

## GOVERNANCE

### DECISION SHEET

#### COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST 2022

	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Council Decision</b>	<b>Services Required to take action</b>	<b>Officer to Action</b>
1.1	<b><u>Admission of Burgesses</u></b>	No Burgesses admitted		
2.1	<b><u>Determination of urgent business</u></b>	No urgent business		
3.1	<b><u>Determination of exempt business</u></b>	<b><u>The Council 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 11.1 and 11.2 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.		
4.1	<b><u>Declarations of interest and transparency statements</u></b>	<b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b> to note the declarations of interest and transparency statements which will be recorded in the minute.		
5.1	<b><u>Deputations</u></b>	No deputations		

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6.1	<u>Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 29 June 2022 - for approval</u>	<b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b> to approve the minute subject to noting that the reference to the Gordon Highlanders Museum Board on page 23 should be the Gordon Highlanders Museum Advisory Group.	Governance	Martyn Orchard
6.2	<u>Minute of Adjourned Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 13 July 2022 - for approval</u>	<b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b> to approve the minute.		
6.3	<u>Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 13 July 2022 - for approval</u>	<b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b> to approve the minute.		
7.1	<u>Council Financial Performance - Quarter 1, 2022/23 - RES/22/152 - referred by City Growth and Resources Committee of 3 August 2022</u>	<b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b> (i) to note the positive cash position that had been achieved for the General Fund and HRA to the end of Quarter 1 as detailed in Appendix 1; (ii) to note the Common Good financial performance to the end of Quarter 1 as detailed in Appendix 3, specifically the £2m reduction in cash balances due to investment volatility; (iii) to note that the General Fund full year forecast position, as detailed in Appendix 2, was expected to show a balanced position overall for 2022/23, based on the assumption that the Scottish Government would fund any increase to the current pay offer made	Finance	Jonathan Belford/ Lesley Fullerton

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		<p>by Cosla and through the other mitigations contained within the report, including the use of one-off funding streams;</p> <p>(iv) to note the initial information provided in the report about the fire at Altens East Waste and Recycling Centre and instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to report back to the next meeting of the City Growth and Resources Committee with details of the contractual, financial, and operational implications, including assurance about how the council has mitigated financial exposure;</p> <p>(v) to note that the HRA full year forecast position, as detailed in Appendix 2, was on target to achieve the approved budget, making a contribution to HRA reserves for 2022/23;</p> <p>(vi) to note that the Council relied on the Integration Joint Board (IJB) achieving a balanced budget, and that it retained reserves in the event of unplanned additional costs arising during the year;</p> <p>(vii) to note that the forecast for General Fund capital expenditure was that there would be lower spend than had been budgeted in 2022/23, and for Housing, capital expenditure would be in line with 11% slippage on the programme, as described in Appendix 2;</p> <p>(viii) to note that officers had completed the</p>	<p>Operations and Protective Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>Mark Reilly</p> <p>Mark Masson (business planner)</p>

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		<p>work required to reprofile the capital programmes, following instruction by the City Growth and Resources Committee on 21 June 2022 (Appendix 5);</p> <p>(ix) to note that almost all capital projects could be paused, delayed or ultimately cancelled though there would be implications related to such decisions;</p> <p>(x) to note that for reprofiling purposes there were projects/programmes within the approved Capital Programmes which had been excluded;</p> <p>(xi) to note the legal status of the contracts involved in delivery of the projects as this to an extent dictated the level of flexibility that the Council had in terms of reprofiling, pausing or cancelling projects;</p> <p>(xii) to note the General Fund Capital funded projects/programmes recommended for reprofiling shown in Appendix 5 - Table 1, which showed the current budget profile;</p> <p>(xiii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Finance to remove the Early Learning &amp; Childcare - St Josephs and Garthdee Link Road projects from the General Fund Capital Programme;</p> <p>(xiv) to approve the reprofiled General Fund Capital funded projects/programmes as shown in Appendix 5 - Table 2. Noting the use of the existing contingency in the</p>		

