

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Town House,  
ABERDEEN, 28 February 2022

MINUTES OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Sederunt:

Lord Provost Barney Crockett, Chairperson;  
Depute Provost Jennifer Stewart; and

COUNCILLORS

GILLIAN AL-SAMARAI  
YVONNE ALLAN  
CHRISTIAN ALLARD  
ALISON ALPHONSE  
PHILIP BELL  
MARIE BOULTON  
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ALAN DONNELLY  
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GORDON GRAHAM  
ROSS GRANT  
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JAMES NOBLE  
MIRANDA RADLEY  
JOHN REYNOLDS  
PHILIP SELLAR  
GORDON TOWNSON  
JOHN WHEELER  
and  
IAN YUILL

Lord Provost Barney Crockett, in the Chair.

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### **DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

1. The Lord Provost advised that he would shortly be circulating a notice of motion in his own name as a matter of urgency in terms of Section 50(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**The Council resolved:-**

to note the position.

### **DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS**

2. The Council was requested to determine that the following items of business, which contained exempt information as described in Schedule 7(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, be taken in private:-

11.1 City Centre Masterplan Update - exempt appendices

11.2 Beach Masterplan Progress Report - exempt appendix

**The Council resolved:-**

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 11.1 and 11.2 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6 and 8 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS**

3. Councillor Cooke advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.7 (Beach Masterplan Progress Report) as a Director of Sport Aberdeen, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting for that item.

Councillor Yuill advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.6 (City Centre Masterplan Update) as a member of the Robert Gordon's College Board of Governors, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting for that item.

Councillor Reynolds advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.7 as a member of the Board of Transition Extreme, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting for that item.

The Depute Provost advised that she had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.6 as a member of the Robert Gordon's College Board of Governors, however having applied the objective test she did not consider that she had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting for that item.

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**URGENT NOTICE OF MOTION BY THE LORD PROVOST**

4. The Council had before it the following urgent notice of motion by the Lord Provost in the following terms:-

“Agrees this Council confers unqualified support for Ukrainian Independence and its sovereign integrity, stands shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Agrees Russia invasion of Ukraine was an unprovoked and unjustified attack on Ukraine and our thoughts and prayers are with the Ukrainian people right across the world at this time.

Agrees that the Ukrainian Flag should fly from the Town House and similarly Marischal College should light up in the Ukrainian colours for the next 7 days to show our solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

Agrees that I, as Lord Provost should write on behalf of the people of Aberdeen to the Russian Ambassador in London condemning the actions of his government for its unprovoked and unjustified attack on Ukraine.”

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the urgent notice of motion.

**DEPUTATIONS**

5. The Council was advised that a deputation request had been received in relation to the City Centre Masterplan Update report which was competent in terms of Standing Orders, however it would not be proceeding as outlined below.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to note that a deputation request had been received from Mr Hussein Patwa in relation to the City Centre Masterplan Update report, however Mr Patwa was unable to make his deputation and therefore a written submission had been circulated; and
- (ii) to thank Mr Patwa for his submission and to wish him well.

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL OF 13 DECEMBER 2021**

6. The Council had before it the minute of meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 13 December 2021.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the minute.

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**MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL OF 12 JANUARY 2022**

7. The Council had before it the minute of the special meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 12 January 2022.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the minute.

**MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL OF 10 FEBRUARY 2022**

8. The Council had before it the minute of the special meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 10 February 2022.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the minute.

**GUILDRY FUNDS - REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES - MINUTE OF MEETING OF GUILDRY AND MORTIFICATION FUNDS COMMITTEE OF 20 DECEMBER 2021**

9. With reference to Article 3 of the minute of meeting of the Guildry and Mortification Funds Committee of 20 December 2021, the Council had before it, by way of remit, a recommendation that the allowances paid from the Guildry fund to Burgesses of Guild, widows and widowers of Burgesses and children of Burgesses be increased by 5% to be backdated from 1 May 2021.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the 5% increase in annual allowances to be backdated from 1 May 2021.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS PLANNER**

10. The Council had before it the business planner as prepared by the Chief Officer - Governance.

**The Council resolved:-**

to note the business planner.

**SCHEME OF GOVERNANCE REVIEW - 2022 - COM/22/034**

11. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - Governance which met the Council's instruction to report on the operation of the Scheme of Governance on an annual basis and made recommendations for improvement.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

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- (a) approve Appendix C, the Introduction to the Scheme of Governance, with effect from 1 April 2022;
- (b) approve Appendix D, Committee Terms of Reference, with effect from 1 April 2022;
- (c) approve Appendix E, Powers Delegated to Officers with effect from 1 April 2022, and delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Governance to make any further changes to Appendix 1 of that document necessary to reflect the Powers Delegated to Officers;
- (d) approve Appendix F, Standing Orders for Council, Committee and Sub Committee Meetings, with effect from 1 April 2022;
- (e) approve Appendix G, Financial Regulations, with effect from 1 April 2022;
- (f) approve Appendix H, Procurement Regulations, with effect from 1 April 2022;
- (g) approve Appendix I, Member - Officer Relations Protocol, with effect from 1 April 2022;
- (h) approve Appendix J, the Local Code of Corporate Governance, with effect from 1 April 2022;
- (i) note the draft minute of the Governance Reference Group of 20 January 2022, and that an updated committee report template would be implemented with effect from 1 April 2022; and
- (j) note the update with regard to the review of outside bodies and that no further changes were required at this stage.

