

## GOVERNANCE

### COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

#### FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2023

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1.1	<u><b>Urgent Business</b></u>	<u><b>The Committee resolved:</b></u> There was no urgent business.		
2.1	<u><b>Determination of Exempt Business</b></u>	<u><b>The Committee resolved:</b></u> in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business:- 13.1 – Proposed Disposal of Surplus Site at Oscar Road, Torry; 13.2 – Purchase of Ground - Wellington Road – March 2023; 14.1 – Workplans and Business Cases – Exempt Appendices; 14.2 – Christmas Village Feedback Report – Exempt Appendices; and 14.3 – Complex Care - Outline Business Case – Exempt Appendix.		
3.1	<u><b>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</b></u>	<u><b>The Committee resolved:</b></u> (1) Councillor Greig declared an interest in relation to agenda item 9.3 (UK		

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		<p>Shared Prosperity Fund) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of Aberdeen Performing Arts Board. He considered that the nature of his interest would require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item;</p> <p>(2) Councillor Nicoll advised that he had a connection in relation to items 7.1 (Notice of Motion by Councillor Crockett – City region Deal), 11.2 (North East of Scotland Green Freeport – Update) and 11.4 (Energy Transition Zone Jobs and Skills Plan) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of a number of outside bodies. He considered that the nature of his interests would not require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item;</p> <p>(3) Councillor Radley declared an interest in relation to agenda item 9.3 (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) by virtue of her being a Council appointed member of Visit Aberdeenshire Board. She considered that the nature of her interest would require her to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item;</p> <p>(4) Councillor Grant advised that he had a connection in relation to item 9.5 (Tillydrone Primary School) by virtue of his children attending Riverbank Primary School and that his wife was a member of Tillydrone Parent</p>		

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		<p>Council. He considered that the nature of his interests would not require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item;</p> <p>(5) Councillor Grant declared an interest in relation to agenda items 9.2 (Place Based Investment Programme) and 9.3 (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) by virtue of him being the previous Chairman of the Tillydrone Community Development Trust; and item 10.2 (Christmas Village Feedback Report) by virtue of him being an employee of Aberdeen Inspired. He considered that the nature of his interests would require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of these items; and</p> <p>(6) Councillor Fairfull declared an interest in relation to agenda item 9.3 (UK Shared Prosperity Fund) by virtue of her being a Council appointed member of Aberdeen Performing Arts Board. She considered that the nature of her interest would require her to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item.</p>		
4.1	<u>Deputations</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There were no deputations.		
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 1 February 2023</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to approve the minute as a correct record.		
6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to remove items 7 and 33 (Capital Programme Delivery: Projects Update); and item 69 (Marywell to A956 Wellington Road – Cycle Path (RCD5394) 19/20) from the planner;</li> <li>(ii) to transfer item 5 (City Centre Multi Storey Blocks - Progress on Full Options Appraisal) to the Communities Housing and Public Protection Committee Planner;</li> <li>(iii) in relation to item 28 (Belmont Cinema and Media Centre Options) to request that the Chief Officer – City Growth investigate whether the report could be submitted sooner to Council at its meeting on 26 April 2023, if reporting timelines in this regard were achievable;</li> <li>(iv) in relation to item 69 (Marywell to A956 Wellington Road – Cycle Path (RCD5394) 19/20), to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to circulate details of the current costs of the project to all members of the Committee; and</li> <li>(v) to otherwise note the Committee Planner.</li> </ul>		
7.1	<b><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Crockett - City Region Deal</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Notes the success of the Aberdeen City Region Deal, a 10-year deal signed in 2016, by Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, the Scottish Government, the UK Government, and Opportunity North East (ONE);</li> </ul>		

