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To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 6 July 2022

COUNCIL - ADJOURNED MEETING

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2022 at 11.00am**. **This meeting will commence on conclusion of the Special Council meeting which starts at 10.00am, therefore the 11.00am start time is notional; it could start earlier or later.**

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FRASER BELL
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

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B U S I N E S S

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.6 Aberdeen Fuel Poverty Fund - CUS/22/130 (Pages 5 - 14)
- 9.7 Preventing Homelessness - Memorandum of Understanding between Aberdeen City Council and the Department of Work and Pensions - CUS/22/144 (Pages 15 - 24)
- 9.8 Piper Alpha Memorial - OPE/22/139 (Pages 25 - 30)
- 9.9 International Travel 2022/23 - COM/22/123 (Pages 31 - 42)

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Councillor Alphonse

That Council -

1. Notes the B999/ Shielhill Road junction improvements project is to be part-funded by developer contributions, provided by the developers of the ongoing north Dubford housing development.
2. Agree the B999/ Shielhill Road junction improvements project is a priority investment within the Council's Capital Programme.
3. Instruct the Chief Officer - Capital to review the project's current planned timeline and identify options to accelerate its delivery.
4. Instruct the Chief Officer - Capital to report these options to Council in August, identifying any impacts these may have on the wider Capital Programme.

10.2 Councillors Cooke and Greig

That Council instructs the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services, to take the necessary steps to amend the current advisory 20mph speed limit on Angusfield Avenue, between its junctions with Queen's Road and King's Gate, to a mandatory 20mph speed limit.

10.3 Councillors Cooke and Houghton

That this Council:

- (i) renews its commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant, which is based on the premise that those who serve or have served, and their families deserve respect, support and fair treatment. In particular, it states that: "Those who serve in the Armed Forces, whether regular or Reserve, those who have served in the past, and their families, should face no disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services. Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.";
- (ii) notes the Gold accreditation for the Council's Armed Forces Covenant through the Defence and Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS);
- (iii) is proud to be Armed Forces friendly and recognises the enormous contribution and sacrifices that members of the Armed Forces and their families make every day for the safety and security of our country;
- (iv) values the service of all British Armed Forces personnel, past and present, including those from Commonwealth Nations;
- (v) agrees to re-establish an Advisory Working Group, with its purpose being to ensure the commitments contained in the Armed Forces Covenant continue to be met, to appoint five Councillors (three partnership/two opposition) to the Advisory Working Group and invite the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to appoint three officers from education services, housing services and social work services to join the Advisory Working Group;
- (vi) requests the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to report to the relevant committee setting out what the Council is doing to support our serving and veteran community across the full range of services we provide and strengthen partnerships with the Armed Forces Community; and
- (vii) prepares for the new duty to give due regard to the Armed Forces Covenant in policy development and decision making.

10.4 Councillor Hutchison

That the Council -

- (a) notes the role of the council in protecting tenants in the private rented housing sector through licensing, registration and enforcement;
- (b) agrees that everyone living in the rented sector should be able to have an expectation of safe, secure and good-quality housing, and that this is undermined where landlords fail to meet their legal obligations;
- (c) instructs the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to report to a future committee on the operation of the private landlord registration and HMO licensing schemes, and short term lets legislation preparedness in Aberdeen. This should include the action taken when complaints are received about unlicensed landlords, and options to ensure that the public are aware of how to raise complaints.

10.5 Councillor Malik

That Council -

Congratulates Lower Deeside resident Sir Jimmy Milne CBE, DL, DHC Hon, FRIAS on his recent honour of a Knight Bachelor in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Birthday Honours 2022 for services to business and charity.

Notes the success of the Balmoral Group under the leadership of Sir Jimmy Milne.

Agrees that Sir Jimmy Milne's charity work as joint founder and chairman of Friends of ANCHOR, a charity established in 1997 which supports Aberdeen's cancer and haematology care unit, as well as financing many ground-breaking research programmes makes Sir Jimmy Milne a worthy recipient of this honour.

Further notes that since 1997 the Balmoral Group has funded all the fundraising team and administrative costs of Friends of ANCHOR. The charity, being in its 25th year, is on course to reach a record project target of £2m that will help make the difference in Aberdeen's new cancer care centre due to open in 2023.

10.6 Councillors Nicoll and Yuill (Pages 43 - 44)

That Council notes the Policy Statement considered at its meeting on 18 May 2022, and instructs the Chief Officer - Governance to bring forward proposals to the meeting of Full Council on 24 August 2022 with recommended changes to the Scheme of Governance **[Full details are contained within the attachment within the agenda at pages 43 to 44]**

EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

11.1 City Centre Masterplan Update - exempt appendix (Pages 45 - 46)

Amended appendix

11.2 Beachfront Masterplan Update - exempt appendix (Pages 47 - 48)

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ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	29 June 2022
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Aberdeen Fuel Poverty Fund
REPORT NUMBER	CUS/22/130
DIRECTOR	Andy MacDonald
CHIEF OFFICER	Derek McGowan / Jacqui McKenzie
REPORT AUTHOR	Paul Tytler
TERMS OF REFERENCE	21

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report seeks the approval of a scheme to deliver the £1,000,000 Aberdeen Fuel Poverty Fund, setting out national and local context and proposing that the fund is used for wider anti-poverty measures in the city.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Council approve that the £1,000,000 Fuel Poverty Fund is considered in the wider Cost of Living Support report due to be heard at the Operational Delivery Committee on the 31 August 2022.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 At the Council meeting held on 7 March 2022 the Chief Officers - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment and Customer Experience were instructed to prepare the details of a scheme to allocate £1,000,000 for an Aberdeen Fuel Poverty Fund to help the most vulnerable in our community with energy costs.
- 3.2 The table below sets out the Fuel Poverty Fund direction in the context of key national policy decisions on energy costs. Further detail on these schemes is provided in Appendix 1.