Councillor Houghton moved, seconded by Councillor Malik:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report, subject to the following:

Appendix D - Powers Delegated to Officers:-

- To not accept the amendments to Chief Officer - Governance power 21 in relation to emergencies; and
- To not accept the proposed new power 12 for the Chief Officer - City Growth with regard to event capacities and pandemic related legislation.

Appendix F - Standing Orders:-

- In relation to Standing Order 34.1 to delete the words “unless thereafter the Convener determines otherwise”; and
- In relation to Standing Order 12.2, to delete the word “must” and replace it with “should”.

Councillor Alex Nicoll moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Greig:-

That the Council defer consideration of the report to the Council meeting scheduled for 29 June 2022 to allow the new Council to consider the matter, and agree that the existing Scheme of Governance remain in place meantime.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (23) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Bell, Boulton, Cross, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Duncan, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Imrie, John, Laing, Lumsden MSP, Macdonald, MacKenzie, Malik, Mason, Reynolds, Sellar and Wheeler.

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For the amendment (22) - Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Cameron, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Delaney, Jackie Dunbar MSP, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Alex Nicoll, Audrey Nicoll MSP, Noble, Radley, Townson and Yuill.

**The Council resolved:-**

to adopt the motion.

**STANDARDS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND - WRITTEN DECISION - COUNCILLOR ALPHONSE - COM/22/050**

12. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - Governance which presented the written decision made by the Standards Commission for Scotland following a hearing held on 13 December 2021.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) consider the content of the written decision; and
- (b) note that the Standards Commission for Scotland held that there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct by Councillor Alphonse.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to note the content of the written decision; and
- (ii) to note that the Standards Commission for Scotland held that there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct by Councillor Alphonse.

**TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY - RES/22/033**

13. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - Finance which outlined the Council's Treasury Management Policy for 2022/23 to 2024/25 for approval.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council approve the Council's Treasury Management Policy for 2022/23 to 2024/25 as detailed at Appendix 1, which included the Treasury Management Policy Statement, Borrowing Policy, Investment Policy and Counterparty list.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the recommendation.

**CLIMATE CHANGE - CITYWIDE STRATEGY AND COUNCIL CARBON BUDGET - COM/22/054**

14. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Commissioning which sought approval of the citywide approach to addressing climate change, as articulated through a *Net Zero Aberdeen Routemap* which set a net zero target for Aberdeen City by 2045 across six themes and the refreshed *Aberdeen Adapts*, which provided a climate adaptation framework for Aberdeen.

**The report recommended:-**  
that the Council -

**Citywide - Net Zero & Aberdeen Adapts**

- (a) note that two significant local drivers behind Net Zero Aberdeen and Aberdeen Adapts are the Economic Policy Panel's recommendations and Moodie's credit rating, the recent assessment of which noted that for overall environmental risk, Aberdeen scored neutral to low (E-2), reflecting low exposure across all categories, but a moderately negative exposure to carbon transition risks given the significant dependence of the city on the oil and gas sector, an issue which this route map now sets out to address;
- (b) note the recommendation of the City Net Zero Leadership Board that Council should approve the Net Zero Aberdeen Routemap, including the six place-based strategies;
- (c) approve the Net Zero Aberdeen Routemap and associated place-based strategies in line with the Net Zero Vision to achieve the goal of a Net Zero Aberdeen by 2045 (Appendices 1 & 1A to 1F);
- (d) approve the updated Aberdeen Adapts Framework (Appendix 2);
- (e) note the severity of Storms Frank, Arwen, Malik and Corrie, their major impacts on the City and Northeast infrastructure, economy and communities and the list of first and second civil contingency responders to these events (Appendix 3 within Aberdeen Adapts Framework);
- (f) note the objectives already set out in Aberdeen Adapts and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan to focus on and advance community resilience planning and outcomes;
- (g) instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to ensure the cluster capitalises on recent learning and the strong desire to further develop community resilience by working alongside communities to develop and embed community resilience plans in line with the above objectives;
- (h) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to report back to the City Growth and Resources Committee on an annual basis on progress towards the objectives of both Net Zero Aberdeen Routemap and Aberdeen Adapts and to revise them at least every five years, and sooner as may be necessary;
- (i) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to engage with communities, business and third sector partners to develop and implement an engagement plan to support delivery of the objectives of the Routemap and Adaptation Framework, including:
  - (a) The co-creation with Net Zero partners of a Net Zero Aberdeen microsite as a digital platform through which to promote the Routemap, Aberdeen Adapts and associated information, projects, etc. of the Council and partners (initial design concept provided in Appendix 3);
  - (b) The development and promotion of a "Climate and Net Zero Aberdeen Pledge" (initial pledge concept outlined in Appendix 4) and agree that the Lord Provost sign the pledge on the Council's behalf;
- (j) instruct the Chief Officers - Governance and Strategic Place Planning to work with the members of Aberdeen's Net Zero Leadership Board, Delivery Unit, the Local Resilience Partnership and other groups as appropriate to develop city climate change governance structure/s appropriate for meeting the aims of the Route-Map and Aberdeen Adapts Framework, and report back to a future

