

## GOVERNANCE

### DECISION SHEET

#### FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2024

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1.1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There was no Urgent Business.		
2.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> 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 14.1 (Proposed Sale of Land at Denwood/Hazlehead), item 15.1 (Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices), item 15.2 (Ferryhill School Suitability Improvements: Outline Business Case – Exempt Appendix), item 15.3 (St Machar Grounds Improvements: Outline Business Case – Exempt Appendix) and item 15.4 (Harlaw Academy Suitability Improvements: Outline Business Case – Exempt Appendix).		
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There were no Declarations of Interest or Transparency Statements intimated.		

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4.1	<u>Deputations</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There were no Deputations.		
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 13 March 2024</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to approve the minute, subject to the deletion of the wording 'Council appointed' at article 2(2) - Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements; and (ii) in relation to article 8, to instruct the Chief Officer - City Development and Regeneration to email the Committee members information regarding the applicants which were unsuccessful with their bids.		
6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to remove item 5 (Invest Aberdeen Update), item 6 (Events Plan) and item 55 (Sustainable Drainage System (SUDS) Section 7) from the planner, for the reasons outlined therein and the explanation provided at the meeting; (ii) to note the reason for deferral in relation to item 8 (Title to be Confirmed - Report relating to Councillor Thomson's Motion), item 10 (Financial Settlement from Transport Scotland for the De-trunking of the A92/A96 (Haudagain Improvement) and item 13 (Disposal of Former Offices at 1 Queens Gardens); (iii) in relation to item 56 (Urban Park at Queen Street - Outline Business		

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		<p>Case) and item 57 (Castlegate Refurbishment – Full Business Case), to instruct the Director of City Regeneration and Environment to update the Planner with timescales for submitting the reports to Committee; and</p> <p>(iv) to otherwise note the Committee Business Planner.</p>		
7.1	<b><u>Notices of Motion</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There were no Notices of Motion.</p>		
8.1	<b><u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There were no Referrals.</p>		
9.1	<b><u>Council Financial Performance - Quarter 4, 2023/24 - CORS/24/138</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> The report was referred to the next meeting of Council in terms of Standing Order 34.1.</p>		
9.2	<b><u>Grant Review - CR&amp;E/24/126</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note a commentary of grants awarded by the Council in 2023-24 in relation to the 3 Tier Prevention Approach;</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer – City Development and Regeneration, following consultation with the Chief Officer – Finance, Chief Officer – Governance and Chief Officer – People and Citizen Services, to undertake a full grant review and report back to the Finance and Resources Committee on 5 November</p>		

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		<p>2024 with recommendations for future grant activity; and</p> <p>(iii) to agree, for the avoidance of doubt, that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will be contained within the full review, within the context of the three tiered approach.</p>		
9.3	<p><b><u>UK Shared Prosperity Fund - CR&amp;E/24/127</u></b></p>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b>  <u>UKSPF Communities &amp; Place</u></p> <p>(i) award up to £91,078.58 to Aberdeen Performing Arts for the Repointing and Exterior Restorations at His Majesty's Theatre project;</p> <p>(ii) award up to £85,000 to Aberdeen City Council for Phase 2 of the Denis Law Trail, subject to final business case;</p> <p>(iii) award up to £75,000 to Belmont Community Cinema for the Belmont Community Cinema project;</p> <p>(iv) award up to £14,391.60 to Cairncry Community Centre for the Community Café Refurbishment project;</p> <p>(v) award up to £100,000 to Granite City Taekwondo for the Tillydrone Community Centre Upgrades project, on the condition that they receive permissions from ACC by 1st July 2024;</p> <p>(vi) award up to £99,945 to SHMU for the Redevelopment to Station House project, on the condition of confirmation of match funding;</p> <p>(vii) note that an additional 7 applications were received for the Communities and Place priority totalling</p>		

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		<p>£944,431.00 which were not recommended for approval;</p> <p>(viii) note that if the above are approved then the Communities and Place priority is now fully allocated; and, as such</p> <p>(ix) approve that any underspend which are returned from projects be reallocated to any other previously approved project supported by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund within the same priority, which may require additional resources, following consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Finance &amp; Resources Committee; and</p> <p>(x) <b>instruct the external funding team and estates team to support Cults Library to secure external funding in line with their timescales and instruct Chief Officer - City Development and Regeneration to provide an update by December 2024 to the Finance and Resources Committee;</b></p> <p><u>UKSPF Local Business Support</u></p> <p>(xi) award up to £40,000 to Aberdeen City Council for the Culture Aberdeen Network Coordination Service;</p> <p><u>UKSPF People &amp; Skills</u></p> <p>(xii) award up to £161,970 to ABZWorks for the Startup Accelerator Programme Project in partnership with Robert Gordon's University;</p> <p>(xiii) award up to £133,887 to ABZWorks</p>		

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		<p>for the Sparking Change: Aberdeen Project in partnership with Aberdeen University;</p> <p>(xiv) note that if the above are approved then the People and Skills priority is now fully allocated; and, as such</p> <p>(xv) approve that any underspend which are returned from projects be reallocated to any other previously approved project supported by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund within the same priority, which may require additional resources, following consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee.</p>		
9.4	<p><b><u>Ferryhill School Suitability Improvements: Outline Business Case - F&amp;C/24/135</u></b></p> <p>There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices Section below.</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) approve in principle the recommended option within the outline business case at Appendix A, to refurbish and extend Ferryhill School and to provide a standalone nursery building, in line with the allocation of funding for this project within the Non-Housing Capital Programme, which was approved by Council on 6 March 2024;</p> <p>(ii) approve the use of resources to take forwards detailed design development for the recommended option; and</p> <p>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to report back to the Committee with a full business case, within the next 12 months.</p>		
9.5	<b><u>St Machar Grounds Improvements:</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>		

