



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 26 June 2024

COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2024 at 10.30am**. This is a hybrid meeting therefore Members may also attend remotely.

ALAN THOMSON
INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

BUSINESS

ADMISSION OF BURGESSES

- 1.1 No Burgesses to be admitted

NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 2.1 No urgent business at this stage

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 3.1 Members are requested to determine that the exempt business be considered with the press and public excluded

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

- 4.1 Members are requested to declare any interests or connections

DEPUTATIONS

- 5.1 No deputations at this stage

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- 6.1 Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 17 April 2024 - for approval (Pages 7 - 8)
- 6.2 Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 17 April 2024 - for approval (Pages 9 - 22)
- 6.3 Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 14 May 2024 - for approval (Pages 23 - 28)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 7.1 Council Financial Performance - Quarter 4, 2023/24 - Finance and Resources Committee of 8 May 2024 (Pages 29 - 60)
- 7.2 Public Sector Equality Duty - Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee of 9 May 2024 (Pages 61 - 70)
- 7.3 The Aberdeen City Council (City Centre, Aberdeen) (Traffic Management) (Experimental) Order 2023 - Statutory Public Consultation - Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee - 11 June 2024 (Pages 71 - 738)
- 7.4 Accessing Money Advice Services - Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee - 12 June 2024 (Pages 739 - 748)

BUSINESS PLANNER

- 8.1 Council Business Planner (Pages 749 - 756)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) Update at Balnagask - CORS/24/204 (Pages 757 - 796)
- 9.2 Scheme of Governance - Budget Protocol - CORS/24/174 (Pages 797 - 808)

- 9.3 Working in Partnership for Aberdeen - Supporting People with the Cost of Living - CORS/24/205 (Pages 809 - 814)
- 9.4 Appointment of External Advisers to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee - CORS/24/206 (Pages 815 - 818)
- 9.5 Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2028 - Evidence Report - CR&E/24/187 (Pages 819 - 826)
- 9.6 Volunteer Charter - CORS/24/179 (Pages 827 - 852)
- 9.7 Refreshed Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-2026 and Refreshed Locality Plans for North, South and Central 2021-26 - CORS/24/175 (Pages 853 - 978)
- 9.8 Treasury Management Strategy - Year-end Review - CORS/24/186 (Pages 979 - 992)
- 9.9 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - CORS/24/201 (Pages 993 - 1002)
- 9.10 Culture Delivery and Funding Review - CR&E/24/207 (Pages 1003 - 1098)
- 9.11 Diversity in Recruitment Update - CORS/24/202 (Pages 1099 - 1116)
- 9.12 Aberdeen Market July 2024 Update - F&C/24/207 (Pages 1117 - 1128)

NOTICES OF MOTION

- 10.1 Notice of Motion by Councillor Graham (on next page)

Council notes the unprecedented housing and homelessness issues affecting tenants and potential tenants in Aberdeen.

Recognises the extreme pressures facing housing and homelessness services in Aberdeen today.

These pressures exist despite the best endeavours and professionalism of officers within the Council that have seen a number of positive achievements. These include:

The Aberdeen Labour decisions alongside our coalition partners 2017-2022 to build 2,000 new Council homes on top of procuring over 4,000 Affordable homes with Registered Social Landlords.

This has resulted in

- Dyce new Builds Completed
- Auchmill Road New builds Completed.
- Summerhill New Build has now achieved Practical Completion for all blocks
- Tillydrone New Build has now achieved Practical Completion for all blocks
- Cloverhill New Build is progressing as planned
- Kaimhill New Build is nearing completion,
- Greenferns and Greenferns Landward are progressing to achieve RIBA 3 completion
- Craighill New Build is out to tender
- Kincorth New Build tender documentation is being finalised; and
- 206 Union Street works have commenced

However, the number of households assessed as homeless or in housing need waiting for a home to call their own remains of significant concern.

