



To: Councillor Laing, Convener; Councillor Lumsden, Vice Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Alex Nicoll and Yuill.

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 23 June 2020

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

The Members of the **URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE** are requested to meet remotely on **TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2020 at 2.00 pm.**

FRASER BELL
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

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B U S I N E S S

DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 1.1 Determination of Urgent Business

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 3.1 Members are requested to intimate any declarations of interest (Pages 5 - 6)

DEPUTATIONS

- 4.1 Deputations - none at this time

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Minute of Previous Meeting of 6 May 2020 (Pages 7 - 18)

NOTICES OF MOTION

6.1 Notice of Motion by Councillor Alex Nicoll

That the Committee

1. notes that at the COSLA group leaders meeting of 15 May 2020, Councillor Lumsden moved a motion calling on the group leaders to reject the funding formula being proposed for the distribution of the £155M Barnett Formula Consequentials to local government arising from the Covid-19 pandemic on Council budgets and to consider instead distributing the monies on a pro rata basis in line with the predicted costs to Councils of the Covid-19 pandemic reported to COSLA on 24th April 2020;
2. notes that reports in the media suggest this motion failed to attract support and was defeated by 31 votes to 1;
3. notes that the costs of managing the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the related loss of revenue to individual Councils vary considerably across the country;
4. instructs the Chief Officer - Finance to write to his colleagues responsible for finance in each of the other 31 local authorities in Scotland, together with the leaders or co leaders of each local authority outlining the disproportionate effect the use of the GAE formula has had on individual local authorities and requesting they consider supporting any future grant from the UK Government or Scottish Government to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 on Council budgets be distributed in a manner which takes full cognisance of the existing payments which have been made and the need in future to make any payments to the disproportionately affected Councils such as will allow them to be reimbursed for the total financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on an equitable basis, in line with the costs Councils have identified to COSLA; and
5. instructs the Chief Officer - Finance to report back at the earliest opportunity to the appropriate committee with details of any progress.

6.2 Notice of Motion by Councillor Alex Nicoll

That the Committee:

1. notes with concern the announcement by Aberdeen Harbour Board that the contractor for the Aberdeen South Harbour development, Dragados UK, has withdrawn from the contract with effect from 15th June 2020;
2. notes the significant challenges Aberdeen Harbour Board are facing as a result of Ferry, Cruise and Energy Sector Operators reducing activity in response to COVID-19 and the wider impact of reduced oil and gas prices;
3. notes Aberdeen Harbour Board's concerns the impact of these challenges may have on the future delivery of the harbour expansion project;
4. notes the strategic importance of the Aberdeen South Harbour development; and
5. instructs the Chief Officer City Growth to bring a report to the next meeting of either the Urgent Business Committee or City Growth and Resources Committee, whichever is sitting first, detailing the progress Aberdeen Harbour Board have made in securing a new contractor, the impact on the completion date and the wider impact of any delay in delivery of economic growth to the wider local economy.

6.3 Notice of Motion by Councillor Malik

That the Committee:-

- (i) notes the Black Lives Matter protests across the United Kingdom following the death of George Floyd in the United States of America;
- (ii) notes the tragic case of Sheku Bayoh who died whilst being arrested by Police Scotland;
- (iii) notes activists in Aberdeen played their part in the Black Lives Matter campaign with a special poster protest across the city and by holding a non-violent Black Lives Matter protest march in the city centre on Saturday 13th June;
- (iv) agrees to work with the organisers of the Black Lives Matter poster protest and other race equality organisations in the city to mount an exhibition on the anti-slavery abolition movement in Aberdeen when public health restrictions are lifted;
- (v) agrees Aberdeen City Council understands there is also a problem with racial inequality and prejudice within Scotland and the wider UK;
- (vi) agrees Black Lives Matter and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Ambassador of the United States to the Court of St James condemning the use of force by Police Officers on George Floyd which resulted in his unfortunate death; and
- (vii) agrees Black Lives Matter and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice at the Scottish Government, providing a copy of this motion and requests details of any proposed legislation the Scottish Government intend to introduce as a result of the BLM movement.

6.4 Notice of Motion by Councillors Laing, Lumsden and Boulton

That the Committee:-

- (i) agrees Aberdeen City Council recognises all involved in protecting the public during the coronavirus pandemic as public service champions, whether they are NHS and emergency services staff working directly with patients; cleaners, caterers, carers and teachers keeping our hospitals, care homes and schools going; council staff providing crucial support to our communities in this crisis; and all those who have contributed so much to delivering vital public and support services during Covid-19 and on behalf of the City of Aberdeen we extend our unequivocal gratitude and thanks; and
- (ii) instructs the Chief Executive to form a working group consisting of the Lord Provost, Depute Provost, the President of the Aberdeen Trade Union Council, along with The Seven Incorporated Trades of Aberdeen and The Burgesses of Guild of the City and Royal Burgh of Aberdeen to bring forward a suitable costed event to show Aberdeen City Council's gratitude to everybody involved in providing vital public and support services during Covid-19.

BUSINESS

7.1 NESPF Unaudited Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20 - RES/20/093
(Pages 19 - 148)

7.2 External Audit Annual Audit Report - to follow

7.3 Audited Annual Accounts 2019/20 - RES/20/097 - to follow

7.4 Financial Resilience Recovery Plan - RES/20/101 (Pages 149 - 254)

- 7.5 Spaces for People - COM/20/095 (Pages 255 - 268)
- 7.6 Socio-Economic Rescue Plan 2020/2021 - COM/20/098 (Pages 269 - 366)
- 7.7 Net Zero Vision and Infrastructure Plan Governance - COM/20/099 (Pages 367 - 384)
- 7.8 COVID-19 Governance Arrangements Update - COM/20/094 (Pages 385 - 414)
- 7.9 Workplans and Business Cases - COM/20/096 (Pages 415 - 420)

EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 8.1 Workplans and Business Cases - COM/20/096 - Exempt Appendices (Pages 421 - 434)

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