

GOVERNANCE

DECISION SHEET

NET ZERO, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Committee and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Committee or seek further instructions from the Committee.

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2.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to consider item 11.1 (Operation of a Future Aberdeen eBike Hire Scheme) with the press and public excluded.	N/A	N/A
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	These will be recorded in full in the minute.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
4.1	<u>Deputation for Item 9.1 - Air Quality Progress Report - Elizabeth Leslie</u>	The deputation will be recorded in the minute.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
4.1	<u>Deputation for Item 10.1 - Westhill to Aberdeen City Centre Active Travel - Linda Walker</u>	The deputation will be recorded in the minute.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 11 June 2024</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	S Dunsmuir

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6.1	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) in relation to item 43 (Bus Lane Enforcement Programme), to note that officers had advised that it was expected that a report would be presented to Committee within the next two cycles;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Clerk would liaise with the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning and his team to allocate reports in the ‘reporting date to be confirmed’ section of the planner to future meeting dates;</p> <p>(iii) to note that officers would circulate an update to Members outwith the Committee in relation to the Northern Roads Collaboration Joint Committee; and</p> <p>(iv) to otherwise note the planner.</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance / Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Operations</p>	<p>D Dunne</p> <p>S Dunsmuir / D Dunne</p> <p>N Burrows</p>
8.2	<u>Net Zero, Environment and Transport Performance Report - CORS/24/228</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would liaise with Councillor van Sweeden outwith the meeting in relation to the scheme in Kirkcaldy which had recycling competitions between blocks of flats;</p> <p>(ii) to note that officers could give further consideration to the siting of recycling facilities within the city centre, noting that this might not be possible due to limited space available; and</p> <p>(iii) to otherwise note the report.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Operations</p> <p>Data Insights</p>	<p>M Klubal</p> <p>L Fox</p>
9.1	<u>Air Quality Progress - CORS/24/209</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would report to the November meeting on the review of</p>	<p>Governance</p>	<p>A Brodie</p>

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		<p>certain Air Quality Management Areas and would ensure this report was added to the business planner;</p> <p>(ii) to note that there would be a delay to the reporting of the Air Quality Action Plan due to the amended timelines with the Local Transport Strategy;</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning would arrange for officers to circulate a service update to Members on the EV Infrastructure Joint Procurement Exercise timeline; and</p> <p>(iv) to note the findings of the 2024 Air Quality Progress Report (APR) for Aberdeen City Council.</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>D Dunne</p> <p>N Glover</p>
9.2	<p><u>Local Environmental Action Fund (LEAF) - CR&E/24/256</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note that the Council’s Climate and Environment Policy Service had an existing £44,000 annual budget for supporting community environmental improvements, historically directed to communities through a partnership with the now defunct Aberdeen Greenspace Trust. To maximise the benefits of this funding in empowering communities to act on the city’s climate and nature commitments, different funding models had been explored by the Service;</p> <p>(ii) to note the Local Environmental Action Fund Pilot summary (Section 3.15) which provided a summary of the project applications received for the recent Pilot with the registered</p>		

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		<p>charity NESCAN Hub Limited (North East Scotland Climate Action Network);</p> <p>(iii) to approve £44,000 being allocated towards this funding model with NESCAN Hub Limited for 2024/25, which would be met through the existing budgets, and to note that an additional one-off £14,000 underspend carried over from 2023/24 would give a £58,000 allocation in 2024/25;</p> <p>(iv) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to continue this funding model and agreement with NESCAN Hub Limited on a yearly basis, subject to the annual budget process, in consultation with the Chief Officer of Commercial and Procurement Services on the terms and conditions of the grant;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to explore options to expand the size and impact of the Fund, e.g. through integrating the Fund with aspects of the Housing Revenue Account and / or other funds, as appropriate. Any such expansion would follow all due internal governance processes; and</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to include updates on the Fund and impacts thereof within the Council’s existing Annual Climate</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning Governance</p>	<p>G McLean / G Bergman</p> <p>G McLean / G Bergman</p> <p>G McLean / G Bergman S Dunsmuir for</p>

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		<p>ground floor area; and (c) 75% of the cost of installing Property Level Protection up to a maximum of £3750 per domestic property to eligible property owners on receipt of proof of expenditure; and</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Operations to monitor take up of the grant and to report back to the Committee in the form of a service update in Spring 2026 ahead of the Council Budget meeting.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>C Royce</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
10.1	<p><u>Westhill to Aberdeen City Centre Active Travel Improvements - CR&E/24/254</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) to note that the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning would ask officers to circulate information to Members in relation to the active travel solution in place for Ashgrove Connects;</p> <p>(ii) to note that officers would provide Councillor Mrs Stewart with the analysis of the expected uptake by cyclists if the scheme were implemented;</p> <p>(iii) to note that Councillor Mrs Stewart had advised that she had received reports that the filter on the Mounthooly Roundabout onto King Street was often not working which caused problems for cyclists, and to note that the Chief Officer – Operations would highlight this to the Roads Operation Manager;</p> <p>(iv) to note that the Chief Officer – Operations would ask the Roads Operations Manager to provide information to Members outwith the</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Operations</p> <p>Operations</p>	<p>D Dunne</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>M Reilly / N Burrows</p> <p>M Reilly / N Burrows</p>