Date	Detail	Impact / predicted impact	Population level
10 Feb 2022	SG £150 Council Tax (A-D)	Mitigate cost of living pressure	73% of households
10 Feb 2022	Fuel Insecurity Fund	Mitigate energy costs and use	Target groups
7 th March	Fuel poverty fund	Mitigation of fuel poverty in Aberdeen	Targeted but tbc
25 May 2022	UK Gov £400 Energy bills	Mitigate energy cost increases	Whole population

25 May 2022	UK Gov £650	Mitigate cost of living – payments from 14 July	Targeted to those in receipt of means tested benefits
25 May 2022	UK Gov £300	Mitigate Pensioner Cost of Living – payment in November 2022	Targeted to those over state pension age
25 May 2022	UK Gov £150	Mitigate disability cost of living – payments from September 2022	Targeted to people with disabilities in receipt of benefits
Oct 2022	Projected 46% rise in energy cap	Increase in fuel poverty	Whole population

- 3.3 These national schemes assist in the mitigation of fuel poverty, mitigating energy cost increases but not tackling underlying fuel poverty, and target those households that were intended to benefit from the Council decision on the 7 March.
- 3.4 Commentary on these schemes has highlighted their positive impact but noted that they represent mitigation of the recent increase in the cost of household fuel.
- 3.5 The Resolution Foundation commented 'all measures announced this year to support households will in effect offset 82 per cent of the rise in households' energy costs in 2022-23, rising to over 90 per cent for poorer households'.
- 3.6 Money Advice Scotland commented that “We are pleased to see some much-needed support being introduced to help with the worsening cost of living crisis. These measures should provide some relief for those most affected and we are pleased to see support being directed to those on the lowest incomes”
- 3.7 The Poverty Alliance commented “It’s good that there is extra help being put in place for the poorest and most vulnerable households. The £650 grant going into the pockets of those on the lowest incomes, and the additional £150 for those who are also disabled, is support that is urgently needed. Together with the £400 energy bill deduction for all households, this will provide a safety net for those most impacted by the rising cost of living”.
- 3.8 While the schemes above aim to tackle the effect of fuel poverty through mitigating the recent increases in the cost of household fuel, it is believed relevant to show that fuel poverty is only one aspect of poverty being experienced in the city.
- 3.9 Other significant types of poverty experienced locally in addition to Fuel poverty include Child Poverty, Food Poverty and In Work Poverty, with a strong partnership response in place to tackle and mitigate against both the drivers and outcomes of poverty. This work is evident through Council service delivery,

and through Community Planning Aberdeen. The following sections outline work already ongoing in these areas.

- 3.10 The national Child Poverty Action Plan identifies national measures planned to support six key themes:
- Lone parent families
 - Minority ethnic families
 - Families with a disabled adult or child
 - Families with a younger mother (under 25)
 - Families with a child under 1
 - Larger families (3+ children)
- 3.11 Aberdeen's Child Poverty Action Report was agreed at Operational Delivery Committee in January 2022, and sets out local measures taken and planned to mitigate child poverty.
- 3.12 Research by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation identifies current stressors, other than household fuel costs, in the system that can increase poverty such as food costs, childcare costs, and motoring and other travel costs. Together, these equate to a rise in costs of 13% compared with last year.
- 3.13 The Office of National Statistics have recently demonstrated that the standard basket of 30 items has increased in cost by 6-7%, including everyday grocery items. Locally, CFINE are reporting a 50% increase in demand for emergency food since January 2022, an increase in partner referrals between April and May this year of 35%, with overall clients engaged during those two months increasing by 62%.
- 3.14 The cost of petrol and diesel has recently increased at the highest daily rate and is expected to increase further. 8th June saw the biggest daily rise in fuel costs in 17 years, with expectations that the cost of filling an average family car will soon reach £100.
- 3.15 There is no local information at this time about any cost of living impact on the cost or uptake of childcare, however the Joseph Rowntree Foundation suggest an increase of £65 in childcare costs is being experienced.
- 3.16 The Resolution Foundation show that poverty rates fall from 35% to 18% when household members move into employment, and that 37% of Universal Credit claimants in Scotland are in work. The claimant count in Aberdeen in April 2022 was 3.6%, having decreased on the year at a similar level to the whole of Scotland (down 2.5%). The number of job postings in Aberdeen increased in the year to April 2022 by 222% (second highest in Scotland) and increased from March 22 to April 22 by 51%. This demonstrates an improved employment position in the city but with Skills Development Scotland stating that pre covid

levels of employment are not expected before 2031, there will be an ongoing need to support people into employment.

3.17 These factors demonstrate that there are ongoing challenges when mitigating poverty in the city. Work is already underway at a Council and partnership level, for example:

- Employability and skills through the ABZ Works programme
- Increasing access to and take up of benefits, and financial inclusion advice
- Continuing to extend the community pantry model in priority neighbourhoods
- Support provided to households and families through various services
- The provision of the Fairer Aberdeen Fund and grants to community organisations across the city
- The distribution of the Hardship Grant funding

4. IDENTIFIED OPTION

4.1 In examining how the £1m Fuel Poverty Fund could be best distributed, options were investigated alongside partner organisations and Council services to deliver a scheme that would meet the following aims:

- help the most vulnerable with energy costs,
- ensure administration costs of the scheme are kept to a minimum,
- deliver the scheme quickly,
- maximise the number of recipients as far as possible.

4.2 Having assessed the fuel poverty measures introduced since 7 March, and the ongoing work to tackle poverty in all its form in the city, Officers believe that there is sufficient support at a national level to mitigate household fuel price increases at the moment to allow consideration of other options in making this fund available to tackle poverty. In addition, the City Growth and Resources Committee on 21 June will consider proposals under the Local Authority Covid Recovery Fund. The details are being finalised but will include a proposal for c£350k for hardship funding to support vulnerable people and families with a range of supports including food and fuel. Finally, the Operational Delivery Committee will consider a report on the cost of living on the 31 August.

4.3 Officers are therefore recommending that the £1,000,000 Fuel Poverty Fund is made available for the wider Cost of Living Support report due to be heard at the Operational Delivery Committee on the 31 August.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial recommendations arising from this report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

8. RISK

8.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement.

