



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 4 December 2020

COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet on **MONDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2020 at 10.30am**. This is a hybrid meeting, therefore some Members will be in the Council Chamber and some Members will be taking part remotely.

FRASER BELL
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

BUSINESS

ADMISSION OF BURGESSES

- 1.1 There are no burgesses to be admitted

DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 2.1 Determination of urgent business

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 3.1 Members are requested to determine that any exempt business be considered with the press and public excluded

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 4.1 Members are requested to declare any interests (Pages 7 - 8)

DEPUTATIONS

- 5.1 Requests for deputation

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) OF COUNCIL

- 6.1 Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 2 March 2020 - for approval (Pages 9 - 26)
- 6.2 Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 3 March 2020 - for approval (Pages 27 - 48)
- 6.3 Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 30 June 2020 - for approval (Pages 49 - 68)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 7.1 Guldry and Mortification Funds Committee - 9 September 2020 - Guldry Funds - Review of Allowances (Pages 69 - 70)
- 7.2 City Growth and Resources Committee - 28 October 2020 - Notice of Motion by Councillor Lumsden (Pages 71 - 74)

BUSINESS PLANNER AND OTHER MINUTES

- 8.1 Council Business Planner (Pages 75 - 76)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Council Annual Effectiveness Report and Committee Annual Effectiveness Reports - COM/20/235 (Pages 77 - 260)
- 9.2 Family Leave for Elected Members - Updated Guidance - COM/20/234 (Pages 261 - 270)
- 9.3 Standards Commission for Scotland - Written Decision - Councillor Boulton - COM/20/238 (Pages 271 - 282)
- 9.4 Standards Commission for Scotland - Written Decision - Councillor Donnelly - COM/20/239 (Pages 283 - 296)
- 9.5 Treasury Management Strategy - Year-End and Mid-Year Review - RES/20/209 (Pages 297 - 302)
- 9.6 Armed Forces Covenant Gold Accreditation Award - COM/20/237 (Pages 303 - 310)

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Councillor Boulton (Pages 311 - 312)

That Council -

- (i) notes with great Civic Pride that Aberdeen Art Gallery was a winner of Art Fund Museum of the Year 2020; and
- (ii) congratulates Christine Rew and the Aberdeen Art Gallery & Museums team in winning this highly prestigious award. The redevelopment of Aberdeen Art Gallery has been a transformational project not just for the building, but also for the city. In November last year we experienced the powerful affection with which visitors reconnected with the building and their favourite artworks - transformed, but reassuringly familiar. To see the ambition and success we wanted to achieve at the art gallery recognised by a panel of experts is the icing on the cake.

(Please see attachment for the full wording)

10.2 Councillor Delaney

Council acknowledges that people living alone have been disproportionately affected by covid restrictions which prevent them having visitors to their home other than for the limited number of permitted reasons. Council further appreciates that residents with certain disabilities or who are housebound are further impacted as they cannot meet friends and relatives outdoors. This can lead to additional social isolation which research shows can affect health and wellbeing. Accordingly, Council agrees to the following:-

That people who live alone, are housebound or living with disabilities:-

- Be kept safe from harm from coronavirus (covid-19) whilst accepting they have the same rights as everyone else and should not be disproportionately impacted upon by loneliness or isolation and the additional physical and mental health impact this brings.
- Have their rights respected and Government when introducing necessary restrictions, undertake equality impact assessments so as to avoid causing unintentional harm to vulnerable people whilst trying to keep them safe from covid-19

and furthermore to write to the First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing in the terms outlined above requesting they consult their leading medical and scientific advisors with a view to confirming that the guidance set out in '*You can go into another household to provide care and support for a vulnerable person*' permits visits to those affected by social isolation and loneliness due to impacting on physical and mental health or otherwise considers revising this guidance in such terms. The purpose of such guidance being to support those who are elderly, disabled or living alone and identified as being at increased risk of social isolation and loneliness, to receive visitors safely.

10.3 Councillor Jackie Dunbar

That Council:

- (1) acknowledge that while Byron Square car park is currently maintained out of the ACC Housing Revenue Account it is used by the public in the area;
- (2) agree that it is an anomaly to have a car park that is freely accessible to the public but the upkeep and repairs costs come from the budget that is dedicated to the upkeep and maintenance of our housing stock; and
- (3) instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance, to investigate which account the Byron Square car park should be held on, to take any necessary remedial action and to report back to the City Growth and Resources Committee on the action taken.

10.4 Councillor Laing

That Council:-

- (i) Notes that UNISON Scotland is running a campaign called Plug The Gap that is geared toward the gap in local government funding across Scotland in light of the austerity measure pre-pandemic and the additional financial burden on local authorities as a result of Covid-19.

The campaign focuses on four main themes:

1. **Securing the long-term financial stability of local government:** calling for urgent investment by Scottish Government in local government to protect jobs and pay for the future.

2. **Rewarding local government workers: for the vital services** that local government workers provide to our communities.

3. **Shaping local government for the future:** looking at how services and roles will change as a result of the pandemic

4. **Consolidation of the Living Wage:** Delivery of full consolidation of the living wage across Scotland.

- (ii) Agrees to support the Unison campaign and therefore agrees that the Chief Executive write to the President of COSLA and the Minister for local government asking both to support the Unison campaign to ensure the four aims of UNISON Scotland campaign are supported in full.

10.5 Councillor Lumsden

That Council:-

1. notes that the “woodies” play area on Broomhill Road has a number of private garages in the middle of the space and that in the past they have been subject of anti-social behaviour;
2. notes the proximity of Broomhill Primary School;
3. notes the investment of £1.9m by Aberdeen City Council in new nursery facilities at Broomhill School;
4. agrees that having a safe outdoor facility could be utilised by the school and nursery and would be a benefit to our young people; and
5. instructs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to investigate the feasibility, financial considerations and process for the council to achieve vacant possession of the site and if this can be achieved enhance the woodies area for wider community use and school use and report back to the budget setting process.

10.6 Councillor Lumsden

- Council agrees that the council delivery plan which forms part of our strategic planning approach has helped to lay the foundations to counter the centralising approach of the Scottish Government towards local government, which has resulted in Aberdeen being one of the lowest funded councils over the last decade;
- Council is concerned that this ongoing situation is having a detrimental impact on its ability to provide important public services for our citizens both now and in the future;
- In order to look at alternatives to ensure Aberdeen can reach its full potential, Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Scotland asking him if the UK government would consider dealing directly with COSLA and Aberdeen City Council in considering allocating grant funding, to ensure that Aberdeen City Council receives its fair share of funding; and
- Council notes the Scottish Government’s document “Scottish Shared Prosperity Fund” and the UK Government’s decision, announced in the Spending Review, to use its replacement for EU Structural Funds to work in partnership with local authorities and communities right across Scotland to ensure local accountability. Therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to COSLA confirming that Aberdeen City Council supports the UK Government’s localised approach which would allow Aberdeen City Council to spend our share of future UK Shared Prosperity Funding in line with the Council Delivery Plan which supports the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

10.7 Councillor Yuill

That this Council:

1. Notes and regrets that slavery, human trafficking and other oppressive activities occur in the UK and around the world;
2. Notes that a number of locations and street names in Aberdeen have historical links to slavery and slavery products;
3. Notes that Sugar House Lane already has an information plaque explaining the origins of the street name and its links to slavery products; and
4. Instructs the Chief Officer - City Growth to report to the City Growth and Resources Committee on the practicalities and projected costs of identifying locations and street names in Aberdeen with links to slavery and slavery products and then erecting appropriate information plaques at each location.

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

11.1 There are no items of exempt/confidential business at this stage

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