

GOVERNANCE

DECISION SHEET

NET ZERO, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2024

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3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	These will be recorded in the minute	Governance	S Dunsmuir
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 16 January 2024</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note that officers were finalising the service update on the Den Burn and this would be circulated to Members shortly; and</p> <p>(ii) to approve the minute as a correct record.</p>	Strategic Place Planning	D Dunne
6.1	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) in relation to item 16 (Local Transport Strategy), to note that officers would circulate information to Members outwith the meeting on the number of responses received;</p> <p>(ii) to agree to remove item 22 (Net Zero Aberdeen Partnership Leadership Board / Delivery Unit Structure);</p> <p>(iii) to note that officers would add the regular Bus Lane Enforcement report</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning /</p>	<p>A Simpson</p> <p>S Dunsmuir</p> <p>D Dunne / S Dunsmuir</p>

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		<p>into the planner for a future meeting; and (iv) to otherwise note the updates to the planner.</p>	Governance	
9.1	<p><u>Net Zero, Environment & Transport Performance Report - COM/24/088</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note the report and agree that the report indicates Sickness Absence at Environmental, Roads and Waste to be well above average and of concern to officers; and (ii) in light of the high sickness absence within these services, agree to instruct the Chief Officers – Operations and People and Citizen Services to bring back a report to the June Staff Governance Committee on why sickness absence is so high within those services and what the Council is doing to reduce such absence; and for future updates to be incorporated into the relevant sickness absence report to Staff Governance Committee.</p>	<p>Operations / People and Citizen Services Governance</p>	<p>M Reilly / L MacInnes S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
9.2	<p><u>Cluster Risk Register Reporting - Fleet / Roads / Waste / Environmental Services - RES/24/090</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to note that the Environmental Manager would circulate information to Members outwith the meeting on whether any elm trees would be part of replanting schemes, or whether this would not be possible due to Dutch Elm disease; (ii) to note that the Chief Officer – Operations had undertaken to discuss with colleagues in People and Citizen</p>	<p>Operations Operations / People and Citizen Services</p>	<p>S Shaw M Reilly / L MacInnes</p>

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		<p>Services as to whether training could be made available for staff on the Substance Misuse Policy;</p> <p>(iii) in relation to the target completion date for the Substance Misuse risk of 30 May 2025, to note that the Chief Officer – Operations had advised that work was ongoing in this area and he would ascertain whether it was possible to change the target completion date to make this clearer;</p> <p>(iv) to otherwise note the report.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>M Reilly</p> <p>R McKean for information</p>
10.1	<u>Net Zero Aberdeen & Aberdeen Adapts: Annual Report - COM/24/091</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would arrange a workshop session for Members on the Scottish Climate Intelligence Service once the service was further developed;</p> <p>(ii) to note the summary of key collaborative actions progressed in 2023/24; and</p> <p>(iii) endorse the content of the Appendix A - Net Zero Aberdeen and Aberdeen Adapts Summary of Progress 2023/24.</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>S Laing</p> <p>S Laing / E Young</p>
10.2	<u>Opportunities to Increase Recycling and Reuse - RES/24/089</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the report for assurance; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to report the review of the waste strategy through this Committee starting in Autumn 2024.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>M Reilly / M Klubal</p> <p>R McKean for information</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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11.1	<u>Bus Partnership Fund Update - COM/24/093</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note Transport Scotland's intention to pause funding of the Bus Partnership Fund programme in 2024/25; (ii) to agree that positive progress has been achieved in the North East under the programme and that work should continue during 2024/25, with alternate methods of funding to be sought; (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to continue with the programme of work described in section 3 of this report, as funding permits; (iv) to note that, subject to appropriate change control processes, the City Region Deal Joint Committee has agreed an allocation of £1,740,000 between 2024/25 and 2026/27 for progressing work on Aberdeen Rapid Transit (ART) and the associated corridor studies, as an element of the Strategic Transport Appraisal workstream, and instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to pursue all other relevant external funding opportunities to support continued progression of the Bus Partnership Fund programme; (v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to continue to engage with Transport Scotland on future plans for the Bus Partnership Fund; 	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p>

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		<p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to, as funding permits, undertake public and stakeholder consultation on the options established through the Inverurie to Aberdeen (A96) corridor study options appraisal, and to report the preferred option or options relevant to Aberdeen City Council back to this Committee once completed;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to proceed with public and stakeholder consultation on the options established through the Dyce to Bucksburn (A947) corridor study options appraisal, and to report the preferred option or options relevant to Aberdeen City Council back to this Committee once completed;</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to proceed with public and stakeholder consultation on the options established through the Banchory to Aberdeen (A93) corridor study options appraisal, and to report the preferred option or options relevant to Aberdeen City Council back to this Committee once completed;</p> <p>(ix) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to report the outcomes of the ART routeing analysis to this Committee in June 2024;</p> <p>(x) to note that funding from Nestrans has been established to progress active</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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		<p>travel connections between Westhill and Aberdeen city centre, and instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to work with Aberdeenshire Council and Nestrans to progress with public and stakeholder engagement on a preferred option and report the preferred option or options relevant to Aberdeen City Council to this Committee in September 2024;</p> <p>(xi) to note the report provided to the Nestrans Board in February 2024 on progress on the Laurencekirk to Aberdeen study and the decision of the Nestrans Board to proceed with Detailed Options Appraisal; and</p> <p>(xii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to continue to provide quarterly Service Updates on Bus Partnership Fund progress.</p> <p>(xiii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning, following consultation with the Convener of the Net Zero, Environment & Transport Committee and consultation with the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee, to write to the Cabinet Secretary expressing concern about the pause to Bus Partnership funding for 2024/25 and asking for reassurance regarding future funding of sustainable transport initiatives in particular for projects which are identified in Annex B of National Planning Framework as of national</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>D Dunne</p>

