GOVERNANCE

DECISION SHEET

ANTI-POVERTY AND INEQUALITY COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 28 AUGUST 2024

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1.1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	The Committee resolved: There was no urgent business.		
2.1	Exempt Business	The Committee resolved: There was no Exempt Business.		
3.1	Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements	The Committee resolved: (i) to note that Councillor Kusznir advised that he had connections in relation to agenda item 9.2 (Accessing Money Advice and Advisory Services) as he was (1) a Board Member of Aberdeen Citizen Advice Bureau; (2) a current employee of Burnett and Reid Solicitors and with regard to Taggart Meil and Mathers Solicitors which had been assumed as part of Burnett and Reid; and (3) a financial guardian for four individuals however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest		

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	which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the item; (ii) to note that Councillor Brooks advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.2 as he had family working for Aberdeen Citizen Advice Bureau and adjacent organisations however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the items. (iii) to note that Councillor Watson advised that he had a connection in relation to the agenda as he was on the Executive of Aberdeen Trades Union Council however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the item; and (iv) to note that Professor Bone advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.1 (Working in Partnership for Aberdeen — Supporting People with the Cost of Living: Round Two of Funding Allocations) as he was a Board Member or CFINE however, having applied the objective test he did not consider that his connection amounted to an interest which would prevent him from participating in the discussion on the		

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4.1	<u>Deputations</u>	The Committee resolved: There were no Deputations.		
5.1	Minute of previous meeting of 12 June 2024	The Committee resolved: to approve the minute.		
6.1	Committee Business Planner	The Committee resolved: to note the Planner.		
7.1	Notices of Motion	The Committee resolved: There were no Notices of Motion.		
8.1	Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees	The Committee resolved: There were no Referrals.		
9.1	Working in Partnership for Aberdeen - Supporting People with the Cost of Living: Round Two of Funding Allocations - CORS/24/229	The Committee resolved: (i) to note that the Council, on 3 July 2024 (1) approved the allocation of funds agreed by the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee on 12 June 2024; and (2) agreed that the remaining funding balance be allocated by the Anti -Poverty and Inequality Committee without the need for further approval from the Finance and Resources Committee or Council;	Planning	Michelle Crombie, Susan Thoms
		(ii) to approve the proposed allocation of remaining funds from the £1million provided by Council to support people	Community Planning	Michelle Crombie, Susan Thoms

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		with the cost of living crisis during 2024/25 as described in paragraph 3.7 of the report; (iii) to instruct the Corporate Strategy and Community Planning Manager to include information on how CFINE procured and distributed food to partner organisations in the report on Supporting People through the Cost of Living Crisis scheduled for consideration at the next Committee	Community Planning	Michelle Crombie
		meeting; and (iv) to instruct the Corporate Strategy and Community Planning Manager to investigate the possibility of a Committee visit to Abernecessities.	Community Planning	Michelle Crombie
9.2	Accessing Money Advice and Advisory Services - CORS/24/230	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the areas for improvement identified in section 3.39 of the report; (ii) to approve the initiation of an improvement project to test changes.	Financial Inclusion Team	Angela Kazmierczak
		improvement project to test changes that will achieve an increase in awareness of services provided and address identified gaps; and (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer—People & Citizen Service to report back to the Anti-Poverty and Inequality Committee in Q1 of 2025 on the findings of the survey and an update of the improvement actions.	Financial Inclusion Team People & Citizen Service	Angela Kazmierczak Isla Newcombe
10.1	Exempt/Confidential Business	The Committee resolved: There was no exempt business.		
11.1	Committee Visit to Cairncry	The Committee resolved:		

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Community Centre	to note that Members were invited to attend a visit to Cairncry Community Centre from 12.30-3.00pm.		

If you require any further information about this decision sheet, please contact Emma Robertson, emmrobertson@aberdeencity.gov.uk