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		<p>(ii) Notes the agreed key workstreams within the City Region Deal Programme, as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital connectivity;</li> <li>• Innovation - including NZTC (former name OGTC), Agri-Food, Nutrition Hub and Bio-Therapeutic Hub; and</li> <li>• Transport - Road infrastructure supporting the Aberdeen South Harbour Expansion; and Strategic Transport Appraisal of priority regional projects;</li> </ul> <p>(iii) Notes the success of the Deal in levering in additional investment into delivering the programme including the investment by Aberdeen City Council;</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="869 884 1473 1485"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="869 884 1171 1070">City Region Deal Programme</th> <th data-bbox="1171 884 1473 1070">UK &amp; Scottish Gov (£125m each)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="869 1070 1171 1110">Digital</td> <td data-bbox="1171 1070 1473 1110">£10m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="869 1110 1171 1222">Innovation (NZTC, Bio Hub, SeedPod)</td> <td data-bbox="1171 1110 1473 1222">£210m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="869 1222 1171 1445">Transport (includes Harbour Expansion and Road Infrastructure)</td> <td data-bbox="1171 1222 1473 1445">£30m</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="869 1445 1171 1485"><b>TOTALS</b></td> <td data-bbox="1171 1445 1473 1485"><b>£250m</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	City Region Deal Programme	UK & Scottish Gov (£125m each)	Digital	£10m	Innovation (NZTC, Bio Hub, SeedPod)	£210m	Transport (includes Harbour Expansion and Road Infrastructure)	£30m	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£250m</b>		
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		<p>(iv) Acknowledges that the Aberdeen City Region Deal is due to end in 2026 and notes that regional partners are finalising a new Region Economic Strategy (RES) that will set out future ambitions for the region and the basis for a new investment plan that the regional economic partners will develop for ongoing discussion with the Scottish Government and UK Government;</p> <p>(v) Notes with disappointment that the Northeast of Scotland Green Freeport bid was unsuccessful and that the Co-Leaders have contacted both governments to discuss alternative inward investment proposals;</p> <p>(vi) Notes the UK Chancellor's announcement in the Spring Budget of 15 March 2023 to begin discussions to co-develop Investment Zone proposals with eight places in England and intent to discuss with the Scottish Government where at least one Investment Zone could be delivered in Scotland;</p> <p>(vii) Instructs the Chief Officer - City Growth to present the draft RES for approval to the next meeting of the Council's Finance and Resources Committee and to update on the process for the delivery of Investment Zones in the North East; and</p> <p>(viii) Instructs the Chief Officer - City</p>		

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		Growth to provide a briefing on the RES to all Group Leaders prior to the Committee.		
8.1	<b><u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There were no referrals.		
9.1	<b><u>Work Plan and Business Cases - COM/23/093</u></b>  Exempt appendices are located within the Exempt Appendices section of this agenda.	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) reviews the workplan as detailed in the Appendices for the Customer, Operations and Resources Functions; (ii) approves the procurement business cases, including the total estimated expenditure for the proposed contract; (iii) notes the content of Appendix 3 to 3.10 Memos (Exemption Urgency); and (iv) notes the content of Appendix 4 to 4.1.3 Forms (Technical Exemption).		
9.2	<b><u>Place Based Investment Programme - COM/23/096</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> <u>Place Based Investment Programme 2022/23</u> (i) Notes the withdrawal of the commitment to the Woodside Gateway project which had been allocated £100,000; (ii) Notes that in line with the Committee decision on 07/12/2022 an additional £10,987 was awarded to Fersands Fountain Community Project following consultation with Convener of Finance and Resources; (iii) Approves an initial award of £90,994 to Aberdeen City Council for the		

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		<p>Tolbooth Museum External Improvements and Structural Repairs project, and agrees that any funds which become available from previously approved PBIP 2022/23 projects, be re-allocated to this project;</p> <p>(iv) Notes that any PBIP 2022/23 funds allocated to the Tolbooth project will reduce the value of UK Shared Prosperity Funds allocated to the project by the same value;</p> <p>(v) Agrees to transfer the allocation of £253,981 to Tillydrone Community Development Trust for the Benholms Gateway project from the 2022/23 programme to the 2023/24 programme;</p> <p><u>Place Based Investment Programme 2023/24</u></p> <p>(vi) Approves an award of up to £155,615 to Aberdeen City Council for The Street Design – Woodside Gateway project;</p> <p>(vii) Approves the application from Camphill School Aberdeen for the Murtle Market project;</p> <p>(viii) Rejects the application from Aberdeen Social Centre for the Aberdeen Alternative Arts Festival project; and</p> <p>(ix) Notes that Castlegate Arts are developing preparatory work to make further improvements to its facilities and instructs the Chief Officer – City Growth to engage with Castlegate</p>		