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	<p><b><u>Outline Business Case - F&amp;C/24/134</u></b></p> <p>There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices Section below.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) approve in principle the recommended option within the outline business case at Appendix A, to improve the outside environment at St Machar Academy, in line with the allocation of funding for this project within the Non-Housing Capital Programme, which was approved by Council on 6 March 2024;</li> <li>(ii) approve the use of resources to take the improvements detailed in the preferred option; and</li> <li>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to report back to the Committee with a full business case, within the next 12 months.</li> </ul>		
9.6	<p><b><u>Harlaw Academy Suitability Improvements: Outline Business Case - CR&amp;E/24/136</u></b></p> <p>There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices Section below.</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) approve in principle the preferred option within the outline business case at Appendix A, to improve the suitability of the Harlaw Academy building, in line with the allocation of funding for this project within the Non-Housing Capital Programme, which was approved by Council on 6 March 2024;</li> <li>(ii) approve the use of resources to take forwards detailed design development for the preferred option;</li> <li>(iii) give delegated powers to the Chief Officer - Capital, to award a contract for the refurbishment and extension of the pavilion at Harlaw Road Playing Fields, provided the cost of the works does not exceed the approved overall</li> </ul>		

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		<p>budget for this aspect of the project; and</p> <p>(iv) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to report back to the Committee with a full business case within the next 12 months.</p>		
9.7	<p><b><u>A92 Murcar North – Active Travel Scheme Development - CR&amp;E/24/129</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) approve the Outline Business Case (Appendix 1);</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Capital to progress all necessary procurements, approvals, permissions, licenses, agreements and consents required to develop and implement the project within its budget;</p> <p>(iii) note that available funding through the AWPR Non-Motorised User Fund is sufficient to fund the elements identified in 2.2 of this report, with the exception of implementation; and</p> <p>(iv) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to seek additional external funding to allow the implementation of the project.</p>		
9.8	<p><b><u>Aberdeen eBike Hire Scheme - CR&amp;E/24/132</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note that the existing bike hire scheme has ceased as a result of the pull-out of the operator, ShareBike, and the efforts of officers to continue the scheme under the existing contractual terms and conditions have been unsuccessful;</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to formally terminate</p>		



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		<p>(iii) the existing bike hire contract; instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to explore options around how a future scheme might operate and report back findings to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee in September; and</p> <p>(iv) agree Sharebike pulled out of the UK market due to problems attracting funding and as reported in the media, the bikes had suffered vandalism.</p>		
9.9	<b><u>International Travel - CR&amp;E/24/159</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> The Committee were advised that this report had been withdrawn.</p>		
10.1	<b><u>ABZWorks Employability Grant - CR&amp;E/24/130</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> approve grant funding of £46,632 to Bon Accord Care to fund a Learning and Development Facilitator to develop and lead on the Holistic Opportunities Program.</p>		
11.1	<b><u>Marks &amp; Spencer Building, St Nicholas Street - CR&amp;E/24/157</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note the progress that has been made to date; and</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Interim Chief Officer - City Development and Regeneration to provide a Service Update on progress should any new information become known, or where any decision be required, bring a report to a future Finance and Resource Committee meeting.</p>		
12.1	<b><u>The Deeside Way and Proposed Inchgarth Retirement Village, Cults -</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) approve the proposal to lease</p>		

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	<b><u>F&amp;C/24/133</u></b>	<p>airspace rights over The Deeside Way to enable construction of a new bridge, subject to approval of its final technical design by the planning authority;</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to agree Terms for the proposed lease of the airspace based on the final approved technical design of the bridge; and</p> <p>(iii) instruct the Chief Officer – Governance to conclude an agreement for the lease of the airspace rights incorporating conditions necessary to protect the Council’s interest in accordance with the Terms agreed at 2.2.</p>		
13.1	<p><b><u>Work Plan and Business Cases - CORS/24/131</u></b></p> <p>There are exempt appendices in the Exempt Appendices Section below.</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) review the workplan as detailed in the Appendices for the Corporate Services and Families and Communities Functions;</p> <p>(ii) approve the procurement business cases, including the total estimated expenditure for the proposed contract;</p> <p>(iii) approve the estimated expenditure on framework agreements as detailed in the Corporate Services workplan;</p> <p>(iv) note the content of Appendix 3 – Technical Exemption Approvals;</p> <p>(v) that the Chief Officer - Commercial &amp; Procurement seek to clarify the position in terms of the framework agreement for the purchasing of Library Books and Educational</p>		

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		<p>Textbooks to determine whether it could be extended for Community Groups who may wish to purchase books, and that confirmation in this regard be emailed to members of the Committee; and</p> <p>(vi) that in relation to the PEF funded Business Case, specifically work being undertaken by external organisations on behalf of the Council, to note that the Director of Corporate Services would liaise with Education colleagues to clarify the position on whether there was a knowledge transfer and/or whether the work could be undertaken by Council employees, and that details in this regard would be circulated to Committee members.</p>		
14.1	<b><u>Proposed Sale of Land at Denwood/Hazlehead - F&amp;C/24/137</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> To reject the proposed offer to purchase and reaffirms the environmental and community value of the land as a crucial part of the public green space of Denwood and Hazlehead.</p>		
15.1	<b><u>Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the information contained within the exempt appendices.</p>		
15.2	<b><u>Ferryhill School Suitability Improvements: Outline Business Case - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the information contained within the exempt appendix.</p>		

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15.3	<b><u>St Machar Grounds Improvements: Outline Business Case - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		
15.4	<b><u>Harlaw Academy Suitability Improvements: Outline Business Case - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		

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