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		<p>(xv) programme; in light of the best value consideration referred to in the report, to instruct the Chief Officer - Capital to retender the 3-stream Tillydrone Primary School project, and report back to the next appropriate City Growth and Resources Committee;</p> <p>(xvi) in light of the best value consideration referred to in the report, to instruct Chief Officer - Capital to pause the four Housing Capital Council-led new build projects as recommended in Appendix 5, to evaluate the actions to be taken, assess best value and where appropriate retender work packages. The outcome of this exercise would be reported to the next appropriate meeting of City Growth and Resource Committee;</p> <p>(xvii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to enter in discussions with the Scottish Government to acquire the land at Wellington Road and to report back the outcome of those discussions at the next City Growth and Resources Committee;</p> <p>(xviii) to instruct the Director of Resources to bring back an Outline Business Case for Queen Street to a future City Growth and Resources Committee meeting, which included design proposals for an Urban Park which included an option that incorporated</p>	<p>Capital</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Capital</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Resources</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>John Wilson</p> <p>Mark Masson (business planner)</p> <p>John Wilson</p> <p>Mark Masson (business planner)</p> <p>Stephen Booth</p> <p>Mark Masson (business planner)</p> <p>Steve Whyte</p> <p>Mark Masson (business planner)</p>

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		<p>the demolition of the former Police Scotland building;</p> <p>(xix) to agree that Aberdeen City had gone above and beyond and should be proud to have welcomed more than 1,000 Ukrainian citizens to the city since the outbreak of the War in Ukraine. To approve the inclusion of additional budgets to the Housing Capital Programme for improvements to void properties, in support of displaced Ukrainians, subject to funding being confirmed by the Scottish Government. In light of the longer term proposals to accommodate these citizens, to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to prepare a report on the wider supply of critical services and opportunity for Ukrainian citizens to ensure that sufficient supply was available and Ukrainian citizens had access to good quality living and access to opportunity;</p> <p>(xx) to note that the Director of Resources would provide an update to members on the latest position with St Peter's Roman Catholic Primary School based on the decision to re-tender for the remaining works for Riverbank Primary School.</p>	<p>Early Intervention and Community Empowerment</p> <p>Resources</p>	<p>Derek McGowan</p> <p>Steve Whyte</p>

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8.1	<b><u>Council Business Planner</u></b>	<b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b> to note the business planner.		
9.1	<b><u>Medium Term Financial Strategy for the Council's General Fund 2022-RES/22/172</u></b>	<b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b> (i) to welcome the publication by the Scottish Government of its Resource Spending Review through to 2026/2027 on 31 May 2022 and note that this indicated a flat cash settlement for Local Government for the next 3 years, followed by a 1% increase in 2026/27; (ii) to approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for the General Fund 2022; (iii) to note that the report on TOM 1.2 was also on the agenda today, which described the approach the Council intended to take through transformation and multi-agency working to contribute towards closing the gap between income and expenditure forecast; (iv) to welcome the alignment of the MTFS and TOM 1.2, together these documents represented the fiscal framework for Aberdeen; (v) to note that the publication of the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill and associated Financial Memorandum indicated that the first year of operation would be 2025/26, within the terms of the MTFS, and this had the potential to remove c.25% of	Finance	Jonathan Belford

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		<p>financial resources from the Council;</p> <p>(vi) to note the reported impact that inflation and supply chain volatility was having on our current financial year [Council Financial Performance Quarter 1, 2022/23: RES/22/152] and that the impact was anticipated to continue to have an effect on the future funding gap;</p> <p>(vii) to note that the commitments contained within the Partnership Agreement, adopted on 18 May 2022, remained uncostered for future years and were being worked on to support the update of the MRFS when the budget was set for 2023/24 in March 2023;</p> <p>(viii) to note the reprofiled capital programme, which was referred from the City Growth and Resources Committee on 3 August 2022 [RES/22/152] to Council today, was the basis for capital financing costs and debt levels referred to in the MTFS;</p> <p>(ix) to note the 2023/24 Budget would be discussed and set by the Council in March 2023 reflecting the commitments within the Partnership Agreement;</p> <p>(x) to note the ongoing development of the data presented in relation to the Council's Financial Resilience Framework and the insight this provided of the underlying strength of</p>		