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk		No significant risk identified		Yes
Compliance		No significant risk identified		Yes
Operational		No significant risk identified		Yes
Financial		No significant risk identified		Yes
Reputational		No significant risk identified		Yes
Environment / Climate		No significant risk identified		Yes

9. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
	Impact of Report
<p>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</p> <p>Reduce fuel poverty across our most deprived communities through combined heat and power schemes including the Energy from Waste Plant and supporting community owned energy solutions</p>	<p>This proposal helps reduce fuel poverty by providing additional monies to help low-income households with energy costs.</p>
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</u>	

Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The proposal to provide additional monies to help with energy costs supports the delivery of LOIP Stretch Outcome 1 - No one will suffer due to poverty by 2026

10. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	N/A

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 None

12. APPENDICES

12.1 Additional Cost of Living and Energy Cost measures

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Appendix 1

Additional Cost of Living and Energy Cost measures

Award	Detail	Population level
Cost of Living Award	<p>£150 credit to Council Tax bills for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person who lives in a dwelling in any Council Tax valuation band, is liable for Council Tax and is in receipt of Council Tax Reduction. • A person who lives in and is liable for Council Tax for a band A-D dwelling and does not receive Council Tax Reduction • A person who lives in a dwelling in any Council Tax Band and receives one of the following exemptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemption due to all the occupants are under 18. • Exemption due to all the occupants are care leavers. • Council Tax Exemption due to all the occupants are severely mentally impaired. • Exemption due to the property is unoccupied because the resident has gone to someone else's home to provide care, or the resident receives care elsewhere 	Targeted
Energy Bill Support Scheme.	All domestic energy customers in Great Britain will receive a £400 grant to help with the cost of their energy bills through the Energy Bill Support Scheme.	Whole
£650 Cost of Living payment for those on benefits	More than 8 million households on means tested benefits will receive a payment of £650. This includes all households who receive Universal Credit, Income-based Jobseekers Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit, Pension Credit. Department of Work and Pensions will make the payment in two lump sums – the first from July, the second in the autumn. Payments from HMRC for those on Tax Credits only will follow shortly after	Targeted

	each to ensure there are no duplicate payments. The government will make these payments directly to households across the UK.	
£300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment	All pensioner households will receive an extra £300 to help them cover the rising cost of energy this winter. This payment will go to the over 8 million pensioner households who receive the Winter Fuel Payment. The Pensioner Cost of Living Payment will come as a top-up to annual Winter Fuel Payments in November/December. The government will make these payments directly to households across the UK.	Targeted
£150 Disability Cost of Living Payment	People with disabilities will receive an extra £150 to help with the extra costs they face. Six million people who receive Disability Living Allowance, Personal Independence Payment, Attendance Allowance, Scottish Disability Benefits, Armed Forces Independence Payment, Constant Attendance Allowance and War Pension Mobility Supplement will receive the support as a one-off payment in September. The government will make these payments directly to households across the UK.	Targeted
The Warm Homes Discount	2.2 million low-income households receive a £140 rebate on their energy bills. From 2022, proposed changes will see the scheme be worth £475 million a year with nearly 3 million households receiving a £150 rebate.	Targeted
Winter Fuel Payments	Providing payments of £200 for households with someone of State Pension Age, or £300 for Households with someone aged 80 or over. bills.	Targeted
Cold Weather Payments	£25 extra a week for poorer households when the temperature is zero or below.	Targeted
Child Winter Heating Assistance Payment	£214.10 for an eligible child or young person in the household. Paid once a year to those in receipt of highest rate of Disability Living Allowance/Child Disability Payment or enhanced rate of daily living Personal Independence Payment.	Targeted

Fairer Aberdeen Funding and revenue grant funding	Value of commitment and impact TBC	Whole and targeted
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ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	29 June 2022
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Preventing Homelessness – Memorandum of understanding between Aberdeen City Council and the Department of Work and Pensions
REPORT NUMBER	CUS/22/144
DIRECTOR	Andy MacDonald
CHIEF OFFICER	Derek McGowan
REPORT AUTHOR	Derek McGowan
TERMS OF REFERENCE	Introduction 6

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out work that has been undertaken jointly between Aberdeen City Council and the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at preventing homelessness and improving outcomes and seeks the approval of the MoU attached at Appendix 1, the identification of a co-signatory on behalf of the Council, and agreement that monitoring of the MoU will be on a six monthly basis to a relevant committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:-

- 2.1 approve the MoU;
- 2.2 agree that a co-leader of the council countersign the MoU on behalf of the Council; and
- 2.3 agree that update reports for the MoU be submitted on a six-monthly basis to the relevant committee.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The complex impact of the pandemic on households in Aberdeen is still being felt. Community Planning Aberdeen has created an Anti-Poverty Outcome Improvement Group to ensure a focussed partnership response to mitigating poverty, and the Local Outcome Improvement Plan has been refined to ensure an overall continued focus on eradicating poverty in all its forms.
- 3.2 As a Council we have a number of service areas that rely on close working with the DWP to be truly effective. These include services such as Financial Inclusion, Revenues and Benefits, Homelessness and Housing.

- 3.3 It is clear however that wider Council and DWP services have an impact in more diverse areas of life, and that the quality of these services, and the extent to which they are delivered collaboratively, can have a significant impact on the quality of the recipient's life.
- 3.4 Officers have worked with the DWP to develop this MoU, which is aimed at improving outcomes and preventing homelessness. The MoU is a stated intention to focus not only on obvious areas for collaboration, but on areas where a collaborative approach will achieve benefits across a wider range of households.
- 3.5 The MoU has a focus on the sharing of data and intelligence across a number of areas, strengthening and accelerating our existing approach to decision making around homelessness, those with No Recourse to Public Funds, and Universal Credit.
- 3.6 The MoU identifies areas where we will work closely on supporting those with substance use issues, in the criminal justice system, and with regard to safeguarding, drugs deaths and suicide. This signifies our intent to ensure our work goes beyond existing practices and into the drivers and outcomes of societal issues and provide better outcomes for individuals.
- 3.7 The MoU provides assurance on our focus to eradicate poverty in all its forms, supported by the DWP where possible, and identifies key poverty profiles including in work poverty, which echoes the Council Partnership Agreement, and also Care Experienced Young People.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	Impact of Report
<p>HOMES FOR THE FUTURE</p> <p>Work with partners to produce a ten-year plan to increase the stock and variety of Council and social housing to meet the needs of Aberdeen's citizens and continue to deliver Council and social housing projects, including at Greenferns and Granitehill, to tackle the Council house waiting lists and do everything in our power to end homelessness.</p> <p>A PROSPEROUS CITY</p> <p>Develop our economy in a genuine partnership with the private sector, third sector and residents.</p>	<p>The Memorandum of Understanding will help ensure the Council delivers on its stated vision.</p>

