

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 25 August 2022

MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Sederunt:

Lord Provost David Cameron, Chairperson;
Depute Provost Steve Delaney; and

COUNCILLORS

GILLIAN AL-SAMARAI
NURUL HOQUE ALI
CHRISTIAN ALLARD
ALISON ALPHONSE
KATE BLAKE
JENNIFER BONSELL
MARIE BOULTON
DESMOND BOUSE
RICHARD BROOKS
HAZEL CAMERON
DONNA CLARK
JOHN COOKE
NEIL COPLAND
WILLIAM CORMIE
BARNEY CROCKETT
DEREK DAVIDSON
LEE FAIRFULL
EMMA FARQUHAR
GORDON GRAHAM
ROSS GRANT
MARTIN GREIG

DELL HENRICKSON
RYAN HOUGHTON
MICHAEL HUTCHISON
MICHAEL KUSZNIR
SANDRA MACDONALD
NEIL MacGREGOR
AVRIL MacKENZIE
ALEXANDER McLELLAN
KEN McLEOD
CIARÁN McRAE
M. TAUQEER MALIK
DUNCAN MASSEY
JESSICA MENNIE
ALEX NICOLL
MIRANDA RADLEY
KAIRIN VAN SWEEDEN
LYNN THOMSON
DEENA TISSERA
SIMON WATSON
and
IAN YUILL

Lord Provost David Cameron, in the Chair.

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND SCHEME OF GOVERNANCE - COM/22/161

1. With reference to Article 12 of the minute of its meeting of 13 July 2022, the Council had before it a report by the Interim Chief Officer - Governance which responded to the instruction following the approval of the notice of motion by the Co-Leaders proposing changes to the Scheme of Governance and the committee structure in particular.

The report recommended:-

that the Council -

- (a) agree, with effect from 14 October 2022, to:-
 - disestablish the Capital Programme Committee
 - disestablish the Strategic Commissioning Committee
 - disestablish the Operational Delivery Committee
 - disestablish the Public Protection Committee
 - rename the Education Operational Delivery Committee as the Education and Children's Services Committee
 - rename the City Growth and Resources Committee as the Finance and Resources Committee
 - establish the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee
 - establish the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee
 - establish the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee;
- (b) approve the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Resources Committee, Council, Education and Children's Services Committee, Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee, Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee, Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee and Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendices 1 to 7, to take effect from 14 October 2022;
- (c) delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Governance and the Convener of the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee, to determine the process for the selection and appointment of the external advisers to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee and report back to the next Council meeting to seek approval of the appointments;
- (d) agree that the Conveners and Vice Conveners of the City Growth and Resources Committee and Education Operational Delivery Committee become the Conveners and Vice Conveners of the Finance and Resources Committee and Education and Children's Services Committee respectively, with effect from 14 October 2022, and that the membership of those committees be unchanged;
- (e) appoint Conveners and Vice Conveners to the following committees with effect from 14 October 2022:-
 - Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee
 - Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee
 - Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee
- (f) agree the compositions of the new committees as below:-

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Committee	Partnership	Labour	Conservative	Cllr Boulton	Cllr Stewart	Total
Communities, Housing and Public Protection	7	3	2	0	1	13
Net Zero, Environment and Transport	7	3	3	0	0	13
Anti-Poverty and Inequality	7	3	3	0	0	13

- (g) agree that there be no change to the Planning Scheme of Delegation (i.e. the Scheme of Delegation for dealing with planning applications for Local Developments) in the Powers Delegated to Officers, as detailed in section 3.3 of the report; instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to draft a procedure to allow all interested parties, including ward members, to make representations at Planning Development Management Committee and report this draft procedure to the November meeting of that Committee for approval; and note that said Chief Officer would continue to develop local engagement on planning matters, including through the network of community councils;
- (h) approve the changes to Standing Orders 13, 16, 34 and 40, as set out in Appendix 8, with effect from 25 August 2022;
- (i) instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to remove from the Scheme of Governance all references to Business Manager and Depute Business Manager, and approve the replacement wording contained within Appendix 9 with immediate effect;
- (j) approve the amended Council diary for 2022 and the Council diary for 2023 as set out in Appendices 10 and 11 respectively;
- (k) consider the information with regard to additional webcasting requirements as set out in section 3.7 of the report and Appendix 12 (exempt) and refer the matter to the budget process;
- (l) appoint Vice Conveners to the Appeals Sub Committee and Licensing Sub Committee as detailed in section 3.8 of the report;
- (m) appoint one member to each of the COSLA Boards as set out in section 3.9 of the report;
- (n) approve the establishment of the Void Properties Working Group, agree the membership and approve the Terms of Reference as set out in Appendix 13; and
- (o) instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to, following consultation with the Co-Leaders, make all other amendments to the Scheme of Governance which are necessary to reflect the decisions taken by the Council at this meeting in relation to this report.

