

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

ANTI-POVERTY AND INEQUALITY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 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 Councillor Brooks advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda items 9.1 (Population Needs Assessment) and 9.2 (External Advisers' Report) as he was founder and Chairman of the TLC Charity which was part of the Trussell Trust 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;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Convener advised that he had a connection in relation items 9.1 and 9.2 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</p>		

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		<p>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 item; and</p> <p>(iii) to note that Dr John Bone had a connection with item 9.2 as he was a Director of CFINE, 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 item.</p>		
4	<u>Minute of previous meeting of 30 August 2023</u>	<p>The Committee had before it the minute of the previous meeting of 30 August 2023.</p> <p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.</p>		
5	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<p>The Committee had before it the planner of committee business, as prepared by the Interim Chief Officer – Governance (Assurance).</p> <p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the reason outlined by the Clerk for the deferral of item 12; and</p> <p>(ii) to otherwise note the Planner.</p>		
6	<u>Population Needs Assessment - CUS/23/318</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note that Councillor Yuill advised that he had a connection in relation to the item as he was a Board Member of NHS Grampian 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 item;</p> <p>(ii) to note the Population Needs Assessment 2023 as contained at appendix 1; and</p>		

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		(iii) to note from the report that, while all households in Scotland will be affected by increases in the cost of living, a report by the Scottish Government suggests that it is those with lower incomes and little or no savings who will be most impacted as they spend a higher proportion than average on energy, food and transport and they therefore have less flexibility in their budget to cope with price rises. Therefore, agrees a Council Tax freeze can only be supported if it is fully funded by the Scottish Government.		
7	<u>External Advisers' Report - CUS/23/319</u>	The Committee resolved:- to note the report from the external advisers.		
8	<u>Committee Effectiveness Report - COM/23/325</u>	The Committee resolved:- (i) to note that the Director - Customer Services would begin dialogue with partners in respect of the provision of Warm Spaces and in particular the former staff canteen at the Town House; and (ii) to otherwise note the annual report of the Anti Poverty and Inequality Committee.		
9	<u>Exempt/Confidential Business</u>	There was no exempt business.		

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