

**COUNCIL DECISION SHEET**

**ADJOURNED COUNCIL - FRIDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2023**

	<b>Item Title</b>	<b>Council Decision</b>	<b>Services Required to take action</b>	<b>Officer to Action</b>
8.1	<b><u>Council Business Planner</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to remove item 4 (Broad Street) from the business planner;</li> <li>(ii) to note that the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning would liaise with Councillor Macdonald and the Council's Masterplan Manager with regard to Councillor Blake's query in relation to item 20 (City Centre - Streetscape Programme); and</li> <li>(iii) to otherwise note the business planner.</li> </ul>	<p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Resources</p>	<p>Martyn Orchard</p> <p>David Dunne</p> <p>Sandy Beattie</p>
9.2	<b><u>Options Appraisal on Working Arrangements with our ALEOs - CFS/23/315</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to note the process undertaken in order to determine advantageous working arrangements in collaboration with ALEOs; and note the closer working relationships evident across ALEOs and Aberdeen Sports Village Joint Venture and the potential to realise shared objectives in the longer term by maintaining regular joint working;</li> <li>(ii) to note the exempt Options Appraisal documentation in Appendices B to F;</li> <li>(iii) in relation to Aberdeen Heat and Power Company Limited, Sport</li> </ul>	<p>Education and Children's Services</p>	<p>Eleanor Sheppard</p>

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		<p>(iv) Aberdeen and Aberdeen Performing Arts, to agree to maintain current working arrangements;</p> <p>(v) in relation to Bon Accord Care (i.e. Bon Accord Care Ltd, and Bon Accord Support Services Ltd), to note that the Options Appraisal process highlighted potential benefits in bringing the associated services in-house and integrating them into the Council structure; and instruct the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, following consultation with the Managing Director of Bon Accord Care, to outline the benefits of this potential option and provide indicative delivery milestones within an Outline Business Case for consideration by Council in February 2024; and</p> <p>(v) in relation to Aberdeen Sports Village Ltd (ASV), to instruct the Council's Chief Officer - Finance, following consultation with the Head of Commercial and Procurement Services, to explore the potential for the Council and the University of Aberdeen to amend the shareholder agreement and ownership and report back to Council in February 2024 to align with Council budget setting process.</p>	<p>Commercial and Procurement</p> <p>Finance</p>	<p>Craig Innes</p> <p>Jonathan Belford</p>

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9.3	<u><b>Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2023 - Proposed Aberdeen Planning Guidance and Supplementary Guidance - COM/23/303</b></u>	<p><b>The Council resolved:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to note the comments received during the recent public consultation on the proposed Aberdeen Planning Guidance and Supplementary Guidance documents, and approve officers' responses to the consultation comments, as outlined in Appendix 1;</li> <li>(ii) to note that officers had reviewed the draft Aberdeen Planning Guidance and Supplementary Guidance documents to take account of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and had suggested minor technical changes to the documents as a result;</li> <li>(iii) to note the ongoing partnership working between officers within Strategic Place Planning and Public Health Scotland and NHS Grampian to understand how each document related either directly or indirectly to improving health and wellbeing and working towards achieving the Public Health Priorities for Scotland;</li> <li>(iv) to agree the proposed Aberdeen Planning Guidance documents in Appendix 2 and approve their adoption as non-statutory planning advice to support the Local Development Plan 2023;</li> <li>(v) to agree the proposed Supplementary Guidance on Planning Obligations in Appendix 3 and adopt it as Interim Planning Advice until such time as it could be formally adopted as statutory</li> </ul>	Strategic Place Planning	David Dunne/ David Berry

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		<p>Supplementary Guidance in accordance with resolution (vi) below;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to submit the proposed Supplementary Guidance on Planning Obligations to Scottish Ministers for ratification and, once this was received, adopt the document as statutory Supplementary Guidance to accompany the Local Development Plan 2023;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to update the draft Aberdeen Planning Guidance on Wind Turbine Development in light of consultation responses received and the policy shift within NPF4 and incorporate it within draft Aberdeen Planning Guidance on Renewable Energy Development, a draft of which should be reported to the Planning Development Management Committee within 12 months; and</p> <p>(viii) to agree that the following historic non-statutory planning advice notes, which supported the 2017 Local Development Plan, were no longer required and should be revoked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hillhead Campus Planning Brief</li> <li>• Pinewood/Hazledene Planning Brief</li> <li>• Murcar Development Framework</li> <li>• Fire Station, North Anderson</li> </ul>	Governance	Lynsey McBain (business planner)

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		Drive Planning Brief		
9.4	<b><u>Finalised Draft George Street Masterplan - COM/23/304</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to note the Consultation and Engagement Report (Appendix 1) which recorded and analysed the public and stakeholder consultation and engagement undertaken and to note that the consultation responses had shaped the Finalised Draft George Street Masterplan;</li> <li>(ii) to note the contents of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report, and the non-technical summary report (Appendix 5 &amp; 5a), whose findings were recorded in, and had given direction to, the content of the Finalised Draft George Street Masterplan;</li> <li>(iii) to approve the Finalised Draft George Street Masterplan (Appendix 2) as the George Street Masterplan being the Council's 'place' strategy for the George Street area; and</li> <li>(iv) to agree that individual projects or interventions would be subject to consultation as deemed necessary by legislation or by the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning in consultation with the Co-Leaders.</li> </ul>	Strategic Place Planning	Nigel McDowell

