

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 17 MAY 2023

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1.1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> There was no Urgent Business.		
2.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business:- 14.1 – Work Plan and Business Cases – Exempt Appendices; 14.2 – Newhills Additional Primary School Provision – Exempt Appendix; and 14.3 – Belmont Cinema and Media Centre Options – Exempt Appendices.		
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (1) Councillor Watson declared an interest in relation to agenda item 11.1 (Regional Economic Strategy) by virtue of him being a member of the Trade Union Congress. He considered that the nature of his interest would		

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		<p>require him to leave the meeting prior to consideration of the item; and</p> <p>(2) Councillor Macdonald advised that she had a connection in relation to agenda item 12.1 (Belmont Cinema and Media Centre Options) by virtue of her being an Advisor to the Save the Belmont Campaign. Having applied the objective test, she did not consider that she had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.</p>		
4.1	<u>Deputations</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> There were no Deputations.</p>		
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 29 March 2023</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) that with reference to article 4(iv) of the minute, in relation to 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</p> <p>(ii) to otherwise approve the minute as a correct record, subject to amending article 7(e) by replacing the words ‘Benholms Gateway project’ with ‘Benholms Tower project’.</p>		
6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the reasons for deferral in relation to item 5 (School Estate Plan: Hazlehead/Countesswells Secondary School Provision – Outline Business</p>		

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		Case), item 9 (Proposals for Investment for Works at Riverbank School to Accommodate the Relocation of St. Peter's School) and item 10 (Craighill and Kincorth Housing Delivery); and (ii) to otherwise note the Planner.		
7.1	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to take no action.		
7.2	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Crockett</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> in terms of Standing Order 34.1, this matter was referred to the Council for consideration.		
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 4, 2022/23 -- RES/23/148</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) note the unaudited final outturn position for financial year 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1; (ii) note that the General Fund has recorded an operational deficit of £2.083m for the year 2022/23, which has been funded from the Earmarked sum set aside for Covid Resilience. The uncommitted General Fund reserve remains in line with the approved Reserves Policy; (iii) note that the Housing Revenue Account has recorded a surplus of £0.500m for the year, in line with		

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		<p>budget and increasing the uncommitted working balance for use in future years;</p> <p>(iv) note that the Common Good has recorded an operating surplus of £0.049m for the year. After investment valuation changes and capital receipts are included total cash balances decreased by £1.248m;</p> <p>(v) approve the various transfers for 2022/23, between Council Reserves and Earmarked sums for the General Fund, Housing Revenue Account, Common Good and Statutory Funds as of 31 March 2023, as detailed in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(vi) approve the reprofiling of the 2023/24 – 2026/27 capital programmes to take account of the year end position and that the outcome of this is incorporated into the 2023/24 Quarter 1 reporting;</p> <p>(vii) note that the unaudited Annual Accounts for 2022/23 were presented to Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee on 11 May 2023, including the Annual Governance Statement and Remuneration Report for the year; and</p> <p>(viii) note that the Chief Officer – Finance would circulate comparative data from other local authority areas in relation to long term absences.</p>		
9.2	<u>Work Plan and Business Cases - COM/23/136</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) review the workplan as detailed in the</p>		

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	Exempt Appendices are included within the Exempt Appendices Section of this Agenda.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Appendices for the Customer, Operations and Resources Functions; approve the procurement business cases, including the total estimated expenditure for the proposed contract; (iii) approve the estimated annual expenditure for framework agreements within financial year 2023-24 as detailed within the appendices; and (iv) note the content of Appendix 3 - 3.10 Memos (Exemption Urgency). 		
9.3	<p><u>Newhills Additional Primary School Provision - RES/23/144</u></p> <p>An Exempt Appendix is located within the Exempt Appendices Section of this Agenda.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) note and endorse the preferred design option which will be an exemplar school for net zero and green credentials; (ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to report back to a future meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee in 2024 with the Full Business Case; and (iii) refer this report for noting to the Education & Childrens Services Committee in July 2023. 		
9.4	<p><u>Capital Programme Delivery: Projects Update - RES/23/137</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) note the status of delivery of the Section 3 highlighted programmes/projects contained within the approved Capital Programme; (ii) that in relation to the new Mortuary at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary (ARI), to note that the Director of Resources would liaise with colleagues from the 		

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		<p>Integrated Joint Board to determine whether data/analysis around the public parking at the ARI site had been undertaken, and if so, whether it could be obtained and circulated to members of the Committee via email;</p> <p>(iii) that in relation to Union Terrace Gardens, to note that the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord would circulate details of the public toilet opening hours to members of the Committee via email, including how this information would be articulated to members of the public; and</p> <p>(iv) note that the Director of Resources would arrange to circulate an update on the improvement works associated with King George VI Bridge and the Bridge of Dee by way of email.</p>		
10.1	<u>Service Delivery</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> No reports un der this section.		
11.1	<u>Regional Economic Strategy - COM/23/150</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) approve the draft RES as the strategic framework for economic growth in the North East of Scotland subject to approval of the Strategy by Aberdeenshire Council and Opportunity North East (ONE); (ii) note the proposed changes to the Regional Economic Partnership (REP) in the Strategy and approves the proposed Terms of Reference in section 3.18 subject to approval by		

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		<p>(iii) Aberdeenshire Council and ONE; appoint Councillor Yuill as Co-Leader of the Council to be the Council's representative on the REP;</p> <p>(iv) note the update on the process to deliver Investment Zones in Scotland and instructs the Chief Officer – City Growth to provide an update to the July Committee; and</p> <p>(v) instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to discuss with Aberdeenshire Council and ONE the potential inclusion of a regional Trade Union representative on the proposed REP, noting that this will not delay approval of the RES and the workplan.</p>		
12.1	<p><u>Belmont Cinema and Media Centre Options - COM/23/138</u></p> <p>Exempt Appendices are included within the Exempt Appendices Section of this Agenda.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) note the findings and recommendations of the Feasibility Report and Marketing Report;</p> <p>(ii) note the outcome of the Options Appraisal;</p> <p>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth in consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services to proceed with issuing a Prior Information Notice (PIN) through Public Contracts Scotland with a Request for Information (RFI), to market test for a prospective operator according to the financial modelling and recommendations in the Feasibility Report; and</p> <p>(iv) instruct the Chief Officer – City Growth to report back to committee on</p>		

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		progress through a Service Update by the end of July 2023.		
12.2	<u>Commercial Property Auctions – Pilot Project - RES/23/161</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out a pilot project to dispose of the asset noted within the report through a commercial property auction route and report the outcome to a future committee.		
13.1	<u>Exempt/Confidential Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> No reports under this section		
14.1	<u>Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> Note the information contained within the exempt appendices.		
14.2	<u>Newhills Additional Primary School Provision - Exempt Appendix</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> Note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		
14.3	<u>Belmont Cinema and Media Centre Options - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> Note the information contained 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