

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

ANTI-POVERTY AND INEQUALITY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 30 AUGUST 2023

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	There was no urgent business.		
2	<u>Exempt Business</u>	There was no exempt business.		
3	<u>Members are requested to declare any interests or connections</u>	<p>Members were requested to intimate any Declarations of Interest or Transparency Statements in respect of the items on the agenda.</p> <p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note that the Convener advised that he had a connection in relation to all of the Committee Business agenda items as he was a Council appointed representative to Community Food Initiatives North East (CFINE) Board, Aberdeen Foyer and Fairer Aberdeen Fund Board and Chair of the Granite City Good Food Steering Group, however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connections amounted to an interest which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the items;</p> <p>(ii) to note that Councillor Brooks advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.4 (Family Wellbeing Fund and Fuel Poverty) and 9.5 (Initiatives to support bringing people out of poverty) as he was founder and Chairman of the TLC Charity which was part of the Trussell Trust</p>		

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		<p>family of food banks however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the items; and</p> <p>(iii) to note that Dr John Bone advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda items 9.4 and 9.5 as he was a Board member of C-Fine however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the items.</p>		
4	<u>Minute of previous meeting of 21 June 2023</u>	<p>The Committee had before it the minute of the previous meeting of 21 June 2023.</p> <p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the comments from the Interim Chief Officer – Governance (Legal) IN RESPECT OF article 4(i) with regard to Integrated Impact Assessments; and</p> <p>(ii) to otherwise approve the minute.</p>		
5	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>to note the Planner.</p>		
6	<u>Video Presentation by Dr Flora Douglas - Infant Food Insecurity research</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note that a longer version of the video presentation would be circulated to members;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Locality Manager to issue a Service Update in respect of the Infant Food Security Pilot Improvement Project;</p> <p>(iii) to convey the Committee’s thanks to Professor Douglas for the presentation; and</p> <p>(iv) to otherwise note the content of the video presentation.</p>		

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7	<u>Memorandum of Understanding between Aberdeen City Council and the Department of Work and Pensions - CUS/23/251</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note the report.		
8	<u>Citizens' Assemblies - CUS/23/252</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to approve the approach to deliver an assembly on poverty and gender inequality in Aberdeen; and (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to give authority to conduct a procurement exercise, where the estimated Contract Value was below £50,000 (supplies/ services). <i>In terms of Standing Order 34.1, this matter was referred to the Council for a final decision.</i>		
9	<u>Family Wellbeing Fund and Fuel Poverty - CUS/23/253</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to instruct the Locality Manager to issue a Service Update in respect of a breakdown of the distribution of funds for the provision of winter clothing for families at risk of being unable to buy their school age children appropriate winter clothing; and (ii) to approve the re-allocation of funding option as recommended at 3.8 of the report.		
10	<u>Initiatives to support bringing people out of poverty - CUS/23/254</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note that Councillor Kusznir advised that he had a connection in relation to the item as he was a Board Member of Citizens' Advice Aberdeen, however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which		

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		<p>would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the item;</p> <p>(ii) to agree that, should the bid for the Cash-First Fund be unsuccessful, the External Advisers would report back to Committee on the background work undertaken and to provide Committee with further information for discussion;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Director – Customer Services, to issue a Service Update advising Members of the process for proposing External Advisers to join the Committee;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, in partnership with the External Advisers, to report back to a future meeting of the Committee, no later than summer 2024, on the issues faced by people in poverty in relation to accessing advice services and financial services and the impact this had; on the services available in Aberdeen; on the unmet need; and specific recommendations for council services and other organisations to address this unmet need; and</p> <p>(v) to otherwise note the report from the External Advisers.</p>		
11	<p><u>Report on Visit to Aberdeen Foyer - CUS/23/267</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the report at Appendix 1 provided by Aberdeen Foyer; and</p> <p>(ii) to thank all those at Aberdeen Foyer, including the many staff, volunteers and participants, who welcomed the Committee and provided an informative and interesting afternoon.</p>		

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12	<u>Exempt/Confidential Business</u>	There was no exempt business.		
13	<u>Valedictory</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note that the Convener would write to Evan Adamson on behalf of the Committee to thank him for his contributions during his time as External Adviser.		

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