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		<p>significance such as the Aberdeen Rapid Transit; and</p> <p>(xiv) to agree that the Committee should see sight of Fiona Hyslop's response once received.</p>	Strategic Place Planning	D Dunne
11.2	<p><u>Staff Travel Policy and Council Travel Plan - COM/24/094</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to replace 2.1 with “instruct the Chief Officers – Strategic Place Planning and People and Citizen Services, in consultation with the Chief Officer-Finance, to set up an internal officer working group to review and refresh the Council’s Staff Travel Policy with the emphasis on walking and cycling”;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to update the Council’s Travel Plan to align with any proposed changes to the Staff Travel Policy resulting from (i);</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officers – Strategic Place Planning and People and Citizen Services to thereafter undertake consultation with Council staff and trade unions on any proposed changes to the Staff Travel Policy and/or the Council Travel Plan; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officers – Strategic Place Planning and People and Citizen Services, following analysis of the consultation and finalisation of the documents, to report both the updated Staff Travel Policy and Council Travel Plan back to this Committee and / or other relevant</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning / People & Citizen Services / Finance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning / People & Citizen Services</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning / People & Citizen Services</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>A Burns / S Scott / J Belford</p> <p>A Burns</p> <p>A Burns / S Scott</p> <p>A Burns / S Scott</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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		committees by Summer 2025 for approval.		
11.3	<u>A92 Murcar North – Active Travel Scheme Development - COM/24/069</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note the findings and outcomes of the A92 Murcar North Active Travel Infrastructure STAG-Based Appraisal (Appendix 1);</p> <p>(ii) to agree that the Active Travel option on the East side as identified in the STAG report (Appendix 1) for A92 Murcar North is the preferred Active Travel option for the route; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to progress the preferred option for the A92 Active Travel scheme to the completion of an Outline Business Case (OBC) and report this to the Finance and Resources Committee in May 2024.</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>K Neil</p> <p>M Masson – for information / planner</p>
11.4	<u>Future operation of Controlled Parking Zones Y and YY (Garthdee and Kaimhill) - RES/24/095</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to carry out informal consultation with Garthdee and Kaimhill communities regarding the continuation of the CPZ;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to assess responses to the informal consultation and to report back to a future meeting of this Committee with the results and recommendations for the future of the CPZ; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Operations to engage with RGU on</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Operations</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Operations</p>	<p>V Ritson</p> <p>V Ritson</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>M Reilly / V Ritson</p>

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		<p>the basis of the undertaking given by the then Principal of RGU on 27 March 2015 that, before the end of the current arrangement, the University would engage with Council and community “to seek to agree on a framework for the period after the ten years that will be acceptable to all and will meet the needs of the Community”.</p>		
11.5	<p><u>South College Street Junction Improvements (Phase 1) Project Completion, Monitoring & Evaluation - RES/24/099</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the content of the report on full opening of the project and the outcomes of monitoring and evaluation; (ii) to note the Transport Scotland Bus Partnership Fund programme will be unable to fund project expenditure from 2024/25 onwards and that the Council has included budget provision in the recently approved General Fund Capital Programme to fund the remaining project close activities; and (iii) to note the circumstances considered when programming major roadworks and the steps taken to limit their impact on road users. 	<p>Strategic Planning Place</p>	<p>A McKay</p>
11.6	<p><u>South College Street Phase 2 – Options Appraisal - COM/24/084</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the findings and outcomes of the South College Street Junction Improvements Project (Phase 2) - Option Appraisal Report (Appendix 1); (ii) to agree that Option 3 Signalised Junction (All movements permitted), 		

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		<p>described in paragraph 3.11 of the report, is the preferred option and should proceed to further development work, along with the wider active travel improvements on North Esplanade West identified in section 9 of Appendix 1;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to seek external funding to allow the continued development of the option agreed in (ii), including the development of an Outline Business Case, and report the Outline Business Case to the Finance and Resources Committee once completed;</p> <p>(iv) to note the findings of the option testing for the Riverside Drive active travel improvements (as described in paragraph 3.12 of this report) and instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to seek external funding to allow for the continued development of wider active travel connectivity improvements adjacent to and across the River Dee at this location and report any findings to a future meeting of this Committee.</p>	<p>Strategic Planning Place</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Planning Place</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>K Neil</p> <p>M Masson – for information / planner</p> <p>K Neil</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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