

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2023

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1	<u>Minute of the Previous Meeting of 1 November 2022</u>	to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	L McBain
2	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	to note the planner.	Governance	L McBain
3	<u>Notice of Motion from Councillor Bonsell</u>	<p>That this Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. notes that fuel poverty is a serious problem for people in their homes across Aberdeen, particularly during this winter but forecast to continue in future years; 2. notes that the effects of climate change are increasingly being felt in all communities in the city, but especially in the most vulnerable; 3. agrees that the most effective route out of fuel poverty is reducing the need for energy consumption, which is also part of the transition to a low carbon economy, the fundamental means of addressing climate change; 4. notes that the widespread installation of good quality insulation in homes, to the current best standards, will reduce energy consumption and offer the prospect of decent living-wage jobs, open to local people within Aberdeen's communities; 5. notes that granite-built houses with solid walls 	Resources	Stephen Booth (all actions)

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		<p>and no cavities are a characteristic of Aberdeen;</p> <p>6. recalls the long history of Aberdeen City Council in tackling fuel poverty, for example, through partnering with SCARF, Aberdeen Heat & Power, and the new Energy from Waste project;</p> <p>7. agrees that Aberdeen City Council should look to maximise the benefits of public spending by integrating the work on fuel poverty, climate change and employability where possible.</p> <p>8. notes that the Council currently have a number of ongoing cavity and external wall insulation schemes to address the energy needs of Council tenants; and</p> <p>9. agrees that the Council continue to work with the Scottish Government to deliver Home Energy Efficiency Programme for Scotland: Area Based Scheme, working with private owners to progress external wall insulation and other home efficiency measures</p>		
4	<p><u>Verbal Operational Update - Police Scotland - Chief Superintendent Graeme Mackie</u></p>	<p>(i) to request that the contacts details of the relevant Police Scotland officers be shared with elected members via the clerk, in order for the Members to forward any communications with constituents that require Police Scotland attention;</p> <p>(ii) to request that a 6 monthly report be submitted to the Committee, from the City Centre Policing Team and to include information on partnership working; and</p> <p>(iii) to otherwise thank Chief Superintendent Mackie for his verbal update.</p>	<p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Police Scotland/ Customer</p>	<p>Graeme Mackie</p> <p>Graeme Mackie/ Andy MacDonald</p>

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5	<u>Police Scotland Thematic Report - Update on Cyber Crime - POL/23/026</u>	to note the update provided by Police Scotland in regards to cyber crime.		
6	<u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Thematic Report Monitoring and Tracking of Initiatives - SFR/23/029</u>	to note the information contained in the report.	SFRS	Chay Ewing
7	<u>Performance Report - CUS/23/006</u>	to note the report.	Customer	Louise Fox
8	<u>Community Empowerment Strategy - CUS/23/014</u>	to endorse the Community Empowerment Strategy presented at Appendix 1.	Customer	Michelle Crombie
9	<u>Building Standards Activity Report - COM/23/025</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to request that officers review the situation in regards to the vacant shop units at Logie Place and to send the information by way of email to members, as well as the local members for Northfield/Mastrick; (ii) to note the contents of the report and appendix; and (iii) agrees to receive a further Building Standards Activity Report at the meeting of the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 24th November 2023 	Commissioning	Grant Tierney (all actions)
10	<u>Resilience Annual Report - COM/23/013</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the progress made in further embedding the Council's resilience arrangements during another challenging year for emergency response; and (ii) to note the updated Generic Emergency Plan which has received minor alterations under the relevant delegated powers. 	Commissioning	Fiona Mann

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11	<u>Preventing Homelessness - Memorandum of Understanding between Aberdeen City Council and the Department of Work and Pensions - CUS/23/027</u>	note the report.	Customer	Derek McGowan
12	<u>Operation and Enforcement of Licensing and Registration Schemes within the Private Rented Housing Sector of Aberdeen - CUS/23/018</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the operation of Landlord Registration, and enforcement of unregistered landlords within Aberdeen City; (ii) to note the operation of the licensing scheme for Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) and enforcement of unlicensed landlords within Aberdeen City; and (iii) to note the operation of the licensing scheme for Short Term Lets and enforcement of unlicensed hosts and operators within Aberdeen City. 	Customer	Jocelyn Janssen (all actions)
13	<u>Housing Improvement Group - Update Report January 2023 - RES/23/045</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the work of the Housing Improvement Group in identifying improvements and efficiencies around the management and maintenance of the housing stock and instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to bring forward regular reports (bi-annual) on the work of the Group to this Committee, the first such report to go to the Committee meeting in July 2023; (ii) to note that, as part of the transformation programme, there is an ongoing review of the structure of the organisation around housing repairs and maintenance and instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to report any changes to this Committee on 6 July 2023; (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to review, as part of the 	Resources	Stephen Booth (all actions)

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		<p>transformation programme, key planned maintenance activities required across the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) portfolio and report back to this committee in July 2023) on a programme approach to delivering these works;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord, as part of the 2023/24 budget setting process, to consider the balance between pro-active preventative maintenance and replacement works with a view to reporting a more robust planned maintenance programme as part of the HRA Capital and Revenue budgets, reflecting all other budget pressures;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to report to the next meeting of this Committee on the capital programme of works to properties, following consideration of the current approach to tenants refusing improvement works, with options to change this approach and the case for changing to an approach which ensures all tenanted properties are upgraded and maintained to the same standard;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to ensure that a robust approach is taken in relation to common repairs within shared ownership properties and report to the next committee on the legal and logistical implications of this, with a recommendation of a course of action to ensure all tenanted properties are maintained to similar standard;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to review the HRA’s non1traditional housing stock to identify properties that will be</p>		

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		<p>unable to meet future environmental or other standards, identify a budget to undertake these inspections within the 2023/24 budget and report back to this Committee on progress in November 2023; and</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to consolidate and refresh all asset management strategies for the HRA estate and report back to this Committee on this matter by late 2024.</p>		

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