles in North West Europe (HyWAVE) project, and pursuant to a successful application:-</p> <p>(a) Note the making by the Council of an application to Interreg North West Europe for grant funding of €650,955 (£576,066);</p> <p>(b) Note that entry into a grant agreement is subject to approval by the Head of Commercial & Procurement Services, following consultation with the Convener of City Growth & Resources Committee and the Chief Officer – Finance;</p>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (c) Approve expenditure by the Council of that grant funding and the additional sum of €433,970 (£383,864) from existing Fleet Services budget over a three-year period towards the abovementioned project; (d) Approve overseas travel for two officers to attend two partner meetings and annual conferences per year connected with this project, costs of which are included in the above budget and recoverable from the Interreg NWE programme; (ii) to nominate Councillor Reynolds to the role of either substantive or alternate UK Representative to the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions' (CPMR) Political Bureau and, subject to successful nomination:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Approve international travel for the Elected Member and an Officer to attend up to three CPMR meetings per year in this role, subject to Aberdeen City Council's 2019/20 budget setting process. 		
10.15	<p><u>New Schools Development Programme 2018 - RES/18/174</u></p> <p>Please note that there are appendices</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to submit fully costed Business Cases to the 		

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	<p>contained within the Exempt/Confidential Section of this agenda.</p>	<p>appropriate Committee(s) during 2019 for the proposed establishment of new schools at Countesswells, Milltimber, Tillydrone (Riverbank replacement) and Torry (including Community Hub) for approval of the allocation of the required funding;</p> <p>(ii) to agree to allocate a combined £7,500,000 from Capital Funding/ Developers Contributions to undertake detailed design and development works for the four projects;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer Corporate Landlord to submit planning applications as may be required to deliver the new Schools;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer Corporate Landlord to formally initiate the process and take title to the land at Countesswells identified for education uses; and</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer Corporate Landlord to enter into detailed negotiations for the purchase of land for a new Milltimber School and to report back to the Committee on the outcome of these discussions on 7 February 2019.</p>		
10.16	<p><u>Phase 2 of the City Centre Masterplan Queen Street Development Opportunity</u></p> <p>This report was incorrectly situated within the Exempt/Confidential section at item 11.14 of the agenda.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to implement the recommendation of the City Centre Living Study to create a dedicated resource to move forward City Centre Living;</p> <p>(ii) to delegate authority to the Director of Resources to take such action as is</p>		

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		<p>required to create the necessary project teams to move forward the proposals outlined in the City Centre Living Study (these will be a mixture of internal and external resource) through the use of £500,000 from the Non-Housing and Housing Capital Programmes;</p> <p>(iii) to note that the property co-location opportunities being proposed afford the opportunity to integrate multi agency services as envisaged by the council's target operating model and thereby instructs the Chief Executive to progress these opportunities;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer (Corporate Landlord) to enter into appropriate agreements with Police Scotland and other Public Sector Partners on the colocation of services within the council's property estate; and</p> <p>(v) to recommend that the Planning Management Development Committee at their meeting on 20 September 2018 approves the proposal for an Affordable Housing contributions waiver as outlined in paragraph 3.27 of this report.</p>		
11.1	<u>Christmas Village 2017 Feedback - Exempt Appendix 1 - Replacement</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the exempt appendix.		
11.2	<u>Unrecoverable Debt - Exempt Appendix</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the exempt appendix.		

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11.3	<u>Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the exempt appendices.		
11.4	<u>UNESCO Creative Cities Designation - PLA/18/140</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
11.5	<u>Creative Funding Grants Programme - PLA/18/141</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
11.6	<u>Site at King Street/Beach Esplanade (OP85) - RES/18/138</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
11.7	<u>Community Asset Transfer – Seaton Huts and Depot - RES/18/152</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
11.8	<u>Disposal of Land, Devil's Den, Woodside - RES/18/153</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
11.9	<u>New Schools Development Programme 2018 - RES/18/174 - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the exempt appendices.		

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11.10	<u>Disposal of Former Victoria Road School - RES/18/155</u>	The Committee resolved: to approve recommendation 2.1 contained within the exempt report and the motion moved by the Convener.		
11.11	<u>Disposal of the Former Cordyce School Site - RES/18/154 - Withdrawn</u>	The Committee resolved: to note that this report had been withdrawn.		
11.12	<u>Middlefield Regeneration - RES/18/157</u>	The Committee resolved: to approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
11.13	<u>Option for the Old AECC - Withdrawn</u>	The Committee resolved: to note that this report had been withdrawn.		

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