

DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2024

	Item Title	Council Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1.1	<u>Admission of Burgesses</u>	No Burgesses admitted		
2.1	<u>Notification of urgent business</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note that the Lord Provost had accepted an urgent notice of motion by Councillor Radley onto the agenda as a matter of urgency in terms of Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.		
3.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items 11.1 and 11.2 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 4, 6, 9 and 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act.		
4.1	<u>Members are requested to declare any interests or connections</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the declarations of interest and transparency statements which would be recorded in the minute.		

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5.1	<p><u>Deputation Request</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gavin Clark - Aberdeen Cycle Forum - in support of item 9.6 	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the deputation from Mr Clark and thank him for his contribution.</p>		
6.1	<p><u>Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 13 December 2023 - for approval</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.</p>		
6.2	<p><u>Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 13 December 2023 - for approval</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.</p>		
6.3	<p><u>Minute of Adjourned Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 14 December 2023 - for approval</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.</p>		
7.1	<p><u>Referrals from Committees</u></p>	No referrals		
8.1	<p><u>Council Business Planner</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the business planner.</p>		
9.1	<p><u>TOM 1.2 Organisational Structure Update - February 2024 - CUS/24/043</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to note the findings of the CELCIS Children's Services research summarised in Appendix 11.1; (ii) to note that Scottish Government</p>	<p>Chief Executive People & Organisational Development</p>	<p>Angela Scott Lindsay Machnes</p>

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		<p>intended to progress a national framework of shared accountability to support delivery of the National Care Services and their stated position that social work staff would remain employed by the Council;</p> <p>(iii) to note the feedback contained in Background Paper 5 arising from engagement on the proposed structure;</p> <p>(iv) to approve the proposed changes to the functional structure shown in Appendix 11.3 (amended as detailed) to go forward to consultation; those being the move to a 3 Director model under the proposed groupings as follows: - Families & Communities; City Regeneration and Environment; and Corporate Services as well as the related Job Profiles and salaries, within Appendix 11.4;</p> <p>(v) to approve the changes proposed to the Tier 2 Chief Officer posts in aligning to the 3-director model above, as well as the related Job Profiles and salaries, as detailed in Appendix 11.4, subject to changing the job title of Chief Officer - City Growth to Chief Officer - City Development and Regeneration, to go forward into consultation;</p> <p>(vi) to note the updated version of the Job Matching Process (as approved for TOM implementation in 2017) to be utilised as part of these proposals, as</p>		

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		<p>- Governance to discharge the Shareholder Reserved Matters in the Council's Joint Venture with bp, effective immediately; and</p> <p>(xii) to instruct the Chief Executive to report back to Council no later than July 2024 to advise on the work that had been done to date to improve diversity in recruitment, including leadership and management roles, and what further options there may be.</p>	Chief Executive/ People & Organisational Development	Angela Scott/ Lindsay MacInnes
9.2	<p><u>Reconfiguration of Working Arrangements with ALEOs - Bon Accord Care and Aberdeen Sports Village - COM/24/038</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) agree, in respect of Bon Accord Care, that given the current financial arrangements between the Council and the Integration Joint Board (IJB) outlined in the report, not to develop a full business case to bring Bon Accord Care back in-house and integrate into the Council structure;</p> <p>(ii) note that the National Care Service (Scotland) Bill was currently undergoing parliamentary process and if there was any change to the operating environment for Bon Accord Care resulting from this legislation then a report would be prepared by the Chief Executive and submitted to Council;</p> <p>(iii) note that the redesign opportunities highlighted in the outline business case, appended to the report, would be taken forward by the IJB's annual</p>	Commercial and Procurement	Craig Innes/ David Leslie

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		<p>commissioning of Bon Accord Care; and</p> <p>(iv) note, in respect of Aberdeen Sports Village, that neither partner had the financial resources to enable a change in ownership model, and therefore the Joint Venture Agreement should be maintained on the basis of the Council and the University of Aberdeen being equal partners, 50:50.</p>		
9.3	<p><u>Council Annual Effectiveness Report and Committee Annual Effectiveness Reports - COM/23/380</u></p> <p>Deferred at Council in December 2023</p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) note the data contained within the Council annual report as contained at Appendix A; and</p> <p>(ii) note the annual reports of the various committees as contained at Appendices B to K.</p>	Governance	Martyn Orchard
9.4	<p><u>Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - COM/24/033</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to agree the recommended changes to polling districts as outlined in paragraphs 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.10 of the report;</p> <p>(ii) to agree the recommended changes to polling places as outlined in paragraph 3.11 of the report;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to proceed to public consultation; and</p> <p>(iv) to note that following public consultation, a report containing the final proposals would be presented for consideration at a Council meeting by</p>	Governance	David Gow