As detailed in the reports to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee:

- Homeless applications are at a 13 year high at the end of March 2024, with levels recorded (1,481) not seen since the same period in 2010/11
- 442 Statutory Homeless Households Residing in Temporary Accommodation at end March 2024.
- Only 30 % of Unintentional homeless decisions reached within 21 Days
- 161 days the Average length of journey in days for applicants assessed as unintentionally homeless at the end of March.
- The Council are now breaching our duties in accordance with the Unsuitable Accommodation Order, by having households in unsuitable accommodation for longer than 7 days.
- 237.7 The YTD Average time taken to re-let all properties (Citywide - days) against a target of 125 days at the end of March 2024.
- The YTD Void Rent Loss figure for 2023/24 is £7,805,806 this equates to 7.91% of the gross debit (rent due) which is a significant increase when compared with the same period last year where the figure stood at £5,271,632 (5.70%).
- Planned maintenance projects such as in Summerhill have been put on hold.
- In April 2022, 4,750 applications were on the waiting list for housing, this has grown to 6,658 in May 2024

These issues have been exasperated by the following.

- We have 366 houses identified as uninhabitable due to RAAC and a massive transfer operation in place for Council tenants.
- Of the 366 houses, 138 are privately owned properties whose owners have been virtually neglected by ACC, The Scottish Administration and the UK Government, families face ruin and bankruptcy and this should not be allowed to happen in a Civil Society.
- The Housing Revenue account is funding the majority of the costs currently being incurred and faces unprecedented financial pressures.

This a perilous situation and one that requires action today.

That the Council therefore agrees to:-

- Declare a **Housing Emergency** in Aberdeen today.
- Instruct the Executive Director – Families and Communities, working with key partners internally and externally, to bring forward a Housing Emergency Action Plan in two cycles. This plan will address how we will tackle homelessness and increase housing supply in the short and medium term, increase maintenance programmes on our housing stock and support the findings of the RAAC report due in August.
- Instruct the Chief Executive to write to both Scottish and UK Governments advising them of this grave situation and requesting immediate support.
- Request that the Scottish Government urgently review the decision to cut the Affordable Housing Supply Programme allocation to Aberdeen by 24% (£3.904m) for 2024/25.

10.2 Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir

That the Council:-

1. Notes the resignation of the Rt Hon Humza Yousaf MSP as First Minister of Scotland;
2. Considers that as First Minister Humza Yousaf spent little time in Aberdeen beyond attending SNP Conference and never formally met with the Council Co-Leaders; and
3. Therefore agrees to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the new First Minister of Scotland:
 - i. reconfirming the Council's willingness to work with the devolved administration in delivering projects of benefit to the people of Aberdeen;
 - ii. outlining the contribution of Aberdeen to Scotland and the UK's economy;
 - iii. noting the historic underfunding of Aberdeen City Council by Holyrood and calling for remedial action; and
 - iv. asking them to meet with the Co-Leaders at the earliest opportunity given the failure of both previous First Ministers to meet the Co-Leaders.

10.3 Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir

That the Council:

1. Notes with concern Stagecoach's announcement on 13 June 2024 of the proposed cancellation of its 22A and 22B bus routes which service Torry and Lochside Academy with the 21A bus route from Cove to Lochside Academy also facing being scrapped;
2. Recognises that this follows on from Aberdeen City Council cutting its subsidy of the route for pupils; and
3. Instructs the Chief Executive to (a) write to Stagecoach's North Scotland Managing Director David Beaton noting the impact on local pupils; and (b) respond to the consultation noting the negative impact on the Torry community; and
4. Instructs the Executive Director of Families and Communities to prepare an impact report to be submitted to the Education and Children's Services Committee with proposed actions to ameliorate.

10.4 Joint Notice of Motion by Councillors Macdonald and Malik

That Aberdeen City Council:

1. notes that anti-social behaviour includes street drinking, fist fights, drug taking and dealing, aggressive begging and recognises that anti-social behaviour incidents in the city centre are causing increasing concern to residents, businesses and those who work, shop and visit the area;
2. notes that Aberdeen holds Scotland's only Purple Flag accredited city centre status and that efforts should continue to retain this accreditation; and
3. instructs the Chief Officer - Governance to co-ordinate a further report from the Community Safety Partnership to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on current efforts to manage anti-social behaviour in the city centre and on approaches to offering wider system awareness and understanding of the issues.

EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

11.1 Culture Delivery and Funding Review - CR&E/24/203 - exempt appendices (Pages 1129 - 1324)

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