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- Council meeting, no later than the next annual update on the Routemap and Adaptation Framework;
- (k) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning, in conjunction with relevant stakeholders, to explore options towards developing a locality-based approach to deliver net zero and adaptation, taking into account allied approaches and commitments, such as locality plans, local place plans, 20-minute neighbourhoods, etc., and to begin this process with a pilot reporting both back to Council in or before March 2023;
  - (l) with regard to a city Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES)
    - (a) note the statutory duty placed on councils to develop an area based Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) and that the attached strategies work to meet those requirements in the context of the Scottish Government ongoing development of guidance;
    - (b) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to keep the place-based strategies under review as further clarity is provided by Scottish Government;

**Council - Actions towards Net Zero**

- (m) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord within the context of available funding, to update the Council's Building Performance criteria to ensure that it is compliant with Scottish Government's voluntary Net Zero Public Buildings Standards for all new build or significant refurbishment projects and to seek funding opportunities to upgrade existing building stock, including all required feasibility assessments to allow the building assets to meet Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH2), or to reduce carbon usage within the portfolio and create pathways to Net Zero, and report back to the City Growth and Resources Committee on progress before March 2023;
- (n) instruct the Director of Commissioning to ensure alignment between the Council's Commissioning Intentions for 2022/23 and the aims of Net Zero Aberdeen and Aberdeen Adapts;
- (o) note the decision at the City Growth and Resources Committee on 3 February 2022 in relation to the development of the Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub (AHH) and its importance in the journey to decarbonising the energy sector as we move to net zero;
- (p) note that as with the recently Proposed Local Development Plan, officers have supported the Delivery Unit in developing the strategies in the context of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and a health in all policies approach;
- (q) note the update on the Memorandum of Understanding with bp, being presented to Council, and the important role the recommendations in that in that report may have on Net Zero Aberdeen across all theme strategies;

**Council - Climate Change Plan Carbon Budget**

- (r) approve the approach to carbon budgeting for the Council Climate Change Plan, as set out in Appendix 5 and instruct the Chief Operating Officer to progress a phased roll out of the carbon budget, including integration of carbon reduction in Service Re-design;
- (s) instruct the Director of Commissioning (for Place) and the Chief Operating Officer (for Council) to identify and instruct relevant senior managers to undertake Carbon Literacy training, and instruct the Chief Officer - Governance



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to include Carbon Literacy training within the induction programme for Elected Members, initially through the existing externally funded places under the Scottish Cities Alliance Net Zero Peer to Peer Network and thereafter as other opportunities arise, all towards driving up capabilities for better informed high level decision making for climate change, including net zero and energy transition;

**Data**

- (t) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to continue to engage with the Council's current technology partner Microsoft and bp, its Joint Venture Partner, as well as relevant Chief Officers, on a process for managing and modelling climate data as well as filling existing data gaps and report back on progress as part of the annual update report to Council; and

**COP 26**

- (u) note the work undertaken in advance and during COP26 as set out in Appendix 6, publicising the work of the Council in its own journey to Net Zero.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the recommendations.

**ACC-BP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - PROGRESS REPORT - COM/22/051**

15. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - City Growth which provided an update on progress supporting the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Council and bp.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) note the progress made since the MoU was launched in September 2020; and  
 (b) agree the priorities for the next year of the MoU as outlined in Section 3.27 of the report.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the recommendations.

**CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN UPDATE - RES/22/057**

16. With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the City Growth and Resources Committee of 12 November 2021, the Council had before it a report by the Director of Resources which presented an update on a number of projects to be delivered through the City Centre Masterplan (CCMP) review and made recommendations on next steps to continue to support economic and place-based recovery within the city.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

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**Union Street Building Condition**

- (a) note the content of the Building Condition Survey (Appendix A) and agree the identified priorities (Roof, Rainwater Goods, Shopfronts, Stonework), with Zone B (Market Street-Bridge Street) to be prioritised;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to prepare:
  - a) a plan for implementation of improvement works to buildings in Council ownership,
  - b) a plan for implementation of works to buildings outwith Council ownership, to allow engagement with property owners,
 with Zone B (Market Street-Bridge Street) to be prioritised in both circumstances and report progress in June 2022;
- (c) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to:
  - a) prepare a detailed specification for appropriate façade stone cleaning,
  - b) investigate means to simplify procedures for statutory consents, and report progress to Full Council in June 2022;
- (d) instruct the Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement to develop a procurement and funding plan for building repair work as identified in Appendix A, including investigating a 'One-stop' service to cover professional services required to implement improvement works and report the results to Full Council by August 2022;
- (e) note Appendices F and G and instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to advance the works to identify the full range of intervention measures to repopulate vacant units in Union Street to Full Business case including further assessment of potential non-retail uses and report outcomes in December 2022;

