

**DECISION SHEET**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 11 JANUARY 2023**

	Item Title	Council Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1.1	<b><u>Notification of Urgent Business</u></b>	No urgent business		
2.1	<b><u>Determination of Exempt Business</u></b>	No exempt business		
3.1	<b><u>Declarations of interest or connections</u></b>	None		
4.1	<b><u>Written Request for Special Meeting</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to recognise that the high quality education for our children and young people across the City of Aberdeen provided by teachers and wider education staff improves the life choices and opportunities for the pupils in their care;</li> <li>(ii) to note that teaching unions have balloted their members for strike action as part of a 10% pay claim and that the ballot received support from members for such action to be undertaken;</li> <li>(iii) to acknowledge that the dispute is a national issue which is subject to negotiating procedures between the</li> </ul>		

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		<p>unions, CoSLA and Scottish Government Ministers;</p> <p>(iv) to note the Scottish Government has finite financial resources and, without additional resources being provided by the UK Government, there is a limit on what can be offered to teachers;</p> <p>(v) to note that the UK has the predicted lowest level of economic growth of G7 countries in 2023 and increases in inflation in excess of ten percent which is set to erode living standards for the foreseeable future;</p> <p>(vi) to note with concern that the UK Government's response to address legitimate pay claims has been to introduce legislation to remove the rights of employees across many sectors, such as teachers, to withdraw their labour;</p> <p>(vii) to further note that there is now widespread industrial unrest across the UK, leaving local government in Scotland and the Scottish Government with insufficient funding to meet pay claims; and</p> <p>(viii) to invite any group leader who wishes, to write to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer highlighting Aberdeen City Council's concerns regarding the adverse impact this dispute continues to have on families and the education of our young people; and to call on the UK Government to provide realistic,</p>		

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		<p>recurring and sustainable funding to the Scottish Government so it can fund fair pay for all public sector workers across Scotland to address the ongoing cost of living crisis created by the UK Government.</p>		

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