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		<p>by the Culture Review recommendations and to report back to the Finance and Resources Committee in 2024 for approval;</p> <p>(v) to note section 3.17 of the report which stated “Analysis of Creative Scotland historic grant awards to Aberdeen across its various open funds and targeted schemes shows that in comparison to other Scottish cities, Aberdeen receives the lowest amount per a head of population at just £7.68, standing in stark contrast to Edinburgh (£53.06) and Glasgow (£40.56)”;</p> <p>(vi) agree to instruct the Chief Executive as part of the review to write to both Creative Scotland’s Chief Executive and the Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture asking them to confirm why Aberdeen receives significantly less funding from Creative Scotland than any other Scottish city;</p> <p>(vii) instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to bring the finalised report back to Council within two cycles with recommendations on issues identified including how we build capacity and resilience within the creative sector and provide clarity of vision; and</p> <p>(viii) instruct the Chief Officer - City Growth to write to Culture Aberdeen, Aberdeen Arts Centre, Aberdeen Performing Arts and other appropriate</p>		

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		stakeholders exploring the creation of an Aberdeen Cultural Champion.		
9.8	<u>Treasury Management Policy - RES/24/034</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the Council's Treasury Management Policy, including the Treasury Management Policy Statement, Borrowing Policy, Investment Policy and Counterparty list, for 2024/25 to 2026/27 as detailed at Appendix 1.	Finance	Neil Stewart
9.9	<u>Petition - United Nations Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons/Nuclear Free Local Authorities</u> "We the undersigned call upon Aberdeen City Council to support efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons by endorsing the United Nations treaty To Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). We request that the Council join 'Nuclear Free Local Authorities' whose aim is to tackle in practical ways and within their powers the problems caused by civil and military nuclear hazards." (Deferred at last Council meeting at the petitioner's request)	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to thank the petitioners for presenting their petition; and (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to report back to Council on the implications of joining 'Nuclear Free Local Authorities'.	Governance	Jenni Lawson/ Vikki Cuthbert

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10.1	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillors Allard and Yuill</u></p> <p>This Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes with regret the decision by M&S to close its St. Nicholas Street store in spring 2025. 2. Welcomes M&S decision to invest £15 million to create a new and modern 70,000 square foot department store in Aberdeen city centre due to open in spring 2025. 3. Welcomes the commitment from M&S that all permanent staff employed at the St. Nicholas Street store will retain their jobs. 4. Notes that the St. Nicholas Street store building is owned by M&S. 5. Notes that Aberdeen City Council, public and private sector partners, and M&S are committed to working together to find a new use for the St. Nicholas Street building. 6. Instructs the Chief Officer - City Growth to report to the Finance and Resources Committee on 8 May 2024, subject to the requirements of commercial confidentiality, on developments relating to the St. Nicholas Street building. 	<p>Meeting adjourned - item considered on 8 February.</p>		

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10.2	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Allard</u></p> <p>That Council:</p> <p>(1) Acknowledges that the Partnership, comprising the SNP Group and Liberal Democrat Group, hold a majority of seats within the Aberdeen City Council chamber.</p> <p>(2) Acknowledges that as per Standing Order 47.9, <i>"Council will set the membership for each Committee and in doing so should have regard to the political composition of the Council."</i></p> <p>(3) Agrees to amend the number of elected members on all committees as detailed [in attachment].</p>	Meeting adjourned - item considered on 8 February.		
10.3	<p><u>Urgent Notice of Motion by Councillor Radley</u></p> <p>That Council:-</p> <p>Notes that Elected Members are not entitled to maternity, paternity or adoption leave.</p> <p>Notes that Aberdeen City Council adopted the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' refreshed "Family Leave Guidance for Councils" at the meeting of 14th December 2020, but that guidance</p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to approve the urgent notice of motion.</p>	Chief Executive	Angela Scott

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	<p>did not extend to the matter of proxy voting.</p> <p>Instructs the Chief Executive to write to and work with the Scottish Government and CoSLA in order to explore opportunities around how proxy voting could be implemented including pursuing legislative change so as to permit proxy voting on behalf of all elected members who are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave.</p>			
11.1	<u>Reconfiguration of Working Arrangements with ALEOs - Bon Accord Care and Aberdeen Sports Village - COM/24/038 - exempt appendix</u>	See decision at item 9.2		
11.2	<u>Culture Delivery and Funding Review - COM/24/040 - exempt appendix</u>	See decision at item 9.7		

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