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Councillor Greig moved, seconded by Councillor Fairfull:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report subject to:-

- (1) in relation to recommendation (e), to approve the Conveners and Vice Conveners for the new committees as per the spreadsheet appended;
- (2) to approve recommendation (h) to be effective from 26 August 2022; and
- (3) in relation to recommendation (m), to approve the following appointments in terms of the COSLA Boards:-

Health and Social Care - John Cooke
 Children and Young People - Martin Grieg
 Environment and Economy - Alex McLellan
 Community Wellbeing - Miranda Radley

Senior Councillors Calculation

Financial Year 2022/23

Basic Remuneration £19,571.00 2022 Amendment Regulations re 2004 Local Governance (Scotland) Act

	COUNCILLOR	PAY THRESHOLD	COMMITTEE/ROLE	ANNUAL SALARY
Leader of Council	Alex Nicoll	Council Leader	Council Co-Leader	£45,669.00
Civic Head	David Cameron	Lord Provost	Lord Provost	£34,254.00
			Maximum Value per Annum	£511,316.13
1	Senior Councillor Steve Delaney	Convener	Depute Provost	£33,795.00
2	Senior Councillor Christian Allard	Convener	Anti-Poverty & Inequality	£33,795.00
3	Senior Councillor Miranda Radley	Convener	Communities, Housing & PP	£33,795.00
4	Senior Councillor Ciaran McRae	Vice Convener	Communities, Housing & PP	£25,348.00
5	Senior Councillor Martin Greig	Convener	Education & Children's Services	£33,795.00
6	Senior Councillor Jessica Mennie	Vice Convener	Education & Children's Services	£25,348.00
7	Senior Councillor Alex McLellan	Convener	Finance & Resources	£33,795.00
8	Senior Councillor Gill Al-Samarai	Convener	Licensing	£33,795.00
9	Senior Councillor Ian Yuill	Convener	Net Zero, Environment & Transport	£33,795.00
10	Senior Councillor John Cooke	Convener	Pensions	£33,795.00
11	Senior Councillor Neil MacGregor	Vice Convener	Pensions	£25,348.00
12	Senior Councillor Dell Henrickson	Convener	Planning	£33,795.00
13	Senior Councillor Desmond Bouse	Vice Convener	Planning	£25,348.00
14	Senior Councillor Neil Copland	Convener	Staff Governance	£33,795.00
15	Councillor Sandra Macdonald	Convener	Audit, Risk & Scrutiny	£33,795.00

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16	Senior Councillor	Ryan Houghton	Vice Convener	Audit, Risk & Scrutiny	£25,348.00
Total spend on Senior Councillors					£498,485.00
					-£12,831.13
Other Senior Roles - no additional remuneration					
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	Desmond Bouse	Vice Convener	Anti-Poverty & Inequality		
	Ian Yuill	Vice Convener	Finance & Resources		
	John Cooke	Vice Chairperson	Integration Joint Board		
	Neil Copland	Convener	Licencing Board		
	Steve Delaney	Vice Convener	Licencing		
	Miranda Radley	Vice Convener	Net Zero, Environment & Transport		
	Gill Al-Samarai	Vice Convener	Staff Governance		
Councillors	27				£528,417.00
Full year cost of Councillors (excluding oncosts)					£1,106,825.00

Councillor Macdonald moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Grant:-

That the Council approves the recommendations within the report with the exception of:-

- (1) within recommendation (a), agrees to not disestablish the Strategic Commissioning Committee and make all necessary changes to the Scheme of Governance to reflect this;
- (2) replaces recommendation (c) with:- Instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment following consultation with the Chief Officer - Governance to report to the next appropriate committee on the process for the selection and appointment of the external advisers to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee and to ensure the external advisers include nominees on disability, in-work poverty, and social isolation, and to consider the best way of engaging with residents with personal experience of poverty; and
- (3) instructs the Chief Officer - Governance to make provision for the continuation of Council meetings in the Council diary, if meetings are adjourned.

Councillor Kuszniir moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Farquhar:-

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

- (1) agrees to amend Standing Order 30 so that the speaking time allocated to members is increased to 20 minutes for moving a motion or amendment, 15 minutes for seconding a motion or amendment, 15 minutes for speaking in debate and 10 minutes for summing up; and
- (2) agrees to amend Standing Order 7.3 to reflect that where a Convener exercises their power to modify the date of their committee for good cause, and the agenda for the committee is already published, the Convener will communicate the decision to all members of the committee explaining the

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reason for the change and they have consulted with the appropriate Executive Lead. For the avoidance of doubt this does not apply to a change of committee meeting when the agenda has not yet been published.

There being a motion and two amendments, the Council first divided between the amendment by Councillor Macdonald and the amendment by Councillor Kuszniir.

On a division, there voted:-

For the amendment by Councillor Macdonald (11) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Crockett, Graham, Grant, Macdonald, Malik, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

For the amendment by Councillor Kuszniir (8) - Councillors Boulton, Brooks, Farquhar, Houghton, Kuszniir, MacKenzie, McLeod and Massey.

Declined to vote (24) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Bouse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Nicoll, Radley, Van Sweeden and Yuill.

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

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (24) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Bouse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Nicoll, Radley, Van Sweeden and Yuill.

