

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE - THURSDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2024

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1	<u>Minute of the Previous Meeting of 5 September 2024</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	L McBain
2	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note the reasons for delay for items 14 (Housing (Cladding Remediation) (Scotland) Bill and 17 (Notice of Motion from Councillor Boulton); and (ii) to otherwise note the committee business planner.	Governance	L McBain
3	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Watson - referred from Council on 11 October 2024</u> 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	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note that the Notice of Motion would be considered at the next meeting, in accordance with Standing Order 12.12	Governance	L McBain

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	<p>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”.</p> <p>This Council reaffirms its place as part of the common family of humanity, and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 			

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	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.			
4	<u>Adult Protection Committee Biennial Report - ACHSCP/24/336</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note the Aberdeen Adult Protection Committee's Biennial report for 2022-24 which has been prepared as required by the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, and which provided assurance about progress made over the period.	ACH&SCP	V Vertigans
5	<u>Scottish Fire and Rescue Performance Report - SFR/24/343</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note the performance report.	SFRS	A Wright
6	<u>Police Scotland Thematic Report - Hate Crime - POL/24/351</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to request that Police Scotland provide further details on the 200 Hate Crimes reported in 2024, to include if any cases had proceeded to Court or if any warnings had been issued and to note that the clerk would circulate this information to Members; and (ii) to note the contents of the report.	Police Scotland	G Alder
7	<u>Building Standards Activity Report - CR&E/24/325</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note the contents of the report; and (ii) agree to receive a further Building Standards Activity Report at the meeting of the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 27 May 2025.	Strategic Place Planning	G Tierney

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8	<u>Performance Report - CORS/24/316</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) in relation to crisis and grant applications processed within two working days at page 109 of the agenda pack, to request that a service update be issued to Members once the data was available from Scottish Government;</p> <p>(ii) in regards to people selling tobacco on the street, to request that information be provided to the Vice Convener with contact details of who to contact with any information; and</p> <p>(iii) to otherwise note the performance report.</p>	<p>People & Citizen's Services</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Data Insights</p>	<p>W Connell</p> <p>H Stevenson</p> <p>A Paterson</p>
9	<u>Annual Effectiveness Report - CORS/24/300</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>to note the annual effectiveness report.</p>	<p>Governance</p>	<p>L McBain</p>
10	<u>Update on Consultation Exercise for City Centre Multi Storeys - F&C/24/324</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the attached report on the outcomes of the consultation exercise appended to the report which noted that 49% of residents would prefer a do-minimum option for the blocks;</p> <p>(ii) to note that all options highlighted within the original case required significant spend on the properties, all of which may not be affordable; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to revisit the costs, risks and deliverable timescales for all options in an</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>S Booth/ I Perry</p> <p>S Booth/ I Perry</p> <p>S Booth</p>

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		updated Business Case and to report this to a future meeting of this committee and to reflect the future risk and financial requirements for these buildings in the Housing Revenue Account budget process for 2025/26.		
11	<u>Aberdeen City's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2025/26 - 2029/30 - F&C/24/320</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan for 2025/26 – 2029/30 as contained in Appendices 1 and 2; and</p> <p>(ii) instruct the Chief Officer – Housing to report back to committee with the implications of the resource planning assumptions, when they were made available from the Scottish Government as detailed at 3.5 of the report.</p>	Housing Housing	M Booth J McKenzie
12	<u>Empty Homes Update Report - F&C/24/319</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the progress Aberdeen City Council was making in relation to empty homes, which included how they were brought back into use; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Housing to include an update on empty homes as part of the Housing Board bi-annual report, which would replace the update to Committee.</p>	Housing Housing	M Booth J McKenzie
13	<u>Housing Board Bi Annual Report - F&C/24/335</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the progress made by the Housing Board from June to November 2024;</p> <p>(ii) to note the Housing Emergency Action Plan in Appendix A and endorse the areas of focus within the Plan;</p> <p>(iii) to note the evaluations contained in Appendices B and C;</p>	Corporate Landlord/ Housing	S Booth/ J McKenzie (all actions)

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15	<u>RAAC update - verbal update at Committee</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to note the verbal update provided.	Capital/ Housing	J Wilson/ J McKenzie

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