

## COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

### CITY GROWTH AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2021

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1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>                      in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items 13.1 (Dyce Community Library), 13.2 (Disposal of Rosehill House) and 14.1 (Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - Exempt Appendices).</p>		
2	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>                      the following declarations of interest were intimated:-</p> <p>(1) Councillor Cooke declared an interest in item 12.1 (Condition &amp; Suitability 3 Year Programme) by virtue of him being an Aberdeen City Council appointed Director of Sport Aberdeen. He considered that the nature of his interest did not require him to leave the meeting, therefore he remained in the meeting throughout; and</p> <p>(2) Councillor Grant declared an interest in item 9.3 (Place Based Investment Programme) by virtue of him being an employee of Aberdeen Inspired. He</p>		

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		considered that the nature of his interest required him to leave the meeting and he therefore took no part in the consideration of this item.		
3	<b><u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 25 August 2021 - For Approval</u></b>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> to approve the minute as a correct record, subject to amending article 1 (Notification of Urgent Business) to read at (1) “that an Urgent Notice of Motion had been submitted and in terms of Standing Order 12.9, he would be accepting it onto the agenda, details of which would be circulated prior to it being moved.”		
4	<b><u>Committee Planner</u></b>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> (i) to remove item 8 (Car Parking Framework) and item 14 (Procurement Workplan and Business Cases – Capital) from the planner for the reasons outlined therein; (ii) to note the reason for the reporting delay in relation to item 15 (UK Prosperity Fund) and item 17 (Freeport/Greenport Update); and (iii) to otherwise note the content of the Committee Planner.		
5	<b><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton - Defibrillators in Aberdeen Schools</u></b>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> to approve the motion, subject to amending (3) to read as follows:- “instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to prepare a business case to provide a defibrillator at every primary and secondary school <u>and Council owned sheltered and very sheltered housing complex</u> in Aberdeen to include capital		

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		purchase, installation, whole life costs, training requirements and to explore potential funding opportunities that the Council could access and refer this to the 2022/23 budget meeting on 7 March 2022.		
6	<b><u>Council Financial Performance, Quarter 2, 2021/22 - RES/21/272</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) note the positive cash position that has been achieved for the General Fund and HRA to the end of Quarter 2 as detailed in Appendix 1;</li> <li>(ii) note the Common Good financial performance to the end of Quarter 2 as detailed in Appendix 3;</li> <li>(iii) note that the General Fund full year forecast position, as detailed in Appendix 2, has improved compared to the forecast at Quarter 1 and it is still expected to show a balanced position overall for 2021/22 through the mitigations contained within the report;</li> <li>(iv) note that the HRA full year forecast position, as detailed in Appendix 2, is on target to achieve the approved budget, making a contribution to HRA reserves for 2021/22;</li> <li>(v) note that the forecast for General Fund capital expenditure is that there will lower spend than has been profiled for 2021/22, and for Housing capital expenditure this will be on budget, as described in Appendix 2;</li> <li>(vi) note the construction inflation pressures being experienced across the capital programmes and instruct</li> </ul>		

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		<p>the Chief Officer – Finance to recommend a risk fund/contingency be included in the refreshed capital programmes which will be presented to the Council’s budget meeting on 7 March 2022;</p> <p>(vii) note the current permission from Scottish Government to use capital receipts for voluntary severance/early retirement revenue costs ends on 31 March 2022;</p> <p>(viii) note that unless extended, alternative revenue funding would have to be found or changes made to the scheme; and</p> <p>(ix) agree to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy requesting an extension to the current permission as noted at Section 6 (Financial Risks) engaging COSLA as appropriate and agree that the matter be referred to the budget process for consideration.</p>		
7	<p><b><u>Medium Term Financial Strategy for the Council's General Fund, 2021 - RES/21/295</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the General Fund 2021;</p> <p>(ii) note that the 2022/23 Budget will be discussed and set by the Council on 7 March 2022;</p> <p>(iii) note the initial data presented in relation to the Council’s Financial Resilience Framework and instruct the Chief Officer – Finance to continue to develop the Framework;</p> <p>(iv) agree that an update on the Financial</p>		

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		<p>Resilience Framework be provided by the Chief Officer – Finance in the annual Budget report to Council, to help support financial decision making; and</p> <p>(v) to note that the Chief Officer – Finance would liaise with the Chief Officer – Data and Insights to investigate when updated population figures for the City would be made available and to circulate a response to the Committee by way of email in due course.</p>		
8	<p><b><u>Place Based Investment Programme - COM/21/259</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) awards up to £44,014 to the Belmont Filmhouse for the Accessibility Programme of Works project;</p> <p>(ii) awards up to £32,750 to Aberdeen Arts Centre for the Children’s Theatre project;</p> <p>(iii) awards up to £164,680 to Aberdeen Performing Arts for the Repair, Rebuild, Revitalise project;</p> <p>(iv) awards up to £40,000 to Aberdeen Inspired for the City Centre Parklets Phase 2 project;</p> <p>(v) awards up to £124,471 to Woodside Gateway for the Street Design project;</p> <p>(vi) awards up to £50,000 to Greyhope Bay for the Greyhope Bay Centre project;</p> <p>(vii) awards up to £41,460 to Donside Village for the Tillydrone Gateway Feature;</p> <p>(viii) agrees to commit to an award of up to</p>		