<p>A CARING CITY</p> <p>Work with partners to identify and agree specific integrated solutions for tackling the health and social problems caused by misuse of alcohol and drugs.</p>	
<p><u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</u></p>	
<p>Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes</p>	<p>The proposal to provide additional monies to help with energy costs supports the delivery of LOIP Stretch Outcomes:</p> <p>1 - No one will suffer due to poverty by 2026</p> <p>2 - 400 unemployed Aberdeen City residents supported into Fair Work by 2026</p> <p>3 - 500 Aberdeen City residents upskilled/ reskilled to enable them to move into, within and between economic opportunities as they arise by 2026</p> <p>10 - 25% fewer people receiving a first ever Court conviction and 2% fewer people reconvicted within one year by 2026</p> <p>11 - Healthy life expectancy (time lived in good health) is five years longer by 2026</p> <p>12 - Rate of harmful levels of alcohol consumption reduced by 4% and drug related deaths lower than Scotland by 2026</p>

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
<p>Integrated Impact Assessment</p>	<p>Stage 1 completed</p>
<p>Data Protection Impact Assessment</p>	<p>Each proposal for data sharing will be subject to DPIA at the appropriate time.</p>
<p>Other</p>	<p>N/A</p>

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Memorandum of Understanding

12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES IN ABERDEEN

Memorandum of Understanding

between

Aberdeen City Council

and

Department of Work and Pensions

June 2022 – April 2027

Our collective vision for Aberdeen is “A place where all people can prosper”. Regardless of their background or circumstance, everyone in this city should enjoy the same opportunities to flourish as an individual. The Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) sets out the means for achieving this. This 10-year plan is led by Community Planning Aberdeen in partnership with local people, communities and other organisations.

The arrival of the Covid-19 pandemic just over a two years ago impacted the wellbeing of our people and place as never before. At a local level, our response brought into sharp focus the value of partnership working and reaffirmed the essential rightness of the LOIP and its tenets. A huge amount of work had already been done across the partnership to take forward LOIP projects, and this positioned us well for the pandemic and we are now focussed on ensuring Aberdeen’s continued economic, health and social recovery.

The pandemic is expected to push more people into immediate poverty and a stretch outcome of the LOIP states - ‘No one will suffer due to poverty by 2026’. This signals our determination to tackle poverty through the city’s LOIP to provide access to food, fuel, shelter, employment, and finance. Preventing homelessness is a key aim that wraps around these aims.

Between March and November 2020, there was a significant increase in unemployment and a similar increase in the number of people on Universal Credit. That’s why we are working with employers to teach skills and map out career paths, so those most vulnerable to redundancy and unemployment, both young and old, can find and sustain work. Over a quarter of all Scottish PACE redundancy levels through the pandemic have been in Aberdeen, the majority coming from Oil and Gas, and retail sectors.

This MoU underpins this broad vision, by supporting our understanding of the depth and breadth of population needs across Aberdeen. By coordinating our efforts, improving the gathering and use of intelligence, we can ultimately improve the services we offer to both residents and employers. Through this partnership we can also maximise current resources, identify gaps and ensure relevant strategies and programmes are cognisant of this.

The objective of this MoU is therefore to inform a comprehensive, agreed programme of work that will allow the Department of Work and Pensions to support Aberdeen City Council in its aim to prevent homelessness and increase opportunities and support for Aberdeen residents. This MoU takes effect with regard to extant legislation and existing protocols, and will cover the period 1st June 2022 – 30th April 2027. The MoU will be reviewed annually to ensure attainment of goals, for the addition of any emerging issues, and to ensure new legislation is reflected in the agreed terms. Quarterly progress review meetings will be convened, with partnership leadership identified accordingly.

SIGNED ACC

SIGNED DWP



**Margarita Morrison
Work & Health Services
Area Director- Scotland**

Our joint offer to prevent homelessness and improve outcomes in Aberdeen

ACC and DWP's commitment to work together is guided by a number of principles:

- I. ACC and DWP will work together to support homeless citizens by:
 - a) Working towards a data sharing agreement to allow the sharing and analysis of customer data so changes in benefit status for homeless households can be identified
 - b) Share information within data protocols on new tenancies created through the homeless process to ensure support is provided when starting a new home
 - c) Co-locate where appropriate to enhance the support available to those experiencing homelessness
 - d) Replicate the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 "Duty to Refer" arrangement, ensuring that where work coaches are aware of a homeless person, they refer to ACC
 - e) Create a Single Point of Contact Model (SPOC) for homelessness and work together to support homeless applicants with no income, reducing the timescale for support where possible
 - f) Collaborate where possible to determine status of No Recourse to Public Funds groups as quickly as possible.
- II. ACC and DWP will continue to work collaboratively, sharing intelligence as per current protocols and seek to further develop these, including supporting Universal Credit 'mass migration' when this is planned.
- III. DWP will continue to be an active partner in Community Planning Aberdeen, continuing our work through the Aberdeen Prospers Group, and actively participating in the Anti-Poverty Group and Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. This will include:
 - a) DWP advisors co-locating with ADP services to support stabilisation and recovery
 - b) ADP support to DWP to identify alcohol/drug risks and pathways
- IV. DWP will continue to be an active partner in the Criminal Justice system, building on work already being provided at HMP Grampian through:
 - a) Collaborating with ACC's Prison Liaison Officer to ensure planned support is in place prior to liberation
 - b) DWP joining the Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Strategic Oversight Group as required.
- V. ACC and DWP will continue work together to support families in the current Home Office Afghan Resettlement Scheme, with DWP
 - a) Actively engaging in Afghan Resettlement Scheme Tactical meetings
 - b) Assigning a work coach to all families or individuals where eligible
 - c) Participating in quarterly reviews of the resettlement scheme, identifying lessons learned and ensuring these are translated into practice
 - d) Participating in any future resettlement schemes.
- VI. ACC and DWP will work together and in collaboration with other National and Local partners to support employability across Aberdeen. This will include –
 - a) supporting young people to overcome multiple barriers to employment, including:
 - i. The establishment of a Youth Hub, as well as introducing Youth Employability Coaches, specifically to work with 18 to

