

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE - MONDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2023

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1	<u>Determination of Urgent Business</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to agree that the items were of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day for the following reasons:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies - the report required to be determined by the end of October 2023 as the new boundaries were expected to come into force in November 2023 and national guidance from the Electoral Management Board stated that October was the latest date the Returning Officer should get the report approved. Without having the approved polling districts within the new constituency boundaries, there would be a risk that if a snap General Election was called between now and December 2023, officers would be unable to run the election.• Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub (AHH) Joint Venture Partnership - the AHH Joint Venture Partnership had advised the Council that the report needed to be considered before 31 October in order for the Joint Venture to take a final investment decision on phase 1 of the AHH. Any delay could have a negative impact on the award of external grant funding or the shareholder investment case.		

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2	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	<u>The Committee 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 item 7 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.		
3	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	None		
4	<u>Deputation Requests</u>	None		
5	<u>2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies - COM/23/300</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note that, once the UK Parliament approved the Boundary Commission for Scotland's final recommendations, the new parliamentary constituency boundaries would come into effect at the next UK Parliamentary General Election; and (ii) to approve the recommended changes to polling districts as outlined in section 3 of the report.	Governance	David Gow
6	<u>Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub - Joint Venture Partnership Phase 1 Business Case Approval - COM/23/342</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to approve the revised Business Case contained in Appendix A, noting the funds to be provided by the Council in support of a positive final investment decision (FID) for Phase 1 of the Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub (AHH) were to be drawn from the Council's General Fund Capital	Commercial and Procurement	Barry Davidson

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		<p>programme;</p> <p>(ii) to note the list of Project Contracts in Appendix B that would be entered into by bp Aberdeen Hydrogen Energy Limited to deliver Phase 1 of the AHH and authorise the Chief Officer - Governance following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement, the Chief Officer - Finance, and the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, to discharge the Council's shareholder function in relation to the approval of such Project Contracts and authorise the entering into of them and any other Project Contracts and/or documentation, that they consider to be necessary or desirable in connection with the delivery of Phase 1 of the AHH; and</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Chief Executive would liaise with the Chief Education Officer and Interim Chief Officer - City Growth with regard to Councillor Blake's query around skills assessment work and passport for skills for workers in oil and gas transitioning to the renewable sector, and provide an update to members of the committee following the meeting.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Education</p> <p>City Growth</p>	<p>Angela Scott</p> <p>Shona Milne</p> <p>Julie Wood</p>
7	<p><u>Aberdeen Hydrogen Hub - Joint Venture Partnership Phase 1 Business Case Approval - COM/23/342 - exempt appendices</u></p>	<p>See decision at item 6</p>		

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