

**DECISION SHEET**

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, 27 MARCH 2023**

	Item Title	Council Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1.1	<u>Notification of Urgent Business</u>	No urgent business		
2.1	<u>Determination of exempt business</u>	No exempt business		
3.1	<u>Declarations of interest and transparency statements</u>	<b>The Council resolved:-</b> to note the transparency statement which would be recorded in the minute.		
4.1	<u>Written Request for Special Meeting - Sistema Big Noise Torry</u>	<b>The Council resolved:-</b> (i) to note that in setting its 2023/24 Revenue Budget, the Council had to bridge a £46.6million funding gap and that the Partnership revenue budget proposal was the only alternative presented to the Council on 1 March 2023 which delivered a balanced budget without cutting millions of pounds from education spending and borrowing millions of pounds to pay for day-to-day spending; <b>Cost of Living Support</b> (ii) to note the 23/24 budget was providing £500,000 to support food banks in Aberdeen to support citizens through this ongoing cost of living		

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		<p>crisis;</p> <p>(iii) to note the 23/24 budget was providing a £400,000 top up to the Scottish Welfare Fund to support citizens during this ongoing cost of living crisis;</p> <p>(iv) to note the 23/24 budget was providing £190,000 investment in money advice services to support citizens through this ongoing cost of living crisis;</p> <p><b>Education</b></p> <p>(v) to note the 23/24 budget was providing £178million for the provision of Education across Aberdeen;</p> <p>(vi) to condemn the proposal by both Aberdeen Labour and Scottish Conservative Groups for cutting 3% from the 2023/24 Devolved School Management budgets (headteachers' budgets) in order to save £3.7million. To understand that this option would have seen a reduction in excess of 100 teachers across the city, with some schools, such as Aberdeen Grammar, Bucksburn Academy and Lochside Academy, facing a reduction of up to 3 teachers;</p> <p>(vii) to further condemn the proposal by Aberdeen Labour to reduce the delivery of the Music Service by £757,000, which would see children within our most deprived communities missing out on free music tuition, and further reduction in staffing within</p>		

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		<p>schools;</p> <p><b>Sistema Scotland</b></p> <p>(viii) to understand that within the savings, Council agreed to remove funding for Sistema Scotland (EI-01) to deliver the Big Noise Torry programme based on the evidence published on 24 March 2023;</p> <p>(ix) to agree that Aberdeen City Council would support the transition of Sistema to the Scottish Government to deliver positive outcomes for children and young people in Torry;</p> <p><b>Libraries Service</b></p> <p>(x) to note that the 23/24 budget allocated £3.6million for the provision of 11 libraries across Aberdeen;</p> <p>(xi) to note the Council instruction, 1 March 2023, to bring options to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee for the design of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century library provision that was sustainable into the future;</p> <p><b>Bucksburn Swimming Pool</b></p> <p>(xii) to note that the 23/24 budget allocated £4.515million to Sport Aberdeen for the provision of health and leisure;</p> <p>(xiii) to note that Sport Aberdeen was a private company limited by guarantee and a registered charity with directors/trustees who had responsibility for day-to-day management of the organisation;</p> <p>(xiv) to express complete confidence in the independence of the Board of Sport</p>		

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		<p>Aberdeen to make decisions as it sees fit without political interference to maximise Sport Aberdeen’s strategic aims as determined by Aberdeen City Council;</p> <p>(xv) to acknowledge the public petition to retain Bucksburn Swimming Pool;</p> <p>(xvi) to agree that Sport Aberdeen’s Board had complete autonomy around the decision making to keep Bucksburn Swimming Pool open;</p> <p>(xvii) to note with regret that Sport Aberdeen announced, on 2 March 2023, that they planned to close Bucksburn Swimming Pool for commercial reasons;</p> <p><b>Other</b></p> <p>(xviii) to note that the Interim Director of Education and Children’s Services would liaise with the Council’s Public Transport Unit Team Leader with regard to the Council’s obligations in terms of school transport with regard to set distances and respond to Councillor Massey accordingly;</p> <p>(xix) to note that the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord would prepare a briefing note on the six library sites for circulation to all members; and</p> <p>(xx) to thank the public for their community spirit and their thoughtful actions to save public facilities.</p>		

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4.2	<b><u>Written Request for Special Meeting - Library closures, closure of Bucksburn Swimming Pool and cuts to vital public services</u></b>	Please see the decisions at item 4.1		

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