

LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COUNCIL DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2023

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Committee and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Committee or seek further instructions from the Committee.

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| 1.1 | <u>Admission of Burgesses</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> None | | |
| 2.1 | <u>Notification of Urgent Business</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note that the Lord Provost had agreed to add a verbal update from the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord on the latest situation with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in Council properties to the agenda as a matter of urgency in terms of Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973; and that the agenda would be adjusted, if required, in order to hear the update this day due to the urgency of the situation. | | |
| 3.1 | <u>Determination of Exempt Business</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council 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 item 11.1 so as to avoid | | |

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| | | disclosure of exempt information of the class described in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act. | | |
| 4.1 | <u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the declarations of interest and transparency statements which would be recorded in the minute. | | |
| 5.1 | <u>Deputation Requests</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the deputation from Ms Rachel Mearns from Aberdeen Academy of Performing Arts and thank her for her contribution. | | |
| 6.1 | <u>Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 23 August 2023 - for approval</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute. | | |
| 6.2 | <u>Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 23 August 2023 - for approval</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute subject to amending Article 5 to reflect that Councillor Malik had queried the accuracy of the Urgent Business Committee minute of 7 July 2023 in terms of the absence of the special circumstances regarding urgency. | | |
| 6.3 | <u>Minute of Adjourned Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 11 September 2023 - for approval</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute. | | |

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| 6.4 | <u>Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 18 September 2023 - for approval</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute. | | |
| 6.5 | <u>Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 7 July 2023 - for approval</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute subject to amending (1) the sequence to reflect that the special circumstances regarding urgency had not been provided until after the division on the procedural motion within Article 1; and (2) a typographical error within Article 2 regarding Cycling UK. | | |
| 7.1 | <u>Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee of 30 August 2023 - Citizen Assemblies</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council 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). | | |
| 8.1 | <u>Council Business Planner</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |
| 9.1 | <u>Annual Performance Reports - 2022/2023 for all Tier 1 ALEOs: Aberdeen Performing Arts; Aberdeen Sports Village; Bon Accord Care;</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to note the Annual Performance Reports for each of the Tier one | | |

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| | <u>Sport Aberdeen - COM/23/305</u> | <p>ALEOs;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Managing Director of Sport Aberdeen would discuss matters regarding opening hours at the Beacon Centre with Councillor Lawrence outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Managing Director of Sport Aberdeen would circulate information to elected members following the meeting with regard to Sport Aberdeen's Health Intervention Partnership Programmes; and</p> <p>(iv) to thank the representatives of the ALEOs for their attendance and contributions.</p> | | |
| 9.2 | <u>Options Appraisal on Working Arrangements with our ALEOs - CFS/23/315</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |
| 9.3 | <u>Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2023 - Proposed Aberdeen Planning Guidance and Supplementary Guidance - COM/23/303</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |
| 9.4 | <u>Finalised Draft George Street Masterplan - COM/23/304</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |
| 9.5 | <u>North East of Scotland Investment Zone Proposal - COM/23/316</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to approve the Council's participation | | |

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| | | <p>in the North East of Scotland Investment Zone Steering Group until the Regional Economic Partnership was formed;</p> <p>(ii) to appoint Councillor Allard, Co-Leader, to be the Council's representative on the North East of Scotland Investment Zone Steering Group; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to report back to Council on the developed proposal.</p> | | |
| 9.6 | <u>Annual Procurement Report 2022-2023 - COM/23/309</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |
| 9.7 | <u>Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2022-23 - COM/23/310</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |
| 9.8 | <u>Aberdeen City Population Needs Assessment 2023 - CUS/23/312</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |
| 9.9 | <u>Community Planning Aberdeen Annual Outcome Improvement Report 2022/23 - CUS/23/314</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |
| 9.10 | <u>Community Planning Aberdeen Locality Annual Outcome Improvement Reports 2022/23 for North, South and</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |

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| | <u>Central Localities - CUS/23/313</u> | | | |
| 9.11 | <u>Appointment of an External Adviser to Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee - CUS/23/311</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the appointment of Mr Edward Obi as a new external adviser to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee. | | |
| 9.12 | <u>RAAC Briefing</u> | <u>The Council resolved:</u> <u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to note the presentation and verbal update from the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord; (ii) to thank the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, Chief Officer - Capital, Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, their teams and other colleagues for their work in this area to date; and (iii) to note that service updates would be provided moving forward and, where appropriate, reports to the relevant committees as the situation unfolded. | | |
| 10.1 | <u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Cooke</u> That Council; 1. Notes the Lord Advocate’s statement “that it would not be in the public interest to prosecute drug users for simple possession offences committed within a pilot safer drugs consumption facility.” 2. Agrees that safer drug consumption | <u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date. | | |

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| | <p>facilities are an important public health measure that could save lives, and supports all options within the existing legal framework being explored to enable the delivery of these facilities to prevent overdoses and reduce harm.</p> <p>3. Notes the Minister for Drug and Alcohol Policy, on 19 September 2023 in the Scottish Parliament, stated “In the past two years, the University of Stirling has undertaken work to look at how we could roll out a drug-checking pilot within Scotland. During that research phase, several potential locations were identified. We know that Aberdeen, Glasgow and Dundee have expressed their wish to be part of the pilot. The research was published at the end of July and we are now helping those areas to apply for licences. We await a final communication from the United Kingdom Home Office that will help us to ensure that those licensing applications can go in and will be met with the most sympathetic ear possible.”</p> <p>4. Welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to tackling drug harm as part of a public health approach and will work with partners to support and assist in applications for drug-checking facilities being made available in Aberdeen.</p> | | | |

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| | <p>5. Instructs the Chief Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership to engage with relevant partners, in particular, the Aberdeen City Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, to support delivery of a drug-checking pilot in Aberdeen.</p> <p>6. Encourages all Council Members, where comfortable to do so, to be trained and carry naloxone during their councillor duties, in the event that they encounter a member of the public in an overdose situation and to promote naloxone within their communities.</p> <p>7. Instructs the Chief Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership to report to the Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board by March 2024 on the progress of those discussions with partner agencies, the Scottish Government and Home Office.</p> | | | |
| 10.2 | <p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Cooke</u></p> <p>That the Council:</p> <p>1. Notes the report of the external auditor, Audit Scotland, into the audit of the 2022/23 North East Scotland Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts;</p> <p>2. Notes in particular Recommendation 3 of that report, namely: “we encourage Aberdeen City Council, as the administering</p> | <p><u>The Council resolved:</u></p> <p>Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date.</p> | | |

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| | <p>authority, to fill the vacancies on the Pensions Committee and for members to work together for the benefit of the fund”; and</p> <p>3. Deeply regrets the Labour Group’s continued failure to participate in the Pensions Committee contrary to the recommendation of the external auditor, noting that the interests of the 77,000 members of the Pension Fund would be best served by participation in the Committee being from across the political perspectives that make up Aberdeen City Council, the Administering Authority.</p> | | | |
| 11.1 | <p><u>Options Appraisal on Working Arrangements with our ALEOs - CFS/23/315 - exempt appendices</u></p> | <p><u>The Council resolved:</u> Meeting adjourned - item to be considered at a later date.</p> | | |

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