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		<p>£400,000 from the anticipated 2022/23 Place Based Investment Fund to the Inchgarth Community Centre Extension project, subject to a successful outcome from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund 2022/23 with an offer of grant of at least £1,500,000;</p> <p>(ix) agree that any remaining funds from 2021/22 be allocated to any other approved project which may require additional resources following consultation with Convener of City Growth and Resources Committee <u>and if that were to be the case, a Service Update would be circulated to members of the Committee;</u></p> <p>(x) that in future reports, the Chief Officer – City Growth include a short explanation outlining why applications were successful.</p>		
9	<b><u>Unrecoverable Debt - CUS/21/248</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the Financial Regulations number, value and reasons for debts written off for Council Tax, Non-Domestic Rates, Housing Benefit Overpayments, Penalty Charge Notices, Bus Lanes Enforcement Charge Notices and Council house rent during 2020/21; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Customer Experience to circulate details to all members of the Committee in relation to the process of writing off untraceable debts for</p>		

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		Parking Charge Notices and Bus Lane Enforcement fines.		
10	<b><u>Developer Obligations Update - COM/21/246</u></b>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) note the contents of this report;</li> <li>(ii) note that future reports on developer obligations will be prepared annually as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year in accordance with the emerging requirements of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019; and</li> <li>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning, to monitor risks associated with the Developer Obligations process and to highlight these to the Chief Officer - Finance so that an assessment of financial risk can be carried out and included in the Councils financial performance and budget reports.</li> </ul>		
11	<b><u>Aberdeen City's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2022/23 – 2026/2027 - COM/21/245</u></b>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) note the Council and its RSL Partners have delivered 1,703 Affordable homes for social rent between 2017 and 2021;</li> <li>(ii) note the Council is progressing the delivery of a number of contracts both Council and Developer Led which will deliver 2,000 council houses;</li> <li>(iii) note that the phased delivery of completed units (across the new housing programme) is now evident and that this steady delivery of completed units will continue in coming years;</li> </ul>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iv) note that between 2017 and 2021 the Council is close to fulfilling its commitment from its August 2017 meeting, adopting the Administration's policy document, to start to build 2,000 council houses and 1,500 Affordable homes for social rent;</li> <li>(v) approve the SHIP and its submission to the Scottish Government confirming (i) to (iv) above; and</li> <li>(vi) that the Director of Resources arrange to circulate to members of the Committee, details in relation to the current development position of the new council houses.</li> </ul>		
12	<b><u>Bus Lane Enforcement Fund Refresh - COM/21/253</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) note the progress on the projects funded from the Bus Lane Enforcement programme up to 2021/22, as detailed in Appendix 1;</li> <li>(ii) note that Council priorities have evolved since the Bus Lane Enforcement programme was last open to funding bids in 2018/19;</li> <li>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to refresh the BLE programme for the 2022/23 financial year and beyond in terms of the Council's current priorities, as noted in 3.4 and 3.6, and report this to a future meeting of this Committee;</li> <li>(iv) agree that the current programme of legacy projects, as detailed in Appendix 2, should be completed before any new projects are</li> </ul>		



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		<p>progressed;</p> <p>(v) agree to continue to fund the transport officer post as described in paragraph 3.8 to ensure continued management and compliance;</p> <p>(vi) agree to the use of the application form, as detailed in Appendix 3, for all new Bus Lane Enforcement projects; and</p> <p>(vii) note the Governance process for Bus Lane Enforcement projects, as detailed in Appendix 4.</p>		
13	<p><b><u>Fleet Replacement Programme - OPE/21/242</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note the refreshed Fleet Asset Management Plan and supports use of the Plan to identify future replacement requests;</p> <p>(ii) note that a detailed infrastructure plan is being developed by the Corporate Landlord as per Recommendation (b) of Article 6 – Fleet Replacement Programme from the Committee meeting of 11 May 2021, to inform future Fleet Replacement Programme requests to support an increased number of alternative fuel vehicles and plant;</p> <p>(iii) approve the phase 2 Fleet Replacement Programme for 2021/22 (as detailed in Appendix B) and notes non-carbon fuelling technologies will be prioritised where these options exist; and</p> <p>(iv) delegate authority to the Chief Officer – Operations &amp; Protective Services,</p>		

