COUNCIL DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL - MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

	Item Title	Council Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
9.2	Beachfront Public Realm Progress Report - Beach Park, Events Park and Broadhill - COM/23/270	The Council resolved:- (i) to note the update from the Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement on progress of the medium-term interventions: Beach Park, Events Park and Broadhill, and approve the Final Business Case in Appendix D;	Commercial and Procurement	Craig Innes
		(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement to proceed with the appointment of Hub North Scotland to deliver the Beachfront medium-term interventions, and to report progress to the Finance and Resources Committee on a 6 monthly basis from the date of this report; (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement to liaise with Aberdeen Health Determinants Research Collaboration (AHDRC) to explore possible options for additional evaluation of the social and health and wellbeing impacts of the project and report back to committee within the first year of the Beach Park, Events Park and Broadhill projects being operational; and (iv) to note that the Chief Officer -	Governance	Mark Masson (business planner)

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		Commercial and Procurement would check on the status of the artificial dunes at the beach covering the old shelter following the query from Councillor Alphonse, and provide an update to members at a later date.		
9.3	Queen Street Outline Business Case - RES/23/242	The Council resolved:- (i) to note the conclusion of the Outline Business Case (OBC) and agree the recommendation to progress with Option 5: Urban Park with landscaping to north-west development area and development to south-east on site of former Police HQ; and (ii) to instruct the Director of Resources to:- • proceed with the detailed design, consultation and engagement with stakeholders, obtain necessary consents, negotiate parking and access changes and develop a detailed cost and delivery programme required to deliver Phase 1 of the Urban Park as detailed in the OBC; • update the business case for the site of the former Police HQ to determine suitability for refurbishment, rebuild, or as Urban Park Phase 2, depending on the outcome of market testing; and • report progress to Council in December 2023.	Resources	Steve Whyte/ Sandy Beattie

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9.4	City Centre and Beach Masterplan: GENERATIONABERDEEN - COM/23/269	The Council resolved:- to approve the adoption of the new construction information design for the City Centre and Beach Masterplan Projects: GENERATIONABERDEEN.	Commercial and Procurement	Craig Innes
9.5	Aberdeen Market - August 2023 Update - RES/23/249	The Council resolved:- (i) to note the report in relation to progress with the project; (ii) to note that the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord would provide members with the detailed Heads of Terms that had been agreed and approved by the Council's commercial property adviser for the site, on a confidential basis; and (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to report to the July 2024 Council meeting with an update on the capital project.	Corporate Landlord	Stephen Booth
9.6	Land Options Within the Energy Transition Zone - RES/23/287	The Council resolved:- (i) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, in Aberdeen City Council's capacity as land owner, that St Fittick's OP56 and Doonies OP61 sites were only to be made available for lease and must remain in Council ownership and that, furthermore, any such lease agreement was only to be entered into at the point where an end user was agreed by Aberdeen City Council and financial close was reached;	Corporate Landlord	Stephen Booth

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	(ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to enter formal dialogue with ETZ Ltd and PoA to discuss the optimum partnership arrangements to take forward the future development of the sites and ensure the delivery of the outcomes identified by ETZ Ltd in their masterplan and in the North East Regional Economic Strategy and in line with Best Value principles; (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance and Chief Officer - Governance, to consider as part of such potential partnership arrangements how a proportion of the lease income from the sites could be used for the benefit of the local community; (iv) to agree that approval of any leases was contingent on Council approval of the community benefit package, which was to progress, so far as was practical, parallel with the granting of leases; (v) to note that in a recent briefing to elected members of Aberdeen City Council, the Chief Executive of ETZ Ltd wrote: "we are in advanced discussions with a number of inward investors focused on cable manufacturing, moorings and anchorings, seeking to locate on the		