- 24-year-old unemployed people, in order to increase both skills attainment and employment outcomes
 - ii. Continuing to develop the established Local Employability Partnership
 - iii. Sharing relevant and appropriate information, to enhance young people's employability and ensure a positive destination is reached.
 - b) Supporting adults to overcome barriers to employment, including:
 - i. ACC and DWP will collaborate to link local employment opportunities with Community Benefit clauses included in procurement contracts
 - ii. ACC and DWP will work with key stakeholders to co-ordinate an effective offer for individuals and employers at risk of redundancy
 - iii. ACC and DWP will collaborate to maximise the employability of people with long term health conditions
 - iv. Reviewing these arrangements on an ongoing basis.
- VII. ACC and DWP will work together to strengthen the support available to lone parent families. This will include:
- a) An agreed contact point for escalation between both organisations where a lone parent family requires additional support
 - b) Joint access to relevant systems and common data platforms allowing quantitative analysis and prediction. This will include ACC Housing and Council systems, and Stat Xplore.
 - c) Agreement of referral pathways where there are mental health issues being experienced by the lone parent
 - d) Exploring the creation of a Parent Hub to provide wraparound support
 - e) DWP as a stakeholder in the development of the Family Support Model in Aberdeen.
- VIII. ACC and DWP will collaborate to ensure the new Housing and Support delivery model provides support to tenants:
- a) At risk of becoming homeless to resolve any housing element issues timeously
 - b) An agreed contact for escalation between both organisations
 - c) Commitment to sharing feedback on the development of the landlord portal, influencing where possible.
- IX. ACC and DWP will work together to tackle safeguarding, suicide and drugs deaths. This will include:
- a) Enhancing and define existing escalation and referral routes where safeguarding concerns are identified, including through the Risk and Concern Hub
 - b) DWP becoming an active partner in the City's Alcohol and Drugs Partnership in its attempts to reduce drugs deaths in the City task force
 - c) Sharing of information regarding financial harm
- X. DWP will support ACC wherever possible in its vision to eradicate poverty in all its forms. This will be based on whole and targeted population data, including at locality level, and include the sharing of data through a data sharing agreement on:
- a) Child poverty
 - b) Fuel poverty
 - c) Food poverty
 - d) In work poverty
 - e) Poverty and employment issues affecting minority ethnic communities
 - f) Care experienced young people.

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ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	29 June 2022
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Piper Alpha Memorial
REPORT NUMBER	OPE/22/139
DIRECTOR	Rob Polkinghorne
CHIEF OFFICER	Mark Reilly
REPORT AUTHOR	Steven Shaw
TERMS OF REFERENCE	Introduction 6

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the current situation regarding the Piper Alpha Memorial and the North Sea Memorial Rose Gardens at Hazlehead Park.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 2.1 Note the contents of the report; and
- 2.2 Instructs the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services, to connect with, meet with, and agree next steps, with all relevant parties with the outcome of the meeting to be reported back to the Operational Delivery Committee in August 2022.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 Piper Alpha was an oil production platform located in the North Sea approximately 120 miles north-east of Aberdeen. It exploded on the 6th of July 1988; 167 people lost their lives. It left just 61 survivors. It was the world's worst ever offshore disaster. Within 2 hours the Piper Alpha went from being one of the world's largest oil producers, to a burning wreckage. Lord Cullen's report published in 1990 made 106 recommendations that have changed the safety culture not just offshore, but in many other industries.
- 3.2 On 6 July 1991, on the third anniversary of the disaster, a memorial sculpture showing three oil workers was erected in the rose gardens within Hazlehead Park. The figures represent, on the West, the physical nature of offshore trades, the East, youth and eternal movement and the North holds an unwinding spiral, which represents oil, in the left hand.

The memorial was designed and sculpted by the artist Sue Jane Taylor. The memorial has the names of all 167 men who died, engraved on the pink granite plinth, alongside their ages.

- 3.3 The official brochure relating to “The Piper Alpha Memorial” was published in 1991 and limited to 3000 copies. Within the brochure, the Piper Alpha Memorial is referred to as the “memorial,” but the gardens surrounding it are referred to as “The North Sea Rose Garden.”
- 3.4 Records available to Environmental Services have the garden named the North Sea Memorial Rose Garden.
- 3.5 The name of the garden was reconfirmed in 2013, at the 25-year rededication ceremony. New ‘North Sea Memorial Rose Garden’ signs were installed at this time.
- 3.6 Aberdeen City Council own the memorial and the gardens. The maintenance of the gardens is undertaken by the Hazlehead Park team. This team is managed and supported by Environmental Services.
- 3.7 In May 2022 the Pound for Piper Memorial Trust officially announced their proposal to redesign the gardens.
- 3.8 Pound for Piper was set up in 2012. Since its inception the Trust’s main purpose has been to ensure that the Piper Alpha Memorial and the gardens are cared for and maintained to a high standard. For many years, the Trust has invested funding and their time in supporting the gardens. Aberdeen City Council have a very good relationship with the Trust and together, have always given support to ensure that the gardens are sustainable and well looked after.
- 3.9 The Pound for Piper Memorial Trust’s launched their redesign project on the 13 May 2022. The launch was about sharing a conceptual design, gathering feedback, gauging the level of support, and raising funding. The project looks to support the future of the gardens and reflects the Trust’s vision and long-term purpose to ensure that the monument and gardens are maintained to a high standard for years to come. In their own words, ‘to ensure that the gardens remain a special place for solace, comfort and contemplation.’
- 3.10 The proposal has had a great deal of media coverage. There has been support for the project, but it has also upset families affected by the disaster. The wider public has also put forward a number of comments on the redesign, both for and against it.
- 3.11 On the 6 June 2022 a petition, ‘Stop the redesign and renaming of the Piper Alpha Memorial Garden’ was received by Aberdeen City Council. The petition has over 5000 signatures.
- 3.12 The petitioners feel that there has not been full consultation on the proposed redesign and are seeking inclusive consultation prior to any decisions being taken. They request that the garden should not be renamed or rebranded as a generic monument and garden, thereby removing the strong association of the space with the disaster. They have called for the garden not to be replaced or redesigned but retained as it is and for Aberdeen City Council to maintain it to an excellent standard. They believe that the memorial and garden should be protected from redevelopment and rebranding, for example by Listed or Scheduled status. They have also called for the garden to be officially recognised as the Piper Alpha Memorial Garden.