**Belmont Street Café Culture**

- (f) note the stakeholder engagement that has been undertaken, the preferred Option 3 identified, and approve the full business case as detailed in Appendix B;
- (g) instruct the Director of Resources to develop and implement a detailed design for Option 3 identified in the Business Case including operational plans in consultation with Belmont Quarter stakeholders and key stakeholders (including Disability Equity Partnership);
- (h) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to progress with the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders and implement as part of the operational plan and associated delivery measures in the context of the wider traffic management plan;
- (i) note the ongoing engagement with the Disability Equity Partnership and at their request the following interim measures are being progressed:
  - a) Introduction of accessible parking spaces in Back Wynd on a trial basis at the earliest opportunity the impact of which will be monitored,
  - b) Introduction of temporary accessibility ramps to the south side of Union Street Central located opposite dropped kerb locations existing on the north side of the street;

**Market to Guild Street Streetscape**

- (j) note the design concept masterplan for public realm improvements for the Market Street to Guild Street area as detailed in Appendix D;

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- (k) instruct the Director of Resources to develop detailed design for Phase 1 implementation of those improvements in consultation with key stakeholders and report results to Full Council in August 2022;
- (l) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to progress with the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders to implement in the context of the Phase 1 delivery and the wider traffic management plan;
- (m) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services and Chief Officer - City Growth to identify opportunities to improve the amenity of the wider Market to Guild Street area in conjunction with the anticipated Phase 1 delivery;
- (n) note the City Growth and Resources Committee instruction to develop a Full Business Case for Union Street East and Castlegate by end 2022 and ensure that business case is developed in tandem with the emerging business case for the Beach Boulevard;

**George Street**

- (o) note the ongoing engagement exercise on the future of the George Street area;

**City Centre Masterplan Recalibration incorporating the Beach**

- (p) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to recalibrate the City Centre Masterplan to incorporate the Beach and George Street masterplanning exercises and report the results to Full Council in August 2022; and

**Joint Integrated Mortuary**

- (q) note the £18 million capital cost contribution from Scottish Government on behalf of the Health and Justice Directorates and refer simpliciter to the Council's budget meeting on 7 March 2022.

Councillor Laing moved, seconded by Councillor Lumsden MSP:-

That the Council -

- (1) approve the recommendations contained within the report subject to amending recommendation (q) (Joint Integrated Mortuary) to read:-
  - agrees that the £18 million capital cost contribution from the Scottish Government on behalf of the Health and Justice Directorates was achieved by the Council's lobbying of Scottish Government and refer simpliciter to the Council's budget meeting on 7 March 2022;
- (2) agree the vision presented to Council today via the flythrough is the vision that this Council must deliver for its citizens if it is serious about supporting economic and place-based recovery within the city;
- (3) note the comments from Commercial agents throughout the city that they would have more confidence in securing good quality operators for vacant units on a pedestrianised Union Street Central than they would if it was to return to 4 lanes of traffic;
- (4) note Scottish Water are expected to be doing major works at Guild Street in the summer of 2022 and therefore agrees to temporarily re-open Union Street Central after the completion of the demolition work at Aberdeen Market thus allowing buses, taxis, private hire vehicles and pedal cycles only to go through this space;
- (5) instruct the Chief Officer - Operation and Protective Services to ensure all the works required in respect of bus priority interventions as part of the City Centre

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- Masterplan be done at the same time as the Scottish Water Guild Street works are undertaken where practically possible;
- (6) agree to close Union Street Central to all traffic immediately following the completion of works at Guild Street in order to fulfil the vision of the flythrough which supports pedestrianisation as a way of supporting economic and place-based recovery for our city.
  - (7) note the Scottish Government's long-term vision for active travel in Scotland which has at its heart a strong emphasis on sustainable and people centred areas;
  - (8) agree with the Scottish Government that city centres should be people focussed with easy pedestrian and cycle access which meets air quality and noise limit targets; and
  - (9) agree the vision for Union Street Central matches the ambitions of the Scottish government's active travel plans for Scotland.

Councillor Boulton moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor McLellan:-  
That the Council -

#### **Union Street Building Condition**

- (i) welcome the content of the Building Condition Survey (Appendix A) and agree the identified priorities (roof, rainwater goods, shopfronts, stonework) with zone B (Market Street - Bridget Street) to be prioritised;
- (ii) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to prepare:
  - (a) a plan for implementation of improvement works to buildings in Council ownership; and
  - (b) a plan for implementation of works to buildings outwith Council ownership, to allow engagement with property owners with Zone B (Market Street - Bridge Street) to be prioritised in both circumstances and report progress in June 2022;
- (iii) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to:
  - (a) prepare a detailed specification for appropriate façade stone cleaning; and
  - (b) investigate means to simplify procedures for statutory consents and report progress to Full Council in June 2022;
- (iv) instruct the Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement to develop a procurement and funding plan for building repair work as identified in Appendix A, including investigating a one stop service to cover professional services required to implement improvement works and report the results to Full Council by August 2022;
- (v) note appendices F and G and instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to advance the works to identify the full range of intervention measures to repopulate vacant units in Union Street to full business case including further assessment of potential non-retail uses and report outcomes in December 2022;