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		<p>following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Shared Services and Chief Officer – Finance, to consider and approve procurement business cases for vehicles and plant for the purposes of Procurement Regulation 4.1.1.2; then consult with the Convener, City Growth and Resources and thereafter to procure appropriate works and services, and enter into any contracts necessary for the vehicles without the need for further approval from any other Committee of the Council, within the current Capital budget.</p>		
14	<b><u>City Growth and Resources Committee Annual Effectiveness Report - COM/21/255</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> note the annual report of the City Growth and Resources Committee.</p>		
15	<b><u>Performance Management Framework Report – City Growth and Resources - CUS/21/251</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) note the report and the performance information contained within the Appendix; and (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Data and Insights to provide a definition of ‘virtual visits’ including how they are counted, and that details be circulated to the members of the Committee by way of an email.</p>		
16	<b><u>History and Legacy of Enslavement - COM/21/250</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) does not pursue the erection of information plaques relating to enslavement or products of</p>		

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		<p>enslavement at this time;</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer – City Growth to continue research and delivery of other public outputs in this field in line with existing programme and revenue budgets;</p> <p>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer – City Growth to explore external funding opportunities which would allow for additional capacity in the Museums and Gallery Team or working with an external partner to consolidate existing information and research on the history and legacy of enslavement in Aberdeen and give consideration how to best make findings available to the public; and</p> <p>(iv) refer the matter to the budget setting process.</p>		
17	<p><b><u>Climate Change Report 2020-21 - COM/21/252</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) approve the statutory Climate Change Report 2020/21 and instruct the Chief Executive to sign and date the Required Report, prior to the submission deadline of 30 November 2021, (Appendix 1);</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to publish the Climate Change Report on the Council's website, as per reporting requirements;</p> <p>(iii) note that the Scottish Government have once again missed their targets for Climate Change;</p> <p>(iv) note that in May 2020, Aberdeen City</p>		

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		<p>Council introduced our Net Zero Vision and Infrastructure Plan and in June 2020 set about introducing a governance model that engaged with the private sector to ensure that the Council meets its targets for Net Zero; and</p> <p>(v) agree that Councils right across Scotland are being let down by the SNP/Green Scottish Government who introduce Net Zero legislation then cut Council funding thereby ensuring that the targets they introduced are almost impossible to deliver upon.</p>		
18	<b><u>Bus Partnership Fund Update - COM/21/254</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note the progress of the delivery of this grant;</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning and Chief Officer – Capital to continue to work with partners to deliver the projects in accordance with the grant conditions; and</p> <p>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to prepare reports on the progress of the delivery of this grant and that they be submitted to the Committee for consideration.</p>		
19	<b><u>Wellington Road Multimodal Corridor Study STAG Part 2 - COM/21/257</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note the outcomes of the Wellington Road STAG Part 2 Appraisal;</p> <p>(ii) approve the progression of the recommended hybrid package as detailed in section 3.10 of the report;</p>		

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		<p>and</p> <p>(iii) agree to refer recommendation 2.3 to the budget setting process.</p>		
20	<p><b><u>Socio-Economic Rescue Plan Update - COM/21/279</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note the current status of the Socio-Economic Rescue Plan;</p> <p>(ii) note the ongoing implementation and proposed development of the Aberdeen City Council Business Charter; and</p> <p>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to present to the February meeting of the committee details in respect of an Aberdeen Community Wealth Building approach to maximising local economic impact and an integrated approach by the Council to supporting businesses and the delivery of investment opportunities.</p>		
21	<p><b><u>Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - RES/21/243</u></b></p> <p>Please note that exempt appendices are contained within the Exempt Appendices section of this agenda.</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note the projects completed or legally committed to date in 2021/22 as shown in Appendix A;</p> <p>(ii) note the currently approved projects and approves the amended estimated budgets for each project as shown in Appendix B;</p> <p>(iii) approve the new Condition &amp; Suitability Programme projects listed in Appendix C for inclusion in the 3-year Condition &amp; Suitability Programme and approves the estimated budget for each project and delegates authority to the Chief Officer</p>		

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		<p>- Capital, following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to consider and approve procurement business cases for each of these projects for the purposes of Procurement Regulation 4.1.1.2; and thereafter to procure appropriate works and services, and enter into any contracts necessary for the projects without the need for further approval from any other Committee of the Council;</p> <p>(iv) approve the removal of the projects listed in Appendix D; and</p> <p>(v) 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&amp;S Programme should priorities change due to unforeseen circumstances during the year, with such changes to be reported retrospectively to the Committee.</p>		
22	<u>Dyce Community Library - CUS/21/249</u>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b>          approves the Dyce Community Library Procurement Business Case shown in Appendix 1 for the purposes of Procurement Regulation 4.1.1 and delegates authority to the Chief Officer – Capital, following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to procure appropriate works and services, and enter any contracts necessary for this project without the need for further approval from</p>		

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		any other Committee of the Council.		
23	<b><u>Disposal of Rosehill House - RES/21/244</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) approve the recommendation as detailed in paragraph 3.7 of the report; and</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Governance to conclude missives for the sale of the property incorporating various qualifications as are necessary to protect the Council’s interest, together with any other matters as are required to complete the sale of the property.</p>		
24	<b><u>Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - Exempt Appendices</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>note the information contained within the exempt appendices.</p>		

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