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		<p>the Council's finances that support the continued operation of services through the uncertain and volatile environment. The data identified indicators to watch, and these should be carefully considered when setting future budgets. The Chief Officer - Finance would continue to develop the Framework; and</p> <p>(xi) to request that the Council's submission to the National Care Service call for evidence be circulated to all members after it had been submitted on 2 September.</p>	Commissioning	Gale Beattie
9.2	<p><b><u>Council Target Operating Model (TOM) 1.2 - CUS/22/171</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to agree the Target Operating Model (TOM) 1.2 for 2022-27, attached to the report as Appendix A, to support the necessary scale of transformation to deliver the level of savings required over the next 5 years, as outlined in the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS);</p> <p>(ii) to note that the level of investment required to enable the release of savings would be identified as part of the Council Budget process, as outlined in the MTFS;</p> <p>(iii) to note the whole system change projects being taken forward with partners via the Multi-Agency Transformation Management Group (MATMG) and instruct the Chief Executive to seek further delivery</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Customer</p>	<p>Angela Scott</p> <p>Andy MacDonald</p>

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		<p>opportunities of statutory services through a Statutory Function Review, reporting back to Council at its meeting on 14 December 2022;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Executive to report back to the next Full Council with the recommended interim structure resulting from the recent resignation of the Chief Operating Officer taking into consideration the longer term needs to support the changes from the 21/22 and 22/23 Programme of Government; and</p> <p>(v) to welcome the political commitment of all parties represented in the Council that there will be no compulsory redundancies.</p>		
9.3	<p><b><u>"Working in Partnership for Aberdeen"</u></b>  <b><u>- Commissioning Intentions and Service Standards 2022/23 - CUS/22/169</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the review of the commissioning intentions, service standards in the context of the policy statement, "Working in Partnership for Aberdeen";</p> <p>(ii) to agree to the recommended amendments to 2022/23 commissioning intentions and service standards set out in Appendix A;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Director of Commissioning to report any further amendments required in 2022/23 to existing commissioning intentions and service standards, as a result of subsequent decisions of the Council and its committees, to Council; and</p>	<p>Commissioning</p> <p>Data and Insights</p>	<p>Gale Beattie</p> <p>Martin Murchie</p>

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		(iv) to note that the policy statement would be fully reflected within the Council's strategic commissioning cycle for 2023/24 onwards.		
9.4	<b><u>Committee Structure and Scheme of Governance - COM/22/161</u></b>	Considered at the adjourned meeting on 25 August 2022.		
9.5	<b><u>City Centre and Beach Masterplan - RES/22/173</u></b>	Considered at the adjourned meeting on 25 August 2022.		
9.6	<b><u>Buffer Zones - COM/22/167</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note the national activities underway in relation to the matter of establishing protest-free buffer zones, in particular:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the legal opinion referred to in the COSLA briefing note at Background Paper 10.1;</li> <li>• that there is a technical 'mini-summit' to discuss the potential use of byelaws being held on 29 August, referred to in detail at paragraph 3.6 of the report; and</li> </ul> <p>(ii) to instruct the Interim Chief Officer - Governance to continue to liaise with the Scottish Government and COSLA and report back to the meeting of Full Council on 14 December 2022 with an update on latest developments including:-</p>	Governance	Vikki Cuthbert/ Jenni Lawson/ Deirdre Nicolson

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		<p>1) evidence contained in the independent research commissioned by the Scottish Government relating to protests/vigils on patients and others if available; and</p> <p>2) evidence from NHS Grampian, Police Scotland and Back-off Scotland as to the number and nature of protests taking place in Aberdeen.</p>		
10.1	<p><b><u>Councillor Allard</u></b></p> <p>That the Council:-</p> <p>(1) Notes that 24<sup>th</sup> August is Independence Day in Ukraine, celebrating the day in 1991 when Ukraine was re-established as an independent nation.</p> <p>(2) Restates its unqualified support for Ukrainian independence and territorial integrity.</p> <p>(3) Restates its solidarity with the people of Ukraine.</p> <p>(4) Continues to condemn the unprovoked and unacceptable Russian aggression against Ukraine.</p> <p>(5) Welcomes the more than 1,000 Ukrainian citizens who have moved to the city since the beginning of the war in Ukraine.</p> <p>(6) Thanks the wide range of organisations and individuals</p>	<p><b><u>The Council resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to approve the notice of motion;</p> <p>(ii) to thank the contribution of all UK armed forces personnel for their continued support to the armed forces and people of Ukraine since Operation Orbital in 2015 which had included but not been limited to the training and equipping of tens of thousands of Ukrainian personnel; and</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Lord Provost had instructed the lighting of Marischal College on 24 August with the colours of Ukraine to mark the occasion.</p>	Early Intervention and Community Empowerment	Derek McGowan

