



To: Councillor Radley, Convener; Councillor Henrickson, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Bouse, Cross, Davidson, Graham, McLellan, Mrs Stewart and Tissera.

Town House,
ABERDEEN 13 November 2024

COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Members of the **COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in **Committee Room 2 - Town House on THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2024 at 10.00am**. This is a hybrid meeting and Members may also attend remotely.

The meeting will be webcast and a live stream can be viewed on the Council's website. <https://aberdeen.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

ALAN THOMSON
INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER – GOVERNANCE

BUSINESS

DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. There are no items of urgent business at this time.

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

2. Determination of Exempt Business

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR CONNECTIONS

3. Members are requested to intimate any declarations of interest or connections

REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATION

4. There are no requests for deputation at this time

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5. Minute of the Previous Meeting of 5 September 2024 (Pages 5 - 20)

COMMITTEE PLANNER

6. Committee Business Planner (Pages 21 - 26)

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 6.1. Notice of Motion by Councillor Watson - referred from Council on 11 October 2024

Notes that Council passed a notice of motion on 13 December 2023 recognising the importance of holding out a hand to those outwith our direct area. It called for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine/Israel, and for urgent humanitarian relief for the citizens of Gaza.

Since then, nine months have passed and tens of thousands more civilians have died. In March 2024 the United Nations Special Rapporteur found that “There are reasonable grounds to believe that the threshold indicating the commission of the crime of genocide...has been met.” In July 2024, the prestigious medical journal The Lancet stated that “it is not implausible to estimate that up to 186,000 [7.9% of the total population in the Gaza strip] or even more deaths could be attributable to the current conflict in Gaza”. Later in July, the International Court of Justice, the United Nations' highest court, ruled that “Israel’s continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful” and that Israel “is under an obligation to bring to an end its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as rapidly as possible” and “is under an obligation to cease immediately all new settlement activities, and to evacuate all settlers from the Occupied Palestinian Territory”.

This Council reaffirms its place as part of the common family of humanity, and:

1. Reiterates our call for a permanent ceasefire;
2. Calls on the Lord Provost to fly the Palestinian Flag on 29 November 2024, International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People;
3. Follows Barcelona and other cities and instructs the Chief Officer - Governance to report to Council by the end of 2024 on any direct or indirect links that Aberdeen City Council have with the State of Israel, with a view to stopping these;
4. Asks the North East Scotland Pension Fund to commission a study to identify any investments in companies that supply arms to Israel, as these investments may be at high risk due to the political instability;
5. Recognises the UK Labour Government’s suspension of 30 licences for arms sales to Israel;
6. Endorses the Scottish Government’s 2024 call for an arms embargo on Israel, and calls for the Scottish Government to act in all its available capacities to help prevent the production and transfer of weapons components for Israel from arms companies in Scotland; and
7. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to other Scottish Local Authorities informing them of this motion, and encouraging them to take similar actions.

REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES

7. There are no reports under this heading

PUBLIC PROTECTION

- 8.1. Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report - ACHSCP/24/336 (Pages 27 - 54)
- 8.2. Scottish Fire and Rescue Performance Report - SFR/24/343 (Pages 55 - 78)
- 8.3. Police Scotland Thematic Report - Hate Crime - POL/24/351 (Pages 79 - 86)
- 8.4. Building Standards Activity Report - CR&E/24/325 (Pages 87 - 92)

FINANCE, PERFORMANCE, RISK AND SERVICE WIDE ISSUES

- 9.1. Performance Report - CORS/24/316 (Pages 93 - 118)
- 9.2. Annual Effectiveness Report - CORS/24/300 (Pages 119 - 136)

COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING

- 10.1. Update on Consultation Exercise for City Centre Multi Storeys - F&C/24/324 (Pages 137 - 222)
- 10.2. Aberdeen City's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2025/26 - 2029/30 - F&C/24/320 (Pages 223 - 250)
- 10.3. Empty Homes Update Report - F&C/24/319 (Pages 251 - 256)
- 10.4. Housing Board Bi Annual Report - F&C/24/335 (Pages 257 - 296)
- 10.5. Family Support Model Implementation Plan - F&C/24/327 (Pages 297 - 340)
- 10.6. RAAC update - verbal update at Committee

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