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		<p>meeting on (a) any data held in respect of vehicles, including buses, going through red lights; (b) whether members of the public would be able to apply for disabled parking bays on the proposed route while this project was being progressed or whether that would not be possible;</p> <p>(v) to note that officers would continue to review and update the Integrated Impact Assessment throughout the project;</p> <p>(vi) to note the outcomes of the Detailed Appraisal (Appendix 2) undertaken for the Westhill to Aberdeen City Centre Multi-Modal Transport Corridor Study;</p> <p>(vii) to note the preferred package of active travel improvement, as outlined in the report, however disagree with the outcome of the options appraisal which used the A9119 to link Kingswells to the City Centre;</p> <p>(viii) to recognise that the outcome of the Detailed Appraisal report outlines <i>“Gradient issues heading westbound on the A944 are clearly unfavourable with cyclists, and cycle conditions on the A9119 appear preferable (as seen through the Strava data analysis); and as there is insufficient space at numerous locations along each corridor to accommodate both bus lanes and segregated cycle lanes (those which can meet current design best practice standards), these end-</i></p>	Strategic Place Planning	W Hekelaar

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		<p><i>to-end options were developed on the basis that the infrastructure required for one mode may therefore need to be prioritised over the other.”;</i></p> <p>(ix) to agree that despite this, the Kingswells to City Centre via A944 was the most appropriate route for active travel provision and agree that the route should only extend to ARI at this point;</p> <p>(x) to note that the Aberdeen Rapid Transit report, which used the A944 as its preferred route, was due to be reported back by the end of the financial year 24/25;</p> <p>(xi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to incorporate the options for active travel provision into the Aberdeen Rapid Transit report to be reported back at the earliest opportunity; and</p> <p>(xii) to recognise that there was currently no funding identified for this project and instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to work with NESTRANS to identify potential external funding sources.</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p>
10.2	<p><u>A947 Bucksburn Roundabout to Parkhill Junction Multi-modal Corridor Study Detailed Appraisal - CR&E/24/257</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) in relation to page 599 of the report and the section regarding Stoneywood Road, to note that while provision of more bus shelters there had not been an option which had been considered, that officers could</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>D Dunne / T Maric</p>

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10.3	<u>Roads Winter Service Plan 2024-2025 - CR&E/24/250</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note that officers would circulate information to Members outwith the meeting on the number of cyclists using the Deeside Way; (ii) to note that officers would prepare a statement for Members to use when responding to constituent enquiries on roads winter maintenance and gritting, to include information on resource allocation between gritting and filling of salt bins, and the issues caused by freeze thaw; (iii) to note that officers were liaising with NHS Grampian in relation to data held on slips and trips and their locations; (iv) to instruct officers to highlight any specific changes to the winter maintenance plan in future reports; (v) to note that two new cycle paths had been opened by Aberdeen City Council in 2024 – South College Street and Craigshaw Drive and these had not been added to appendix G cycleways to be gritted in line with priority 2 footpaths; (vi) to approve the “Roads Winter Service Plan 2024/2025” (Appendix 1) with the addition of the two new cycle ways; (vii) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Operations, following consultation with the Chief Officer – Finance, to continue to deliver the Winter Maintenance Service; and (viii) to instruct the Chief Officer – 	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Operations</p> <p>Operations</p> <p>Operations</p>	<p>D Dunne</p> <p>P Davies</p> <p>P Davies</p> <p>P Davies / N Burrows</p>

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		Operations to hold an induction meeting on a date to be arranged, for elected members on the winter service process.	Operations	P Davies / N Burrows
10.4	<u>Draft Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy Consultation - CR&E/24/258</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note the results of the consultation on the Draft Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy (Appendix A) and the reasons for the changes to the proposed timescales for developing a final Local Transport Strategy outlined in paragraphs 3.10 and 3.12-3.12.5;</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to develop a refreshed Draft Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy, appendices and supporting documents and report these back to this Committee at the earliest opportunity to seek Committee approval for a further period of public consultation;</p> <p>(iii) to note the need for a broader representation of the residents of Aberdeen in the responses to the consultation and instructs the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning following consultation with Chief Officer – Data & Insights to report back to committee via a service update the measures in place to increase the response from underrepresented groups and to align more closely to the demographic profile of the city; and</p> <p>(iv) recognising that empowerment was</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>A Simpson</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p> <p>C McArthur / A Simpson</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>

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		<p>one of the six enabling strategies of Net Zero Aberdeen, to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning following consultation with the Chief Officer People and Citizen Services, to develop a marketing and engagement strategy and report this to the January 2025 meeting of the Committee with the objective of increasing understanding of the impact transport had on climate change and how transport solutions could contribute to making Aberdeen a great place, to live, work, study and visit.</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>C McArthur / A Simpson / D Ewen / M Yule</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
11.1	<p><u>Operation of a Future Aberdeen eBike Hire Scheme - CR&E/24/255</u></p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would circulate the financial information in respect of the previous operator to Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(ii) to note the suggestion that Scotrail could be approached in relation to partnering with the Council on the eBike scheme and that officers could discuss this with Scotrail contacts;</p> <p>(iii) to note the work undertaken by officers to investigate options around how a future eBike hire scheme for Aberdeen might operate; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to prepare a Business Case for a new eBike scheme based on the public/private partnership model and to report this Business Case to a subsequent meeting of the</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>C McArthur / D Dunne</p> <p>C McArthur</p> <p>D Kinnear / C McArthur</p> <p>M Masson for information</p>

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