- 3.13 The Piper Alpha Memorial and the North Sea Memorial Rose Garden are of huge significance to those affected by the Piper Alpha disaster, and to the people of Aberdeen. The Council recognises the importance of fully consulting on any proposal to ensure all voices are heard, as part of any decision-making process.
- 3.14 There has been no discussion between the Pound for Piper Memorial Trust and Aberdeen City Council on rebranding or renaming the memorial or the gardens. There has been no final decision made on the garden redesign.
- 3.15 Council Officers will meet with all relevant parties to agree a way forward and next steps. The outcome of the meeting will be reported back to the Operational Delivery Committee.
- 3.16 In due course a full report will be brought to a Council Committee to discuss the future of the gardens. As part of the formal process any proposed changes to the gardens will be subject to consultation and all relevant planning approvals. The final decision on the future of the memorial and the gardens will be made by the Council.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

- 7.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement.

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) <small>*taking into account controls/control actions</small>	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?

Strategic Risk	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA
Compliance	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA
Operational	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA
Financial	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA
Reputational	Communication and consultation does not include everyone with a connection to the garden.	Communication with all groups and decision-making being led by the council in all aspects of the project.	M	Yes
Environment / Climate	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	Supports the delivery of Aberdeen City Council Policy through the Council's commissioning intentions, aligned to the LOIP key drivers, and stretch outcomes.
Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The project would have had minimal impact on the stretch outcomes and the recommendations will have no negative impact.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	The project would have had minimal impact on the stretch outcomes and the recommendations will have no negative impact.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The project would have had minimal impact on the stretch outcomes and the recommendations will have no negative impact.
Regional and City Strategies	No impact identified
UK and Scottish Legislative and Policy Programmes	No impact identified

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Not required.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required.
Other	None

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NA

11. APPENDICES

NA

12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	International Travel 2022/23
REPORT NUMBER	COM/22/123
DIRECTOR	Gale Beattie
CHIEF OFFICER	Richard Sweetnam
REPORT AUTHOR	Jim Johnstone
TERMS OF REFERENCE	Introduction 6

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for immediate overseas travel that is required to support relevant City Growth activities in 2022/23.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes the current Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with international partner cities that are supported by the Council;
- 2.2 Notes the support provided to international trade activity led by Scottish Development International (SDI) and the Department for International Trade (DIT);
- 2.3 Notes the submission of the H2 Twin Cities application under the US Government Clean Energy Ministerial with the city of Kobe in May 2022;
- 2.4 Approves international travel as detailed below and subject to the maximum expenditure as detailed in paragraph 4.2:
- (a) Two officers to attend ONS event in Stavanger, Norway between 29 August – 1 September 2022;
 - (b) The Lord Provost and one officer to attend WECP Annual General Meeting in Esbjerg, Denmark between 5 – 8 October 2022; and
 - (c) Up to two officers to attend CERA Week Conference in Houston, USA between 6-10 March 2023.
- 2.5 Delegates authority to the Chief Officer - City Growth to authorise necessary and appropriate travel documentation and associated expenditure for the travel noted in para 2.4 above, provided the cost thereof does not exceed the budget referred to in section 4 of this report, and notes that all international travel is in line with current Council travel policies and international travel and Covid-19 guidance;

- 2.6 Agrees that additional international travel will be discussed with the Council Co-Leaders and a report brought to the appropriate committee if a decision to travel is required; and
- 2.7 Agrees that an annual service update will be circulated to members reporting on the outcomes of all the overseas activity proposed in this report.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Council supports international trade activity through a series of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and further details are provided in Appendix One.
- 3.2 The Council is a founding member of the World Energy Cities Partnership (WECP), which connects 19 global energy capitals. This network enables the Council and regional partners to work with member cities as they deliver energy transition. The WECP bylaws state that “those persons serving as the head of the municipal or provincial government of each Member City participate in the Board of Directors”.
- 3.3 There are opportunities for business to business links to be established as a result of the MoUs/ WECP, and as activity is planned, officers liaise with Scottish Development International (SDI) and Department for International Trade (DIT), the trade and investment agencies of the Scottish Government and UK Government respectively. This ensures that there is wider awareness of activity and alignment to wider trade and investment priorities.
- 3.4 In May 2022, a submission to the US Government Clean Energy Ministerial initiative, H2 Twin Cities, was made with MoU partner city Kobe. This submission is a positive example of our existing MoU serving as a springboard for additional activity in support of the Regional Economic Strategy (RES) priorities. The outcome of the bid is expected to be announced in July 2022. If successful both cities will be able to work together to mentor and knowledge share resulting in an accelerated transition into hydrogen power. The bid narrative is provided in Appendix Two.
- 3.5 The Council is a full member of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) and the North Sea Commission within this. CPMR represents more than 150 shoreline regions, campaigning in favour of a more balanced development of European territory. The Council is also a member of a thematic group for sustainable communities, Smart Regions.
- 3.6 Since March 2020, in response to travel restrictions as a result of Covid-19, CPMR activity has been taking place through Teams. At the time of this report it is not known whether this will continue, or, if face to face meetings are needed.
- 3.7 International travel and associated spend in relation to the Council’s current projects in hydrogen have been highlighted in the approved budgets in previous Committee reports. These also approved delegation of authority to the Chief Officer of City Growth to agree related trips specified in project contracts.

International Activity Plan 2022/23

3.8 Officers have been reviewing which activities to prioritise for 2022/23, and the implications in terms of overseas travel. To appraise the benefits of each attendance, it is proposed that the following criteria are used to inform the decision to travel:

1. Meetings/review points with MoU partners should take place online where possible. In the event that attendance by an Elected Member is requested, this will be discussed with the Co-Leaders of the Council;
2. Engagement will reflect the sectoral priorities in the RES – for example, energy, food, drink, agriculture and fishing, life sciences and creative industries;
3. Engagement will reflect wider RES priorities of innovation, trade, inward investment or job creation;
4. Where appropriate, overseas travel should be supported by businesses, in consultation with SDI, DIT and/or Aberdeen & Grampian Chamber of Commerce. This will ensure activity is aligned to specific needs of business in the city;
5. WECP attendance at the AGM and Working Group meetings;
6. Where applicable, in support of project activity in support of the North Sea Commission and Smart Regions Group.

3.9 Where face-to-face visits are required outside of Aberdeen, officers will confirm the nature of request using the above criteria and whether elected member and/or officer representation is required. This will then be agreed with the Council Co-Leaders and a report brought to committee if a decision to travel is required.

3.10 The Council will support inward delegations from MoU/ WECP partners regions and ensure that Aberdeen businesses and wider stakeholders are included where appropriate.