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		Arts to explore the suitability of future Place Based Investment Funding that can assist with capital investment options for the King Street premises.		
9.3	<b><u>UK Shared Prosperity Fund - COM/23/097</u></b>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p><u>UKSPF Communities And Place</u></p> <p>(i) Defers decision on the application for up to £167,112 to Tillydrone Community Development Trust for the Benholms Tower Project to the meeting of Finance and Resources Committee on 5th July 2023;</p> <p>(ii) Awards up to £79,506 to Greyhope Bay for the Phase 2 Feasibility Project;</p> <p>(iii) Awards up to £124,800 to VisitAberdeenshire for a Make a Day of it in Aberdeen Campaign;</p> <p>(iv) Awards up to £82,468 to Home-Start Aberdeen to support additional vulnerable families;</p> <p>(v) Rejects the application for up to £300,000 to Aberdeen Performing Arts at this time for the Lemon Tree Redevelopment project due to lack of information on funding sources for proposed main capital works.</p> <p><u>UKSPF People &amp; Skills</u></p> <p>(vi) Awards up to £275,000 to Aberdeen City Council for additional employability keyworker support for economically inactive people;</p> <p>(vii) Awards up to £355,000 to Aberdeen City Council to provide additional courses for economically inactive</p>		

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		<p>people, Green Skills courses and development of local projects; and</p> <p>(viii) Notes the officer review outcome in relation to the Lemon Tree Redevelopment – Design Development proposals and instructs the Chief Officer – City Growth to report back to the Finance and Resources Committee by September 2023 with details of work done to support Aberdeen Performing Arts in identifying alternative sources of funding.</p>		
9.4	<p><b><u>Credit Rating Annual Review - RES/23/092</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>  Note the outcome of the annual review was affirmation of the A1 rating, with an economic outlook of ‘negative’, in line with the recent changes to the UK’s rating.</p>		
9.5	<p><b><u>Tillydrone Primary School - RES/23/095</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Notes the current on-going work leading to completion of the construction of the Replacement Riverbank Primary School in Summer 2024;</p> <p>(ii) Notes following the retender exercise the total development budget saving is estimated as circa £6 million;</p> <p>(iii) Notes that Council Officers will engage with stakeholders at key project milestones as detailed in the report;</p> <p>(iv) Notes the current on-going work leading to completion of the construction of the replacement</p>		

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		<p>Riverbank Primary School and thanks the Chief Officer - Capital and his team for their work in progressing the project;</p> <p>(v) Notes the reappointment of Robertson Construction with a contract sum circa £24.8 million;</p> <p>(vi) Notes the milestones that have been tabled within the report and also notes the significant planning and preparation that will be involved in the decant to the new school and that the school community needs firm clarity on when the construction will conclude;</p> <p>(vii) Agrees therefore to affirm its commitment to opening the new Riverbank Primary in time for occupation in Summer 2024 and if the Chief Officer - Capital considers any delay to be so significant that it will affect the target opening, he will notify members of the Committee, the school headteacher, the parent council and group leaders;</p> <p>(viii) Note that Council Officers will engage with stakeholders at key project milestones as detailed in the report and notes a recent meeting of the Riverbank Parent Council and council officers led to a number of suggestions being made;</p> <p>(ix) Instructs the Chief Officer – Capital to present the engagement plan to the parent council, seeking their input and</p>		

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		<p>approval to ensure that engagement will be meaningful, proactive and meet their needs and expectations; and</p> <p>(x) Instructs the Chief Officer – Capital to circulate an exempt Service Update on the current position of the project regarding the recent procurement process, identifying areas where significant cost savings were made and the reasons likely attributed to how they came about.</p>		
9.6	<p><b><u>Complex Care - Outline Business Case - RES/23/099</u></b></p> <p>An exempt appendix is located within the Exempt Appendices section of this agenda.</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Note the contents of the Outline Business Case appended;</p> <p>(ii) Instruct the Chief Officer – Capital to progress to Full Business Case and to report back the outcome to this Committee on 13 September 2023; and</p> <p>(iii) Instruct the Chief Officer – Health and Social Care Partnership to circulate details to members of the Committee in relation to out of area placements, including the market position statement.</p>		
10.1	<p><b><u>Performance Management Framework Report – Commissioning and Resources - CUS/23/094</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>Note the performance information contained in the report Appendix.</p>		
10.2	<p><b><u>Christmas Village Feedback Report - COM/23/098</u></b></p> <p>Exempt appendices are located within the</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Notes the findings of the evaluation of the 2022 Christmas Village;</p> <p>(ii) Instructs the Chief Officer – City</p>		

