

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

CITY GROWTH AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2022

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1.1	<u>Notification of Urgent Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> there was no urgent business to be considered.		
2.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> 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 the following items of business:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13.1 - Proposed Disposal of Surplus Site at Oscar Road, Torry; • 13.2 - Proposed Disposal of Units 1 - 8, Woodlands Road, Dyce; • 13.3 - Request for Bank and Pension Fund Guarantees; • 13.4 - Wallace Tower; • 14.1 - Torry Heat Network - Fourth Progress Report – Exempt Appendices; and • 14.2 - Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - Exempt Appendices. 		
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		

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	<p><u>Transparency Statements</u></p>	<p>Councillor Macdonald declared an interest in relation to item 13.3 (Request for Bank and Pension Fund Guarantees) by virtue of her being a member of Aberdeen Heat and Power Ltd. She considered that the nature of her interest would require her to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item.</p> <p>Councillor Grant declared an interest in relation to agenda item 13.4 (Wallace Tower) by virtue of him being a former Chairman of the Tillydrone Community Development Trust. He considered that the nature of his interest would require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item.</p> <p>Councillor Cooke declared an interest in relation to agenda items 9.5 (Place Based Investment Programme) and 13.3 (Request for Bank and Pension Fund Guarantees) by virtue of him being a member of the Vestry at St Mary's Cathedral and a member of the Pensions Committee respectively. He considered that the nature of his interests would require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of these items.</p> <p>Councillor Cooke further advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 12.1 (Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme) which related to a number of facilities operated by Sport Aberdeen, by virtue of him being an observer member on the Board of Sport Aberdeen, however having applied the objective test, he did not</p>		

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		consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.		
4.1	<u>Deputations</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> there were no deputations.		
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 3 August 2022 - For Approval</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute.		
6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the reasons for the reporting delay in relation to item 6 (Property Auction Alternative Avenue of Surplus Asset Disposal Pilot Project), item 18 (Altens East Waste and Recycling Centre) and item 25 (Proposals for Investment for Works at Riverbank School to Accommodate the Relocation of St. Peter's School); (ii) to transfer item 23 (Climate Change Report 2021-22) to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee Business Planner as a result of their Terms of Reference; and (iii) to otherwise note the content of the Committee Business Planner.		
7.1	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Tissera - Foodbanks/Food Poverty</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) notes that the Operational Delivery Committee on the 31 August 2022 agreed to invest £1m in anti-poverty measures, including food provision, energy cost mitigation and		

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		<p>(ii) employability support; notes that the Partnership has identified £100k of savings from Civic and related Budgets within Common Good.</p> <p>(iii) instructs the Chief Officer – Finance to reduce the Common Good budgets in respect of Civic receptions, gifts and hospitality, Lord Provost travel and twinning activities by a total of £100k, and approves that this budget of £100k be invested in winter clothing for schoolchildren, and instructs the Chief Officer – Customer Experience to make arrangements for distributing these funds to families eligible for school clothing grants; and</p> <p>(iv) requests that a service update be provided to Committee members by the Chief Officer – Customer Experience advising how this money has been made available.</p>		
7.2	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Macdonald - Supported Bus Service for Footdee</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) notes the changes to the bus services implemented by First Bus earlier this year;</p> <p>(ii) instructs the Director of Commissioning to invite First Bus to meetings including the Convener and Vice Convener of the City Growth and Resources Committee (soon to be renamed the Finance and Resources Committee) and the Councillors for the George Street / Harbour Ward to discuss the impact the changes to the</p>		

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		<p>bus services have had on residents of Footdee, and to explore options to include Footdee in the public transport network; and</p> <p>(iii) instructs the Director of Commissioning to report back to the next meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee (2 November 2022) on the outcome of the meetings agreed in point 2 and any potential further steps.</p>		
8.1	<u>Referrals from Council, Committees or Sub Committees</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> there were no referrals.		
9.1	<u>Fleet Replacement Programme - OPE/22/202</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> <p>(i) notes the refreshed Fleet Asset Management Plan and supports use of the Plan to identify future replacement requests;</p> <p>(ii) notes that a detailed infrastructure plan is being developed by the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord working with Fleet 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) approves the phase 3 Fleet Replacement Programme for 2022/23 (as detailed in Appendix B) and notes</p>		

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		<p>non-carbon fuelling technologies will be prioritised where these options exist; and</p> <p>(iv) delegates authority to the Chief Officer – Operations & Protective Services, following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Shared Services (CPSS) 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 and Vice Convener, City Growth and Resources and thereafter to procure appropriate works, supplies and services, and enter into any contracts necessary for the vehicles and plant without the need for further approval from any other Committee of the Council, within the current Capital budget.</p>		
9.2	<p><u>Berryden Corridor Active Travel Connections - RES/22/177</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) notes the contents of the business case for the Ashgrove Connects project;</p> <p>(ii) agrees the recommendations within the business case for the Ashgrove Connects project appended to this report;</p> <p>(iii) instructs the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to submit a bid to Scottish Government’s Places for Everyone scheme for funding to enable the detailed design of the</p>		