#### **Belmont Street Café Culture**

- (vi) note the stakeholder engagement that had been undertaken, the preferred option 3 identified, and approve the full business case as detailed in appendix B;
- (vii) instruct the Director of Resources to develop and implement a detailed design for option 3 identified in the business case including the re-introduction of a taxi rank on Back Wynd and include operational plans in consultation with the

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Belmont Quarter stakeholders and key stakeholders including the Disability Equity Partnership;

- (viii) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to progress with the necessary traffic regulation orders and implement as part of the operational plan and associated delivery measures in the context of the wider traffic management plan;
- (ix) note the ongoing engagement with the Disability Equity Partnership and at their request the following interim measures are being progressed:
  - (a) introduction of accessible parking spaces in Back Wynd only on a trial basis at the earliest opportunity the impact of which will be monitored;
  - (b) introduction of temporary accessible ramps to the south side of Union Street Central located opposite dropped kerb locations existing on the north side of the street, prior to the decision on the possible reopening of Union Street Central to service buses, taxis and private hire cars; and
  - (c) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to bring back a street occupation policy by the end of 2022;

#### **Market to Guild Street Streetscape**

- (x) note the design concept masterplan for public realm improvements for the Market Street to Guild Street area as detailed in Appendix D and
  - (a) agree to remove reference to (9) "Plaza" on Market Street;
  - (b) agree to include in phase two the area at St Nicholas Street between Union Street and St Nicholas Centre; and
  - (c) agree to include Correction Wynd and Hadden Street in phase two;
- (xi) instruct the Director of Resources to develop detailed design for phase one and two implementation of those improvements in consultation with key stakeholders and report results to Full Council in August 2022;
- (xii) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to progress with the necessary traffic regulation orders to implement in the context of the phase one and two delivery and the wider traffic management plan;
- (xiii) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services and the Chief Officer - City Growth to identify opportunities to improve the amenity of the wider market to Guild Street area in conjunction with the anticipated phase one and two delivery;
- (xiv) note the City Growth and Resources Committee instruction to develop a Full Business Case for Union Street East and Castlegate by end 2022 and ensure that business case is developed in tandem with the emerging business case for the Beach Boulevard;

#### **George Street**

- (xv) note the ongoing engagement exercise on the future of the George Street area and instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to investigate the potential future use of the John Lewis building as part of the George Street master planning exercise and report back to the August Council meeting;

#### **City Centre Master Plan Recalibration Incorporating the Beach**

- (xvi) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to recalibrate the city centre masterplan to incorporate the Beach and George Street master planning exercises and report the results to Full Council in August 2022;

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**Joint Mortuary**

- (xvii) note the £18 million capital cost contribution from the Scottish Government on behalf of the Health and Justice Directorates and refer simpliciter to the Council's budget meeting on 7 March 2022;

**Addendums**

- (xviii) (a) instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to discuss with the UK Government Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and the Natural History Museum the feasibility for a Natural History Museum Aberdeen, including the University of Aberdeen and the Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society in the process and report to Full Council in August 2022;  
 (b) instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth, subject to the outcome of (a) to explore potential locations including Woolmanhill; and  
 (c) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, subject to positive outcomes from (a) and (b) to bring forward redevelopment/improvement options for the Denburn car park and report back to a future meeting of Full Council; and
- (xix) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord subject to (a), (b) and (c) above, to explore options from improved alternative direct pedestrian connectivity from the Denburn car park area onto Rosemount Viaduct;
- (xx) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to ensure all works required in respect of bus priority interventions as part of the City Centre Masterplan be done at the same time as the Scottish Water Guild Street works are undertaken where practically possible;
- (xxi) to note the Scottish Government's long-term vision for active travel in Scotland which has at its heart a strong emphasis on sustainable and people centred areas; and
- (xxii) to agree with the Scottish Government that city centres should be people focused with easy pedestrian and cycle access which meets air quality and noise limit targets.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (21) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Cross, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Duncan, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Imrie, John, Laing, Lumsden MSP, Macdonald, MacKenzie, Malik, Mason, Reynolds, Sellar and Wheeler.

For the amendment (24) - Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Bell, Boulton, Cameron, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Delaney, Jackie Dunbar MSP, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Alex Nicoll, Audrey Nicoll MSP, Noble, Radley, Townson and Yuill.

**The Council resolved:-**

to adopt the amendment.