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	(vi)	site (subject to planning) for these very reasons."; to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to engage with PoA, ETZ Ltd, and any other interested party, as to any proposals they had to develop the site, including full details of the development, the rationale for the location of their business and any mitigations proposed to minimise the impact on local residents;		
	(vii)	to note community amenity and wellbeing were key considerations for Aberdeen City Council as the landowner; and instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord that individual lease agreements must include details of the community impact remediation steps that would be implemented at the termination of the lease;		
	(viii)	to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment and Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement to report through a service update on	and Community Empowerment	Jacqui McKenzie Craig Innes
		how the local community may participate in any decision-making process for the disbursement of funds that may be identified for the benefit of communities;	Procurement	Oraly IIIIICS
	(ix)	to recommend to the Planning Development Management Committee that any future reports of	Governance	Lynsey McBain (referral)

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		the ETZ Masterplan be reported to the earliest appropriate meeting of Full Council; and (x) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to report the outcome of discussions regarding St Fittick's OP56 and Doonies OP61 sites to the earliest appropriate meeting of Full Council.		
10.1	Notice of Motion by Councillor Kusznir	The Council resolved:-		
	That the Council: 1. Notes the negative impact since 2022 of the South College Street Junction Improvements Project works on the businesses based on and around Palmerston Road, Palmerston Place and The Arches on South College Street; 2. Believes that small and mediumsized enterprises are the backbone of the UK, Scottish and Aberdeen economy; and 3. Therefore, instructs the Chief Officer - Finance to prepare a report outlining the options available to Councillors in encouraging businesses to remain within the area, including but not limited, to Non-Domestic Rate discounts for approval by Council. (Deferred from Council meeting of 14 June 2023)	to note that its meeting on 14 June 2023, the Council agreed to: (i) note the inclusion of both the King George VI Bridge repairs and the South College Street junction improvements within the Council's Capital Programme; and acknowledge the impact the works may have had on the businesses based on and around Palmerston Road, Palmerston Place and The Arches on South College Street; (ii) acknowledge the South College Street junction improvement project had received £10million funding through the Scottish Government's Bus Partnership Fund; (iii) agree the South College Street junction improvements were an important step to provide a transport network to meet Aberdeen's needs, including our city centre and bus priority aspirations, as well as improving traffic flow in the area and		

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		encouraging more walking and cycling; (iv) recognise that the works associated with this investment by the Council and the Bus Partnership Fund in our city's roads and public transport networks had at times les to frustration and travel delays for both individuals and businesses; and (v) instruct the Chief Officer - Operations and Protective Services to report to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee on lessons learned from delivering these projects.		
10.2	Urgent Notice of Motion by Councillor	The Council resolved:-	Corporate Landlord	Stephen Booth
	That this Council: (1) Recognises that the presence of Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in city schools is causing families, young people, communities, and Council staff genuine concern. (2) Reaffirms its commitment to the safety of young people, staff, and visitors in city schools. (3) Notes the position of the Scottish Government and CoSLA that robust guidance has been put in place to ensure the safety of school settings. (4) Welcomes the proactive action by	to approve the urgent notice of motion.	Governance	Steph Dunsmuir (E&CS business planner)

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	Council staff in surveying schools			
	to identify and monitor the			
	presence of RAAC in schools and			
	notes that further testing and			
	monitoring of school buildings will			
(F)	continue to be carried out.			
(5)	Notes that the Chief Officer -			
	Corporate Landlord has instructed qualified experts to undertake			
	appropriate and further structural			
	investigations.			
(6)	Will continue to work with			
(0)	Headteachers and staff to monitor			
	any possible factors that could			
	increase risk and report to the			
	Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord.			
(7)	Agrees that costed proposals will			
	be considered within the ongoing			
	School Estate Plan to address the			
(2)	presence of RAAC in city schools.			
(8)	Instructs the Chief Officer -			
	Corporate Landlord to issue			
(9)	regular service updates. Instructs the Chief Officer -			
(9)	Corporate Landlord to report to the			
	Education and Children's Services			
	Committee on the outcome of			
	inspections and identified risks.			

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