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		<p>Ashgrove Connects project and implementation, and to circulate a Service Update to members of the Committee on securing match funding;</p> <p>(iv) notes the content of the Skene Square to City Centre route option assessment report;</p> <p>(v) agrees the preferred option within the Skene Square to City Centre route option assessment report and instructs the Chief Officer - Capital to progress the development of detailed design and, subject to 2.6, its implementation concurrently with the Berryden Corridor Improvement project;</p> <p>(vi) instructs the Chief Officer - Capital as part of the detailed design to develop a detailed estimate for the Skene Square to City Centre active travel connection project (being the preferred option as described in the Skene Square to City Centre route option assessment report) and if required, refer any additional funding requirement to this year's budget process;</p> <p>(vii) instructs the Chief Officer - Capital to progress all necessary approvals, permissions, licenses, agreements, and consents required to develop and implement the Ashgrove Connects & Skene Square to City Centre active travel connection projects;</p>		

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		<p>(viii) delegates authority to the Chief Officer – Capital, following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to consider and approve business cases (including estimated expenditures) for the Ashgrove Connects and Skene Square to City Centre active travel connection projects for the purposes of Procurement Regulation 4.1.1.2 and 4.1.1.4; thereafter to procure appropriate works and services, and enter into any contracts necessary for the delivery of the projects;</p> <p>(ix) notes the recommendation at page 145 of the agenda, “<i>Progress is made towards a comprehensive strategic network study to provide a city-wide plan prioritising active travel routes for future development. This process would benefit from targeted engagement that would greatly enhance and enrich the network planning process along with further data collection and auditing.</i>”; and instructs the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to circulate a Service Update to members of the Committee which sets out the requirements and timescales required to prepare a Strategic Network Study to provide a city-wide active travel priority plan;</p> <p>(x) notes ongoing work to progress the A944/A9119 multi-modal study and instructs the Chief Officer – Strategic</p>		

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		<p>Place Planning to ensure that this study fully considers, when the relevant report is prepared for committee, the linkages with the Ashgrove Connects scheme and wider Berryden Corridor Active Travel Connections; and</p> <p>(xi) instructs the Chief Officer - Capital to provide Service Updates to members of the Committee (as appropriate) on progress relating to recommendation 2.3, 2.5 and 2.7.</p>		
9.3	<p><u>Aberdeen City's Affordable Housing Delivery Programme - COM/22/197</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) approve the allocation of the Section 75 and Council Tax monies detailed at section 3.4 the report for the future delivery of affordable housing; and</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to recruit an additional Empty Homes Officer as detailed at section 3.5 of the report to build on the success achieved to date on bringing long-term empty private residential properties back into use.</p>		
9.4	<p><u>Aberdeen City's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2023/24 – 2027/2028 - COM/22/198</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) approve the SHIP and its submission to the Scottish Government;</p> <p>(ii) notes that the SHIP 2023/24-2028/29 highlights that 2021/22 produced 692 affordable housing completions which is the highest number of affordable homes delivered in Aberdeen through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme and that a further 653 are</p>		

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		<p>(iii) projected to be completed in 2022/23; records its thanks to all officers involved for their efforts both in preparing the latest SHIP and for their success in progressing the affordable housing priorities agreed in the previous SHIP;</p> <p>(iv) notes officer recommendations, which were approved at Full Council on 24 August 2022, in relation to the Council Financial Performance Q1 report and that these recommendations included, <i>“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 will be reported to the next appropriate meeting of City Growth and Resource Committee.”</i>; and</p> <p>(v) to otherwise note the verbal update provided by the Director of Resources in relation to the current volatility issues surrounding the construction industry.</p>		
9.5	<u>Place Based Investment Programme - COM/22/205</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) awards up to £11,000 to the St Mary’s Episcopal Church (at present procathedral) for the West end ‘Peace Garden’ project;</p> <p>(ii) awards up to £43,000 to Aberdeen City Council: Aberdeen Archives,</p>		