For the amendment by Councillor Macdonald (11) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Crockett, Graham, Grant, Macdonald, Malik, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

Declined to vote (8) - Councillors Boulton, Brooks, Farquhar, Houghton, Kuszniir, MacKenzie, McLeod and Massey.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the motion.

CITY CENTRE AND BEACH MASTERPLAN - RES/22/173

2. With reference to Article 5 of the minute of its meeting of 29 June 2022, the Council had before it a report by the Director of Resources which brought together a number of different workstreams and presented a recalibrated, place-led, masterplan report for both the City Centre and the Beach.

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The report recommended:-

that the Council -

City Centre and Beach Masterplan

- (a) note the progress made on the City Centre Recovery Workplan and how this work had, and would continue, to inform the review of the City Centre Masterplan over the short, medium and longer term (Appendix 1);
- (b) approve the City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022 (Appendix 2), noting that it was a live document and instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to keep the report under review, with progress reported to Full Council after 12 months;
- (c) note that £12,030,000 had been granted by Transport Scotland to Aberdeen City Council to work with partners in the North East Bus Alliance to develop and deliver bus priority interventions (Bus Partnership fund); and that this programme included a specific package for City Centre interventions;
- (d) note that, to address specific issues around vacant buildings, aspects of Empty Property Relief would be devolved to local authorities on 1 April 2023, allowing local authorities to make decisions based on their own local needs;
- (e) note that on 26 May 2022, the Planning Development Management Committee approved an extension of the Affordable Housing Waiver mentioned in Section 4.8 of the City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022 (Appendix 2) until September 2022 and agree to further extend the Waiver until 31 December 2025;
- (f) note the progress and update in the City Centre and Beach Masterplan 2022 (Appendix 2) in relation to the Union Street building works programme, and the focus on the pilot project between 107-131 Union Street and note that a further update would be reported to the Full Council meeting in December 2022;

Market Streetscape

- (g) note the progress made on design development for Phases 1 and 2 of the Market Streetscape area (Appendix 4) and instruct the Director of Resources to prepare a Full Business Case to be reported back to Full Council by the end of 2022;
- (h) note the engagement that had taken place on the Market Streetscape proposals to date (Appendix 5) and note that the Director of Resources would continue to engage key stakeholders as designs for this area developed; and

Spaces for People

- (i) agree that a question on the temporary Spaces for People measures at the Beach be included in the upcoming public consultation exercise on the Draft Beach Development Framework and report a recommendation on the future of these measures to Full Council in December 2022.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations;
- (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement to proceed to consult on the Beach Masterplan based on the existing red line boundary;
- (iii) to note that the revised Beach Masterplan Area included the Footdee Conservation Area and the area north to the river Don;
- (iv) to agree that any new development associated with the beach masterplan should seek to enhance the setting of the historic settlement of Footdee and protect the valuable natural habitat and open space;
- (v) to instruct officers to explore opportunities as part of a Phase 2 of the Beach Masterplan to improve active travel and public transport connectivity between

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- Footdee, and other parts of Aberdeen, and to consult on this at a later date as may be necessary; and
- (vi) to agree that this Council has no intention to purchase the Trinity Centre at this time.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MACDONALD

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

“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.”

The Council resolved:-

to refer the notice of motion to the budget process.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TISSERA

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

“That the Council:-

1. note that many Aberdeen citizens like citizens from other cities, towns and villages in Scotland are reliant on food banks;
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;
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.
4. agree that 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 interest on its money and put some of that money into helping the most vulnerable in our city;
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;
6. agree to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, following consultation with the Chief Officer -

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Finance to make appropriate arrangements for the urgent distribution of £500,000 from General Fund contingencies for the mitigation of food poverty across Aberdeen; and

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.”

The Council resolved:-

to refer the notice of motion to the City Growth and Resources Committee.

NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR TISSERA

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

“Aberdeen City Council:-

- (1) congratulates England’s Women’s Football team on winning the European Championship.
- (2) agrees that the Lionesses are an inspiration to all girls and women right across the United Kingdom.
- (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.”

The Council resolved:-

to approve the notice of motion.

In accordance with Article 2 of the minute of its meeting of 24 August 2022, the Council considered the following items of business with the press and public excluded

NORTH EAST OF SCOTLAND GREEN FREEPORT - UPDATE - COM/22/170

6. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - City Growth which provided an update on the submission of a bid to the Scottish Government and the UK Government on 20 June 2022 for the North East of Scotland Green Freeport (NESGF); and sought approval of the Council’s contribution to the NESGF if the bid was successful.

The Council resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations contained within the exempt report; and
- (ii) to note that, if the bid was successful, monitoring reports would be prepared and submitted for consideration by the Council once the NESGF company was established and operational.

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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND SCHEME OF GOVERNANCE - APPENDIX 12

7. With reference to Article 1 of this minute, the Council had before it Appendix 12 to the report by the Interim Chief Officer - Governance.

The Council resolved:-

to refer to the decision at Article 1 of this minute.

- **DAVID CAMERON, Lord Provost.**

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