**BEACH MASTERPLAN PROGRESS REPORT - COM/22/064**

17. With reference to Article 4 of the minute of meeting of the City Growth and Resources Committee of 12 November 2021, the Council had before it a report by the Director of Resources which detailed progress on the strategic work streams and set

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out the suite of further recommendations and programme of works going forward for the Council to consider, recognising the interdependencies and phasing required.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) instruct the Director of Resources and Head of Commercial and Procurement to progress the undernoted listed items (1 to 5) to Full Business Case, and report back progress to the June 2022 meeting of Full Council:
  - (1) New Play Park: Urban Park, Sports Area & Pump Track;
  - (2) Events Park: New Amphitheatre, Events Field, Gateway Building & Hub Building;
  - (3) Landscaping: Landscape Mounding;
  - (4) Broadhill: Public Realm & Landscaping;
  - (5) Reconfigured Beach Landscaping;
- (b) instruct the Director of Resources and the Head of Commercial and Procurement to progress the undernoted listed interventions (6 to 12) to Outline Business Case and report back progress to the June 2022 meeting of Full Council:
  - (6) Beach Pavilion Building;
  - (7) New Canopy Features;
  - (8) Beach Ballroom Plaza;
  - (9) Broadhill (Structures);
  - (10) Pedestrian Spine;
  - (11) Beach Boulevard;
  - (12) Surf Village;
- (c) instruct the Director of Resources and the Head of Commercial and Procurement to progress the undernoted Long-Term items (13 to 18) to Outline Business Case and report progress to the June 2022 meeting of Full Council:
  - (13) Beach Ballroom;
  - (14) New Stadium;
  - (15) New Leisure Facility;
  - (16) Boardwalk;
  - (17) New Slipway;
  - (18) Energy Centre;
- (d) instruct the Head of Commercial and Procurement and the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to develop an Outline Business Case to improve the connectivity between the city centre and report back progress to the June 2022 meeting of Full Council; and
- (e) instruct the Director of Resources and the Head of Commercial and Procurement to continue to engage with stakeholders across the city, including children and young people and the Disability Equity Partnership, in relation to the work packages contained herein.

Councillor Laing moved, seconded by Councillor Boulton:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Yuill moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Delaney:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report subject to removing "(14) New Stadium" from recommendation (c).

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On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (42) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allan, Allard, Alphonse, Bell, Boulton, Cameron, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Cross, Donnelly, Jackie Dunbar MSP, Lesley Dunbar, Duncan, Graham, Grant, Henrickson, Houghton, Hutchison, Imrie, John, Laing, Lumsden MSP, Macdonald, MacGregor, MacKenzie, McLellan, McRae, Malik, Mason, Mennie, Alex Nicoll, Audrey Nicoll MSP, Noble, Radley, Reynolds, Sellar, Townson and Wheeler.

For the amendment (3) - Councillors Delaney, Greig and Yuill.

**The Council resolved:-**

to adopt the motion.

**NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCLELLAN**

18. The Council had before it a notice of motion by Councillor McLellan in the following terms:-

“That Council:-

- (1) cease the interim design works for public realm improvements on the mid section of Union Street (from Market Street to Bridge Street);
- (2) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to reopen Union Street between its junctions with Union Terrace and Market Street to service buses, taxis, private hire vehicles and pedal cycles only, all as soon as is practicably possible, but not before any necessary investigatory or other required works are completed and not before any necessary statutory processes are completed: such work shall include the reopening of the temporarily closed bus stops and pedestrian crossings on this section of Union Street, where practicable;
- (3) retain the current timed delivery arrangements via Back Wynd/Belmont Street;
- (4) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to remove the existing bus gate on Union Street, just East of Market Street and introduce new bus gates on Union Street between Bridge Street and Market Street;

The estimated cost of the works to be incurred is £10,000 and this expenditure will be met from existing operational budgets and the Spaces for People budget;

- (5) instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to initiate the consultation process to re-establish the taxi rank stances on Back Wynd and the night time taxi rank on Union Street at St Nicholas churchyard and report back to the Licensing Committee with the results of the consultation exercise;



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- (6) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to complete any necessary statutory processes to allow for waiting on Back Wynd by taxis; and
- (7) note the Director of Resources will continue to engage with stakeholders across the city, including children and young people and the Disability Equity Partnership, in relation to the work packages instructed through the City Growth and Resources Committee on 12 November 2021."

Councillor McLellan moved, seconded by Councillor Radley:-

That the Council -

- (1) cease the interim design works for public realm improvements on the mid-section of Union Street (from Market Street to Bridge Street);
- (2) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to reopen Union Street between its junctions with Union Terrace and Market Street to service buses, taxis, private hire vehicles and pedal cycles only, all as soon as is practicably possible, but not before any necessary investigatory or other required works are completed and not before any necessary statutory processes are completed: such work shall include the reopening of the temporarily closed bus stops and pedestrian crossings on this section of Union Street, where practicable;
- (3) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to work with bus operators to aim to move to ultra-low emission vehicles on the Market-Bridge Street section with geo-fenced buses travelling at 7mph as soon as practically possible;
- (4) retain the current timed delivery arrangements via Back Wynd/Belmont Street;
- (5) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to remove the existing bus gate on Union Street, just East of Market Street and introduce new bus gates on Union Street between Bridge Street and Market Street; the estimated cost of the works to be incurred is £10,000 and this expenditure will be met from existing operational budgets and the Spaces for People budget;
- (6) instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to initiate the consultation process to re-establish the taxi rank stances on Back Wynd and the night time taxi rank on Union Street at St Nicholas churchyard, which was never formally suspended, and report back to the Licensing Committee with the results of the consultation exercise;
- (7) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to complete any necessary statutory processes to allow for waiting on Back Wynd by taxis;
- (8) instruct the Director of Resources to continue to explore all options for the movement of people and traffic on Union Street and onwards connections to the Beach. Giving consideration to the improvements at South College Street and the Low Emission Zone - reporting back progress to Full Council in June 2022;
- (9) instruct the Director of Resources to continue with evolving streetscape design for the priority intervention areas, giving consideration to the reintroduction of service buses, taxis, private hire cars and pedal cycles on Union Street Central and Union Street East, and report back to the Full Council meeting in June 2022, and