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		<p>(iii) Gallery and Museums (AAGM) for the Aberdeen Art Gallery auto-opening doors project; and instructs the Chief Officer – City Growth to enter into a grant agreement with Torry Development Trust and Grampian Housing Association for up to £1,408,965 specifically for the Victoria Road School Community Regeneration Project with the funding to come from the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund.</p>		
9.6	<p><u>Torry Heat Network - Fourth Progress Report - RES/22/204</u></p> <p>There are exempt appendices contained within the Exempt Appendices section of this agenda below.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) approves the proposed scope for the next phase (Phase 2) of the Torry Heat Network project detailed within section 3.1 of this report;</p> <p>(ii) approves expenditure on this project being increased, as described in exempt appendix 11.1, following receipt of the noted grant offer of £5.617m from the Scottish Government, towards the next phase (Phase 2) of the Torry Heat Network project;</p> <p>(iii) subject to the associated expenditure in recommendations 2.2 (of the report) being approved, approves the conclusion of call-off contracts with the Council’s framework Contractor for the design and build of Phase 2;</p> <p>(iv) authorises the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to enter into commercial discussions with Grampian Housing Association with</p>		

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		<p>regard to the potential supply of heat to their proposed mixed-use re-development of the former Victoria Road school, and report the outcome to a future meeting of this committee; and</p> <p>(v) authorises the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to enter into commercial discussions with Ark Housing Association with regard to the potential supply of heat to their Balnagask Court premises, and report the outcome to a future meeting of this committee.</p>		
9.7	<u>Aberdeen - A Real Living Wage City - COM/22/218</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) instructs the Chief Officer – City Growth to contribute on behalf of the Council to the development and implementation of an Action Plan setting out how Aberdeen will become recognised as a Real Living Wage City by 2026; and</p> <p>(ii) agrees that Councillor Allard, as the appointed Convenor of the Council’s new Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee with effect from 14 October 2022, is the Council’s spokesperson on anti-poverty and inequality matters, including the Real Living Wage.</p>		
10.1	<u>Performance Management Framework Report – City Growth and Resources Functions - CUS/22/203</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>notes the report and the performance information contained in the report Appendix.</p>		

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10.2	<u>A92 (Bridge of Don to Bridge of Dee) Multi-Modal Transport Corridor Study - COM/22/200</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) agree that work to further develop the options outlined in paragraph 3.8 below be progressed to Detailed Appraisal and Outline Business Case (OBC); (ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to develop the Detailed Appraisal and OBC in accordance with the Transport Scotland governance decisions on the gateways for the Bus Partnership Fund; (iii) note that the Bus Partnership Fund programme has been enabled through Scottish Government funding and that officers will continue to work with partners to deliver the projects in accordance with the grant conditions; and (iv) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to report back to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee with the Detailed Appraisal and OBC and next steps by March 2023. 		
10.3	<u>A947 Multi Modal Transport Corridor Study - COM/22/199</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) agree that work to further develop the options outlined in paragraph 3.8 below be progressed to Detailed Appraisal and Outline Business Case (OBC); (ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic 		

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		<p>(iii) Place Planning to proceed to Detailed Appraisal and OBC, subject to appropriate funding being sourced; instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to implement the ‘quick win’ options identified in paragraph 3.9 (of the report), subject to appropriate funding being sourced; and</p> <p>(iv) subject to recommendation 2.2, instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to report the Detailed Appraisal and Outline Business Case and next steps to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee when complete.</p>		
11.1	<u>No reports under this section</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		
12.1	<p><u>Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - RES/22/207</u></p> <p>There are exempt appendices contained within the Exempt Appendices section of this agenda below.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) notes the projects completed or legally committed to date in 2022/23 as shown in Appendix A;</p> <p>(ii) notes the currently approved projects and approves the amended estimated budgets for each project as shown in Appendix B;</p> <p>(iii) approves the new Condition & Suitability Programme projects listed in Appendix C for inclusion in the Condition & Suitability Programme and approves the estimated budget for each project and delegates authority to the Chief Officer - Capital,</p>		

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		<p>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) approves the removal of the projects listed in Appendix D;</p> <p>(v) delegates 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&S Programme should priorities change due to unforeseen circumstances during the year, with such changes to be reported retrospectively to the Committee; and</p> <p>(vi) approves the Outline Business Case for the Tolbooth Improvement Works project shown in Appendix H.</p>		
13.1	<u>Proposed Disposal of Surplus Site at Oscar Road, Torry - RES/22/201</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
13.2	<u>Proposed Disposal of Units 1 - 8, Woodlands Road, Dyce - RES/22/185</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		

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13.3	<u>Request for Bank and Pension Fund Guarantees - RES/21/212</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
13.4	<u>Wallace Tower - RES/22/206</u> An appendix containing the summary of representations from the consultation for Common Good will be circulated after the consultation closes on 20 September 2022.	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report.		
14.1	<u>Torry Heat Network - Fourth Progress Report - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> note the exempt appendices.		
14.2	<u>Condition and Suitability 3 Year Programme - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> note the exempt appendices.		

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