3.11 The following trips are proposed as a priority for the Council:

- Under Criteria 2 and 3: ONS event in Stavanger, Norway between 29 August – 1 September 2022 – two officers (one from Invest Aberdeen and one from the Council);
- Under Criteria 2 and 5: WECP AGM attendance (October 2022) – the Lord Provost and one supporting officer;
- Under Criteria 3: CERA Week Conference in Houston, USA between 6-10 March 2023 – restricted to one officer if there is attendance by other Aberdeen stakeholders (for example, and funded by them, NZTC, HE sector);

3.12 An annual service update will be circulated to members reporting on the outcomes of all the overseas activity proposed in this report.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 As a final schedule has not been agreed for the North Sea Executive Committee or Smart Regions Group meetings, no decision is required from Council at this time. Officers recommend that a report is brought to the next Committee cycle if overseas travel is required. This equates to a budgeted cost of £14,000, highlighted in the table below. Please note that this will be dependent on the

Council agreeing to an elected member being appointed as a representative to these outside bodies; as per the paper that is earlier in the agenda of this meeting.

- 4.2 Council approval is required in relation to the proposals for ONS, WECP and CERA Week, at a total cost of up to £16,000. These costs will be met via the approved City Growth budgets for 2022/ 23.

Destination	Attendance	Dates	Estimated costs
ONS Stavanger	2 officers	29 August – 1 September 2022	£6,000
WECP AGM, Esbjerg	Lord Provost + 1 officer	October 2022 (TBC)	£4,000
CERA Week, Houston	Up to 2 officers (if a partner stakeholder attends, there is only a requirement for one officer)	6 – 10 March 2023	£6,000
Total			£16,000
CPMR General Assembly	1 elected member + 1 officer	European location TBC (in-person attendance will be based on location)	c. £2,000
North Sea Executive Committee Meetings (x3)	1 elected member + 1 officer	European location TBC (in-person attendance will be based on location)	c. £6,000
Smart Regions Group Meetings (x3)	1 elected member + 1 officer	European location TBC (in-person attendance will be based on location)	c. £6,000
Total			£14,000

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 stipulates that Elected Members' travel can only be funded if it is classed as an 'approved duty'. Approved duties include *"the carrying out of any other duty approved by the local authority, or anything of a class so approved for the purposes of, or in connection with, the discharge of functions of the local authority or any of its committees or sub-committees"*.
- 5.2 Local authorities have a statutory duty to secure best value as per section 1 of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003. The Council has Travel Policies for both members and officers. All travel should be booked in accordance with the arrangements set out in these policies to ensure the most cost-effective travel arrangements are utilised.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The report recommendations will have an immediate negative environmental implication, namely an increase in carbon emissions due to air travel. To counter this, regular meetings to fulfil MoU commitments will take place virtually and where travel is necessary, efforts will be made to ensure a full and valuable itinerary. Consideration can also be given to minimising the carbon footprint when booking travel, i.e. booking a train rather than a flight when travelling domestically within a country (when the itinerary allows) or booking 'green' airfares only.
- 6.2 Taking a longer-term view, it could be said that the environmental implications of this report are positive, given the recommended alignment of international trade priorities with stakeholders and international partners who can aid us in achieving net zero goals.

7. RISK

- 7.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement.

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk	Failure to adapt to the changing priorities in international energy markets with a consequent negative impact on local economic activity	Alignment with Scottish and UK government priority transition markets for trade and exports internationally. Alignment with Council's objectives, ambitions and ongoing projects in energy transition. Continued monitoring of net zero projects and advancements globally to ensure we have fruitful connections.	M	Yes
Compliance	Spend not in line with approved duties. Inherent risk involved in travel to certain markets e.g. security.	All travel will be booked and managed in accordance with Council's Travel Policies for Members and Officers. FCO travel	L	Yes

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) <i>*taking into account controls/control actions</i>	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
		advice will be followed.		
Operational	International travel has been deemed high risk during Covid-19, but these risks can now be managed and minimised considering destination on a case-by-case basis.	A thorough risk assessment is undertaken prior to any travel outside of the UK. This forms part of the pre-travel briefing. The Council has sufficient travel insurance in place.	L	Yes
Financial	There is a risk that actual costs exceed those anticipated in this report.	The approved plan and costing estimate will ensure that no travel will be booked if it exceeds the total approved budget.	L	Yes
Reputational	There are reputational risks for the city if it does not actively participate in existing international relationships and networks and in developing market relationships that will be beneficial to the city. These are vital to ensure that the city's global profile, particularly as net zero driver, is maintained.	Fulfilling the Council's obligation in terms of WECP membership will ensure continued international profile. Working with SDI and DIT will ensure that Aberdeen maximises and benefits from international trade activity.	M	Yes
Environment / Climate	Carbon footprint of air travel.	Travel plan has been streamlined to only include overseas trips deemed necessary and beneficial.	M	Yes

8. OUTCOMES

Impact of Report	
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	Recommendations in this report support the delivery of Economy Policy Statement 11 and Place Policy Statements 1 and 2, aligned to unleashing the non-oil and gas economic potential of the city.
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</u>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	Recommendations in this report will contribute to Economy Stretch Outcomes; international market relationships assist Aberdeen companies to increase their export turnover and grow which in turn leads to training and employment opportunities.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The stakeholder and international relationships with like-minded global transitioning cities, and the associated best practice and knowledge sharing with these partners, will enable us to achieve Place Stretch Outcome 13 – reducing carbon emissions by 61% by 2026.
Regional and City Strategies	<p>The report conforms with the objectives of Council's Strategic Infrastructure Plan, the Regional Economic Strategy (RES), H2 Aberdeen Strategy, WECP Strategic Plan and the Net Zero Routemap for the city.</p> <p>The report conforms with the objectives of the Scottish Government's 'Vision for Trade' and recent policy announcements.</p>

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	Not required

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 COM/21/100 – International Trade Plan 2021-2022 – 11th May 2021
- 10.2 PLA/19/178 – World Energy Cities Partnership AGM, Presidency and Travel – 7th February 2019

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix One – International Memoranda of Understanding
- 11.2 Appendix Two – H2 Twin Cities Project Narrative

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Appendix 1: International Memoranda of Understandings