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	<p>across the city who have helped to support those Ukrainian citizens, including through the £13,347 donated to the Lord Provost's Charitable Trust Ukraine Crisis Appeal.</p> <p>(7) Notes the need to provide permanent accommodation to those Ukrainian citizens, and the ongoing work being undertaken to provide that.</p> <p>(8) Instructs the Chief Officer - Early Intervention &amp; Community Empowerment to outline the work that is ongoing to deliver support from the Council to those Ukrainian citizens, and to provide a Service Update on this matter.</p>			
10.2	<p><b><u>Councillor Macdonald</u></b></p> <p>To instruct the Chief Executive to report to the December 2022 Council meeting on the feasibility of offering free bus travel to every resident of Aberdeen, by fully funding those residents who are not eligible for existing concessionary schemes.</p>	<p>Considered at the adjourned meeting on 25 August 2022.</p>		
10.3	<p><b><u>Councillor Tissera</u></b></p> <p>That the Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note that many Aberdeen citizens, like citizens from other cities, towns and villages in Scotland are</li> </ol>	<p>Considered at the adjourned meeting on 25 August 2022.</p>		

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	<p>reliant on food banks;</p> <p>2. note the good work that is done by many community leaders and volunteers within Aberdeen, who offer foodbank facilities within their communities, thus helping those most in need;</p> <p>3. note that falling incomes and inflation has left many food banks struggling to survive, however, thanks to the prudent financial management of the last Administration the Council achieved an underspend of £1.3m last year and therefore additional funds are available to the Council that hadn't been anticipated when the budget was set for 2022/23 and has not been allocated as part of the Quarter 1 Financial Performance Report. In addition, over £35m of cashable reserves are retained within the Common Good. All in all, cash is available to help struggling food banks if the political will is there;</p> <p>4. agree that with many citizens being unable to feed their families sufficiently and properly due to the high cost of food and with food banks in the city complaining that they are running out of food to help the most needy and vulnerable in Aberdeen, the time has come for the Council to stop counting the</p>			

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	<p>interest on its money and put some of that money into helping the most vulnerable in our city;</p> <p>5. agree therefore to allocate £500,000 from the General Fund 2022/23 contingency budget to be distributed to the various food bank charities within the city to allow them to help protect our most needy and vulnerable citizens; and</p> <p>6. agree to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance, to make appropriate arrangements for the urgent distribution of £500,000 from General Fund contingencies for the mitigation of food poverty across Aberdeen.</p> <p>7. appoint a Food Champion to focus on this crucial and complex issue in the immediate and longer term for the benefit of all Aberdeen citizens.</p>			
10.4	<p><b><u>Councillor Tissera</u></b></p> <p>Aberdeen City Council:-</p> <p>(1) congratulates England's Women's Football team on winning the European Championship.</p> <p>(2) agrees that the Lionesses are an inspiration to all girls and women</p>	<p>Considered at the adjourned meeting on 25 August 2022.</p>		

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	<p>right across the United Kingdom.</p> <p>(3) acknowledges the work that Sport Aberdeen is currently doing and agrees that the Council continues to work with Sport Aberdeen, Aberdeen Football Club's Women's Team and other women's football teams to promote girls' and women's participation in football and sport in our schools and communities, thus helping with the mental well-being of all those participating in sport.</p>			
11.1	<b><u>North East of Scotland Green Freeport - Update - COM/22/170</u></b>	Considered at the adjourned meeting on 25 August 2022.		
11.2	<b><u>Committee Structure and Scheme of Governance - Appendix 12</u></b>	Considered at the adjourned meeting on 25 August 2022.		

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