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- (10) note the Director of Resources would continue to engage with stakeholders across the city, including children and young people and the Disability Equity Partnership, in relation to the work packages instructed through the City Growth and Resources Committee on 12 November 2021.

Councillor Houghton moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Grant:-  
That the Council take no action.

Councillor Boulton moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Cameron:-  
That the Council -

- (1) cease the interim design works for public realm improvements on the mid section of Union Street (from Market Street to Bridge Street);
- (2) (a) re-introduce service buses two ways on Union Street Central, allowing for service buses to stop for passengers to get on and off. Re-introduction to be as soon as practically possible;  
(b) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to work with bus operators to aim to move to ultra-low emission vehicles on the Market-Bridge Street section with geo-fenced buses travelling at 7mph as soon as practically possible;  
(c) re-introduce the taxi rank on Back Wynd, allow taxis and private hire cars to access the central section of Union Street. Instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to carry out any statutory processes required to enable the reintroduction of the rank and queuing by taxis as soon as possible, reporting back to the Licensing Committee;  
(d) re-instate the night time rank on Union Street outside St Nicholas Churchyard - never formally suspended;  
(e) allow for pedal cyclists to continue on Union Street Central;  
(f) continue the time limited delivery arrangements via Belmont Street and Back Wynd;  
(g) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to reposition the bus/taxis gate to the middle section of Union Street at the Market Street and Bridge Street locations. Allow traffic back onto Market Street and Union Street East in both directions. Change the signs reflecting the new layout. Funding to be taken from the Spaces for People budget and existing operational budgets. All works to be carried out as soon as practically possible;
- (3) instruct the Director of Resources to continue to explore all options for the movement of people and traffic on Union Street and onwards connections to the Beach. Giving consideration to the improvements at South College Street and the LEZ zones. Reporting back progress to Full Council in June 2022;
- (4) instruct the Director of Resources to continue with evolving streetscape design for the priority intervention areas, giving consideration of the reintroduction of service buses, taxis and private hire cars on the central section of Union Street and the reintroduction of traffic on Market Street and Union Street East report back progress to Full Council in June 2022; and
- (5) instruct the Director of Resources to continue to engage with stakeholders across the city, including children and young people, older people and the

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Disability Equity Partnership, in relation to any proposed uses or changes to the City Centre.

There being a motion and two amendments, the Council first divided between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Houghton which proposed no action.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (23) - Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Boulton, Cameron, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Delaney, Jackie Dunbar MSP, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Alex Nicoll, Audrey Nicoll MSP, Noble, Radley, Townson and Yuill.

For the amendment by Councillor Houghton (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Bell, Cross, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Duncan, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Imrie, John, Laing, Lumsden MSP, Macdonald, MacKenzie, Malik, Mason, Reynolds, Sellar and Wheeler.

The Council then divided between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Boulton.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (23) - Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Boulton, Cameron, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Delaney, Jackie Dunbar MSP, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Alex Nicoll, Audrey Nicoll MSP, Noble, Radley, Townson and Yuill.

For the amendment by Councillor Boulton (0)

Declined to vote (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Bell, Cross, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Duncan, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Imrie, John, Laing, Lumsden MSP, Macdonald, MacKenzie, Malik, Mason, Reynolds, Sellar and Wheeler.

**The Council resolved:-**  
to adopt the motion.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MALIK**

**19.** The Council had before it a notice of motion by Councillor Malik in the following terms:-

“That Council

1. Agrees the tremendous success of the 2021 Summer of Play programme, the huge benefits it provided to children and young people in the city, and the positive evaluations of the programme from participants;

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2. Agrees in respect of mental and physical wellbeing our children and young people have faced considerable challenges over the last two years;
3. Notes prior to the pandemic children and young people used school time as an opportunity to connect and socialise with peers but the restrictions put in place in schools in order to mitigate the risks of the COVID-19 pandemic have impacted on their ability to do this;
4. Notes the inability to interact with peers freely, build relationships with others and pupil concern for the wellbeing of their own families has impacted on pupil wellbeing;
5. Notes the Council has been given national funding to deliver a reduced summer programme over summer 2022 with no money for an Easter programme;
6. Notes with disappointment that only £10m is being made available nationally compared to the £20m made available for summer 2021;
7. Notes the grant conditions for 2022 are to be changed from last year meaning the grant offered by the Scottish Government fails to address the very real risks to our young people over 14 and families with very young children who may not be old enough to access Early Learning and Childcare;
8. Agrees this approach from the Scottish Government leaves an important gap in provision and puts considerable constraints on our approach to developing a summer programme;
9. Agrees this reduction in funding will impact on our summer programme for 2022;
10. Therefore instructs the Chief Officer - Education to work with relevant officers and partner organisations to develop similar Easter and Summer of Play programmes for 2022; and
11. Instructs the Chief Officer - Education to prepare cost estimates for the provision of these Easter and Summer of Play programmes, and submit this to the budget process for 2022/23."