MoU City	MoU Country	Industry Focus	Sign Date	Expiry Date	Progress
Barranquilla	Colombia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Wind Oil & Gas 	Apr-17, renewed Sep-21	Sep-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aberdeen assisted Barranquilla to join World Energy Cities Partnership (WECP) Inward delegations – 2016, 2017, 2019 Outward missions - 2017, 2019, 2022 Robert Gordon University collaboration with local university on skills development (confidential) University of Aberdeen collaboration and participation in energy conference in Barranquilla Collaboration with OPITO regarding offshore safety standards for industry Introductions and possible partnership discussions with ASET, Peterson and Bristow (confidential) Barranquilla to bid to host WECP AGM in 2023 Barranquilla participation in PORTIS project through peer learning exchange ProColombia invest event around supply chain opportunities in offshore wind and hydrogen AIA trade mission to Colombia in May 2022 Contact made with ProBarranquilla about future collaboration
Hammerfest	Norway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Marine Resource Hydrogen 	Apr-22	Apr-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual attendance at Hammerfest's Barents Sea Conference Aberdeen-Norway Gateway webinar – June 2022 ONS Stavanger 2022 – to confirm action plan
Kobe	Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrogen Marine 	Jan-19, renewed Mar-22	Mar-25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aberdeen assisted Kobe to join WECP Inward delegations – 2016, 2018 and WECP AGM 2019 Outward missions – 2017, 2019 Invest event around Japanese Renewables in February 2020 RGU Marine Industries Summer School for Kobe City Engineers – 2018, 2019, 2022 Direct engagement through Kobe City Consultant based in Aberdeen Partner applicant for H2 Twin Cities initiative
Macaé	Brazil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil & Gas, Wind 	Oct-20	Dec-23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Mayor in 2021, has issued an invitation for a delegation from Aberdeen in 2022 Possible relationship to be scoped between University of Macaé DIT Mexico considering an Offshore Wind Mission to the UK in 2022, Aberdeen potential location
Muroran City	Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H2 Development Offshore Wind 	Sep-21	Sep-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focused on hydrogen with both cities launching a hydrogen hub, and priority action to investigate the potential of the Northern Sea shipping Route for export and import Invitation for Aberdeen to attend Muroran City Hydrogen Forum in October/November 22
Pemba	Mozambique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil & Gas Energy Transition Routemap 	Feb-18, renewed Mar-21	Mar-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outward missions – 2015, 2018 Inward delegation – 2019 WECP AGM attendance Meetings around infrastructure and net zero routemap – March 2022 Letter of intent to apply to join WECP sent to Lord Provost as President – April 2022

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Appendix Two: H2 Twin Cities Partnership – Kobe and Aberdeen

Project Narrative

H2 Twin Cities is an initiative under the US Government Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) with support from multiple CEM country members (including the UK) where two or more cities can apply to receive support to share ideas, mentor and learn from each other.

It is anticipated that cities will partner for a minimum of five years.

The cities of Kobe (Japan) and Aberdeen (United Kingdom) who are both at the forefront of Hydrogen deployment have come together to accelerate and enhance their transition into a Hydrogen based society and are now planning to apply for project funding under “sibling cities” category.

As part of the project the cities will share and develop best practices and lessons learned between each other, as well as showcase to other regions through the H2 Twin Cities platform, in order to further accelerate progress.

This project between Kobe and Aberdeen arises from a long-standing relationship between the two cities beginning with a letter of intent in 2018 and culminating in a memorandum of understanding signed recently. It is intended to share experiences in global partnerships and facilitate learning between the two cities and locally relevant organisations.

The key deliverables of this project are as follows:

- Share and develop best practices and lessons learnt to showcase Hydrogen journey which includes Fuel Cell Vehicles (FCVs), buses, waste trucks and port cargo handling machinery
- Exchange of information on the use of renewables and hydrogen energy in decarbonising ports
- Exchange of information for providing power and heat using hydrogen co-generation systems and hydrogen boilers. Undertake joint feasibility study for utilising hydrogen within the residential areas including the viability of liquefied hydrogen
- Facilitate personnel exchanges between the Liquefied Hydrogen Research Center, being developed by the Kobe City Government, and Aberdeen’s Net Zero Technology Centre for the purpose of joint collaborations
- Facilitate personnel exchange and joint research between the universities in both cities (e.g. Kobe University, Robert Gordon University and University of Aberdeen) to encourage more learning and globally recognised and industry approved courses in Renewables Energy
- Provide a platform for relevant stakeholders and businesses to engage in discussion in forming and developing a supply chain

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That Council notes the Policy Statement considered at its meeting on 18 May 2022, and instructs the Chief Officer - Governance to bring forward proposals to the meeting of Full Council on 24 August 2022 with recommended changes to the Scheme of Governance to incorporate the following:-

Terms of Reference

- Dis-establish the Capital Programme Committee and transfer the remit to the City Growth and Resources Committee
- Dis-establish the Strategic Commissioning Committee and transfer the remit to Full Council and any other committee as appropriate
- Extend the scope of the Education Operational Delivery Committee to include children's services and rename it Education and Children's Services Committee to reflect its expanded remit
- Dis-establish the Operational Delivery and Public Protection Committees, and create:
 - Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee; and
 - Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee
- Establish an Anti Poverty Committee for addressing poverty in the city
- Rename the City Growth and Resources Committee as the Finance and Resources Committee

Powers Delegated to Officers

- To review the Planning Scheme of Delegation with a view to exploring the possibilities for ward members to direct that applications be determined by the Planning Development Management Committee rather than be determined under officer delegation.

Standing Orders

- Amend Standing Order 13 to remove Administration Leaders from the list of people to whom draft reports must be submitted except for reports to the Council and City Growth and Resources Committee
- Amend Standing Order 16 to reflect that any local member can speak at a committee without the need for consent from the Convener
- Amend Standing Order 34 to reflect that where one third of committee refers a matter to Full Council, and the next Full Council meeting is too late, the matter can be considered at a meeting of the Urgent Business Committee
- Amend Standing Order 40 regarding the length of meetings to reflect that meetings cannot last any longer than 6 hours (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any adjournments), unless Standing Orders are suspended

Scheme of Governance

- Remove all references to Business Manager and Depute Business Manager

Council Diary

- Meetings to be on an eight-week cycle, including Full Council, other than those which meet more frequently (e.g. PDMC) or less frequently (e.g. Pensions Committee)
- Change all committee start times to 10.00am

Webcasting

- Bring forward a proposal on how all Full Council and committee meetings could be made hybrid and webcast from the Chamber or Committee Room 2.

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