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	Exempt Appendices section of this agenda.	<p>Growth to carry out the necessary undertakings to deliver the additional activities for the 2023 edition detailed in this report;</p> <p>(iii) Instructs the Head of Commercial and Procurement, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance and Chief Officer – City Growth to vary the current service level agreement with Aberdeen Inspired and contract with John Codona’s, Pleasure Fairs Ltd to deliver the 2023 event that reflects the changes detailed in this report; and</p> <p>(iv) Instructs the Chief Officer – City Growth to report back to the Finance and Resources Committee in March 2024 with the evaluation report of the 2023 event.</p>		
11.1	<b><u>Heritage &amp; Place Programme - Development Phase - COM/23/100</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Delegate authority to Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to accept development phase grant offers from Historic Environment Scotland and/or the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with Aberdeen City Council (ACC) match funding of £86,350 from CCMP budget;</p> <p>(ii) Approve a Heritage &amp; Place Programme development phase of up to 12-months, in line with Historic Environment Scotland and the National Lottery Heritage Fund processes, as appropriate, including appointment of a fixed-term Development Officer post; and</p>		

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		(iii) Approve submission of second round Heritage & Place Programme grant applications to Historic Environment Scotland and/or the National Lottery Heritage Fund, for the 5-year delivery phase.		
11.2	<b><u>North East of Scotland Green Freeport – Update - COM/23/103</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Notes the outcome of the bidding process and the decision not to award the North East of Scotland green freeport status;</p> <p>(ii) Notes the government’s feedback on the unsuccessful NESGF bid;</p> <p>(iii) Notes that the Chief Officer – City Growth will continue discussions with regional partners and Scottish Government and UK Government officials on any alternative plans to secure inward investment to the North East; and</p> <p>(iv) Instructs Chief Officer - City Growth to continue to work with regional partners and officials in both governments and report back to this Committee with an update on Investment Zones and how they can be delivered in the North East.</p>		
11.3	<b><u>International Travel 2023/24 - COM/23/104</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) Approves proposed international travel as detailed below, and subject to the maximum expenditure as detailed in paragraph 4.1. All approved travel will be reviewed when event schedules and programmes</p>		

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		<p>become available to ensure continued adherence to the criteria in paragraph 3.9 before bookings are made;</p> <p>(a) Two officers (one City Growth and one Invest Aberdeen) to attend WindEurope’s annual conference in Copenhagen, Denmark between 25 – 27 April 2023;</p> <p>(b) Up to two officers to attend the World Hydrogen Summit in Rotterdam, Netherlands between 9 - 11 May 2023; and</p> <p>(c) The Lord Provost plus one officer to attend the WECP Board Meeting at CERA Week conference in Houston, USA in early March 2024 (dates TBC);</p> <p>(ii) Delegates authority to the Chief Officer – City Growth to authorise necessary and appropriate travel documentation and associated expenditure for the travel noted in 2.1, provided the cost does not exceed the budget referred to in Section 4 of this report and that all arrangements are made in line with current Council travel policies;</p> <p>(iii) Notes the outcomes of overseas activity undertaken in 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report;</p> <p>(iv) Agrees that the outcomes of overseas activity proposed for 2023/24 will be provided to this Committee by way of an annual Service Update;</p>		

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		(v) Instructs the Chief Officer – City Growth to circulate a breakdown of the £12,000 costs for the Christmas Tree to all Committee members.		
11.4	<b><u>Energy Transition Zone Jobs and Skills Plan - COM/23/105</u></b>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> (i) Notes ETZ Ltd’s Energy Transition Zone Jobs and Skills Plan; and (ii) Instructs the Chief Officer - City Growth to provide a regular service update report to the Finance and Resources Committee members as the Plan is being updated and implemented.		
12.1	<b><u>No reports under this heading.</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>		
13.1	<b><u>Proposed Disposal of Surplus Site at Oscar Road, Torry - RES/23/091</u></b>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> (i) Accepts the recommendation as detailed in paragraph 3.6 of this report; and (ii) Instructs the Chief Officer – Governance to conclude missives for the sale of the site incorporating various qualifications as are necessary to protect the Council’s interest, together with any other matters as are required to complete the transaction.		
13.2	<b><u>Purchase of Ground - Wellington Road – March 2023 - RES/23/113</u></b>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to agree the purchase of the site noted with the report at Marked Value (assuming this is below the previous		



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		independent valuation) and to thereafter instruct the Interim Chief Officer – Governance to conclude the purchase of the ground incorporating appropriate clauses to protect the Council's interest.		
14.1	<b><u>Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> Note the information contained within the exempt appendices.		
14.2	<b><u>Christmas Village Feedback Report - Exempt Appendices</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> Note the information contained within the exempt appendices.		
14.3	<b><u>Complex Care - Outline Business Case - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> Note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		

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