

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2023

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1.1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	The Committee resolved: there was no urgent business.		
2.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	The Committee resolved: in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 14.1 – Work Plan and Business Cases – Exempt Appendices; and• 14.2 – Events 365 Plan 2023-2026 – Exempt Appendix.		
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	The Committee resolved: (1) The Convener advised that he had a connection in relation to item 10.1 (Scotland Excel (ACC) Annual Value Report) by virtue of him being a Council representative on the Scotland Excel Board. He considered that the nature of his interest would not require him to leave the meeting		

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		<p>prior to consideration of the item;</p> <p>(2) Councillor Grant declared an interest in relation to agenda items 10.2 (Events 365 Plan 2023-2026) by virtue of him being an employee of Aberdeen Inspired. He considered that the nature of his interest would require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item;</p> <p>(3) Councillor Houghton advised that he had a connection in relation to item 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 3, 2022/23) by virtue of his spouse being an employee of NHS Grampian. He considered that the nature of his interest would not require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item; and</p> <p>(4) The Vice Convener advised that he had a connection in relation to item 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 3, 2022/23) by virtue of him being a Council representative on the NHS Grampian Board. He considered that the nature of his interest would not require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item.</p>		
4.1	<u>Deputations</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> there were no deputations.		
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 7 December 2022, for Approval</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute.		

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6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the reason for deferral in relation to item 6 (Proposals for Investment for Works at Riverbank School to Accommodate the Relocation of St. Peter’s School), item 7 (Torry Heat Network), item 12 (Ness Landfill Site - Use as a Solar Farm), item 13 (Wellington Road) and item 37 (Annual Committee Effectiveness Report); (ii) to remove item 10 (Bucksburn Academy Extension – Outline Business Case) and item 11 (Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub - Site Selection) from the planner for the reasons outlined therein; and (iii) to otherwise note the information contained within the planner. 		
7.1	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Kate Blake</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to agree points 1 and 2 of the motion; (ii) to note that CoSLA, and the Scottish Government, continue to work with Trade Unions for the pay element of the current offer to be paid as soon as possible in lieu of a finalised settlement; (iii) to note that, as instructed by Full Council on 11 January 2023, a letter has been sent to both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer asking them to provide all devolved nations with increased, sustainable and recurring funding; (iv) to agree that the Council has no 		

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		<p>additional funding for pay, and therefore any enhanced pay offer to the Scottish Negotiating Committee for Teachers and workforce must be fully funded by the Scottish Government and include sufficient funding to maintain parity for other bargaining groups; and</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills noting the Council's concerns for the education of our children and young people, if all parties cannot reach a settlement in this dispute and to urgently produce a fair deal for teachers.</p>		
8.1	<u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> there were no referrals.		
9.1	<u>Council Financial Performance - Quarter 3, 2022/23 - RES/23/049</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the cash position that has been achieved for the General Fund and HRA to the end of Quarter 3 as detailed in Appendix 1; (ii) to note the Common Good financial performance to the end of Quarter 3 as detailed in Appendix 3, specifically the £1.1m reduction in cash balances due to investment volatility; (iii) to note that the General Fund full year forecast position has moved positively since the Quarter 2 report was considered by the Committee as 		

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		<p>detailed in Appendix 2, and is now expected to show a deficit of £2.1m for 2022/23, and that the Chief Officer – Finance has instructed that budget holders act to delay, stop or reduce expenditure wherever possible to mitigate this deficit; and note that any remaining deficit will be mitigated from the use of earmarked reserves;</p> <p>(iv) to note that the HRA full year forecast position, as detailed in Appendix 2, is on target to achieve the approved budget;</p> <p>(v) to note that the Council relies on the Integration Joint Board (IJB) achieving a balanced budget, and that the IJB retains reserves to mitigate unplanned additional costs arising during the year;</p> <p>(vi) to note that the forecast for General Fund and Housing capital expenditure is that there will be lower spend than had been budgeted in 2022/23 as described in Appendix 2;</p> <p>(vii) to note that the Council has introduced new processes in respect of a recruitment freeze, and has recently promoted the Voluntary Severance/ Early Retirement scheme, these actions are designed to assist in the management of the pay bill both this year and going forward; and</p> <p>(viii) to request that the Chief Officer – Finance circulate further details in relation to the income figures for car</p>		

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		parking charges to members of the Committee.		
9.2	<p><u>Work Plan and Business Cases - COM/23/039</u></p> <p>There are exempt appendices relating to this report contained within the Exempt Appendices Section of this agenda below.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the workplan as detailed in the Appendices for the Customer and Operations Functions;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the procurement business cases, including the total estimated expenditure for the proposed contract; and</p> <p>(iii) to note the content of Appendix 3 - 3.10 Memos (Exemption Urgency).</p>		
9.3	<p><u>Place Based Investment Programme and UK Shared Prosperity Fund - COM/23/042</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>the Committee were advised that this report had been withdrawn.</p>		
9.4	<p><u>Capital Programme Delivery Projects Update - RES/23/043</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the status of delivery of the Section 3.0 highlighted programmes/projects contained within the approved Capital Programme;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Capital to report to the next appropriate Finance and Resources Committee his findings following a review of next steps options for the delivery of the new housing sites at Craighill and Kincorth;</p> <p>(iii) to request that the Director of Resources liaise with the Director of Children's and Family Services to circulate to members a Briefing Paper on the engagement process taken</p>		

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		with pupils/parents in relation to school uniform, interior design and furnishings etc prior to pupils transferring to a newly constructed school.		
10.1	<p><u>Scotland Excel (ACC) Annual Value Report - COM/23/040</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the Scotland Excel Annual Report as set out in Appendix 1; and (ii) that the Head of Commercial and Procurement provide details to Councillor Cooke in relation to the total expenditure figure in terms of the overall spend of 38% for local suppliers in the last year. 		
10.2	<p><u>Events 365 Plan 2023-2026 - COM/23/044</u></p> <p>An exempt appendix is contained within the Exempt Appendices Section of this agenda below.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the update on delivery of the 365 Events Strategy; (ii) to agree the proposed 365 Events Plan for 2023-2026 (Appendix 1 to this report); (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to re-convene the Event 365 Group as outlined in Section 3.19-3.21 in this report and to report annually to this Committee on the progress to implement the Event Plan; (iv) to instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to work with government, national and local partners to explore new events opportunities at the local, regional, national and international level; and (v) to note that the Chief Officer – City Growth would raise the issue of 		

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		inviting the Aberdeen City and Shire Hotels Association to Event 365 Group meetings at their next meeting.		
11.1	<u>No reports under this heading</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		
12.1	<u>No reports under this heading</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		
13.1	<u>No reports under this heading</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		
14.1	<u>Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information provided within the exempt appendices.		
14.2	<u>Events 365 Plan 2023-2026 - Exempt Appendix</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information provided within the exempt appendix.		

If you require any further information about this decision sheet, please contact Mark Masson, mmasson@aberdeencity.gov.uk or 01224 067556