Councillor Malik moved, seconded by Councillor Imrie:-  
That the Council approve the notice of motion.

Councillor Alex Nicoll moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Greig:-  
That the Council -

- (a) approve 1 to 10 as per the notice of motion;
- (b) congratulates Aberdeen City Libraries, Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust, Aberdeen Lads Club, Aberdeen Play Forum, Aberdeen Science Centre, Aberlour Options, ACC Music Service, Adventure Aberdeen, Balnagask Community Centre, Barnardo's Aberdeen Young Carers, Citymoves, Countesswells Holiday Club, Countryside Ranger, Creative Learning, Cultivate Aberdeen, Cummings Park Community Centre, Duthie

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Park Rangers, Family Learning, Fit Like Hubs, Grampian Autistic Society, Jesus House-Torry, Kings Church Foundation, Mastrick Community Centre, NESCol, Northfield Community Centre, Northfield Congregational Church, Orchard Brae Specialist Playscheme and Holiday Fun Club, Sport Aberdeen, Techfest, Tesco Hub Project, We Too and the officers strategic group for their hard work and dedication in the successful delivery of the 2021 Summer of Play Programme, which was delivered within a 7 week timescale for young people in Aberdeen; and

- (c) note that while the final funding arrangements for 2022 are still being finalised recognises the need to continue with this programme in the coming years and encourages all political groups in the Council to support the delivery of this programme in their individual budget proposals for 2022/23 Budget setting processes.

During the course of debate, the Administration agreed to accept part (b) of Councillor Alex Nicoll's amendment to the notice of motion.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (23) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Allan, Bell, Boulton, Cross, Donnelly, Lesley Dunbar, Duncan, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Imrie, John, Laing, Lumsden MSP, Macdonald, MacKenzie, Malik, Mason, Reynolds, Sellar and Wheeler.

For the amendment (22) - Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Cameron, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Delaney, Jackie Dunbar MSP, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Alex Nicoll, Audrey Nicoll MSP, Noble, Radley, Townson and Yuill.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to approve the notice of motion; and
- (ii) to congratulate Aberdeen City Libraries, Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust, Aberdeen Lads Club, Aberdeen Play Forum, Aberdeen Science Centre, Aberlour Options, ACC Music Service, Adventure Aberdeen, Balnagask Community Centre, Barnardo's Aberdeen Young Carers, Citymoves, Countesswells Holiday Club, Countryside Ranger, Creative Learning, Cultivate Aberdeen, Cummings Park Community Centre, Duthie Park Rangers, Family Learning, Fit Like Hubs, Grampian Autistic Society, Jesus House-Torry, Kings Church Foundation, Mastrick Community Centre, NESCol, Northfield Community Centre, Northfield Congregational Church, Orchard Brae Specialist Playscheme and Holiday Fun Club, Sport Aberdeen, Techfest, Tesco Hub Project, We Too and the officers strategic group for their hard work and dedication in the successful delivery of the 2021 Summer of Play programme, which was delivered within a 7 week timescale for young people in Aberdeen.

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## **NOTICE OF MOTION BY THE DEPUTE PROVOST**

**20.** The Council had before it a notice of motion by the Depute Provost in the following terms:-

“That this Council instructs the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to submit a report to the next appropriate meeting of the Operational Delivery Committee (or equivalent) outlining the options for installing a pedestrian crossing on Springfield in the area/vicinity of the petrol station and of Craigiebuckler Avenue.

This notice of motion is made on pedestrian safety grounds addressing the needs of local people, young and those less mobile and for families, living within the area, wanting to walk to the local neighbourhood shops, schools, Johnstone Gardens and the wider Hazlehead/Craigiebuckler area. Residents believe a traffic island is insufficient to operate as a pedestrian crossing and are unable to stand on it safely with prams and wheelchairs.”

### **The Council resolved:-**

to approve the notice of motion.

**In accordance with Article 2 of this minute, the following items of business were considered with the press and public excluded.**

## **CITY CENTRE MASTERPLAN UPDATE - EXEMPT APPENDICES**

**21.** With reference to Article 16 of this minute, the Council had before it exempt appendices for the City Centre Masterplan Update report.

### **The Council resolved:-**

to note the appendices.

## **BEACH MASTERPLAN PROGRESS REPORT - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

**22.** With reference to Article 17 of this minute, the Council had before it an exempt appendix for the Beach Masterplan Progress Report.

### **The Council resolved:-**

to note the appendix.

**- BARNEY CROCKETT, Lord Provost.**