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9.6	<b><u>Annual Procurement Report 2022-2023 - COM/23/309</u></b>	<b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b> to note the Annual Procurement Report (Appendix A).	Commercial and Procurement	Mel Mackenzie
9.7	<b><u>Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2022-23 - COM/23/310</u></b>	<b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b> to note the report.	Data and Insights	Charlene Flynn
9.8	<b><u>Aberdeen City Population Needs Assessment 2023 - CUS/23/312</u></b>	<b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b> to note the Population Needs Assessment 2023 as contained at Appendix 1.	Data and Insights	Anne McAteer
9.9	<b><u>Community Planning Aberdeen Annual Outcome Improvement Report 2022/23 - CUS/23/314</u></b>	<b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b> to approve the Annual Outcome Improvement Report 2022/23 as a representation of the Council's contribution to partnership working in delivery of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26.	Early Intervention and Community Empowerment	Allison Swanson
9.10	<b><u>Community Planning Aberdeen Locality Annual Outcome Improvement Reports 2022/23 for North, South and Central Localities - CUS/23/313</u></b>	<b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b> to approve the Locality Plan Annual Outcome Improvement Reports for North, South and Central as a representation of the Council's contribution to partnership working in delivery of the Locality Plans published in July 2021.	Early Intervention and Community Empowerment  Health and Social Care Partnership	Jade Leyden  Iain Robertson
10.1	<b><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Cooke</u></b>  That Council;  1. Notes the Lord Advocate's statement	<b><u>The Council resolved:-</u></b> (i) to note the Lord Advocate's statement "that it would not be in the public interest to prosecute drug users for simple possession offences	Health and Social Care Partnership	Sandra McLeod

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	<p>“that it would not be in the public interest to prosecute drug users for simple possession offences committed within a pilot safer drugs consumption facility.”</p> <p>2. Agrees that safer drug consumption facilities are an important public health measure that could save lives, and supports all options within the existing legal framework being explored to enable the delivery of these facilities to prevent overdoses and reduce harm.</p> <p>3. Notes the Minister for Drug and Alcohol Policy, on 19 September 2023 in the Scottish Parliament, stated “In the past two years, the University of Stirling has undertaken work to look at how we could roll out a drug-checking pilot within Scotland. During that research phase, several potential locations were identified. We know that Aberdeen, Glasgow and Dundee have expressed their wish to be part of the pilot. The research was published at the end of July and we are now helping those areas to apply for licences. We await a final communication from the United Kingdom Home Office that will help us to ensure that those licensing applications can go in and will be met with the most sympathetic ear possible.”</p> <p>4. Welcomes the Scottish Government’s</p>	<p>committed within a pilot safer drugs consumption facility.”</p> <p>(ii) to agree that safer drug consumption and drug checking facilities could be an important public health measure that could save lives, and support all options within the existing legal framework being explored to enable the delivery of these facilities to prevent overdoses and reduce harm;</p> <p>(iii) to note the Minister for Drug and Alcohol Policy, on 19 September 2023 in the Scottish Parliament, stated “In the past two years, the University of Stirling has undertaken work to look at how we could roll out a drug-checking pilot within Scotland. During that research phase, several potential locations were identified. We know that Aberdeen, Glasgow and Dundee have expressed their wish to be part of the pilot. The research was published at the end of July and we are now helping those areas to apply for licences. We await a final communication from the United Kingdom Home Office that will help us to ensure that those licensing applications can go in and will be met with the most sympathetic ear possible”;</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership to report back with the results of the Glasgow pilot scheme and collate any available</p>		

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	<p>commitment to tackling drug harm as part of a public health approach and will work with partners to support and assist in applications for drug-checking facilities being made available in Aberdeen.</p> <p>5. Instructs the Chief Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership to engage with relevant partners, in particular, the Aberdeen City Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, to support delivery of a drug-checking pilot in Aberdeen.</p> <p>6. Encourages all Council Members, where comfortable to do so, to be trained and carry naloxone during their councillor duties, in the event that they encounter a member of the public in an overdose situation and to promote naloxone within their communities.</p> <p>7. Instructs the Chief Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership to report to the Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board by March 2024 on the progress of those discussions with partner agencies, the Scottish Government and Home Office.</p>	<p>peer reviewed data following 12 months of operation of the facility to inform Council of the progress and set out options for Aberdeen;</p> <p>(v) to recognise that tackling drug harm is part of a public health approach to the challenge of drug use and therefore agree to work with partners to support and assist applications for drug-checking facilities in Aberdeen;</p> <p>(vi) to encourage all Council Members, where comfortable to do so, to be trained and carry naloxone during their Councillor duties, in the event that they encounter a member of the public in an overdose situation and to promote naloxone within their communities; and</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership to report to the Aberdeen City Integration Joint Board by March 2024 on the progress of those discussions with partner agencies, the Scottish Government and Home Office.</p>	Governance	Emma Robertson (business planner)
10.2	<p><b><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Cooke</u></b></p> <p>That the Council:</p> <p>1. Notes the report of the external auditor, Audit Scotland, into the</p>	Withdrawn		



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	<p>audit of the 2022/23 North East Scotland Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts;</p> <p>2. Notes in particular Recommendation 3 of that report, namely: “we encourage Aberdeen City Council, as the administering authority, to fill the vacancies on the Pensions Committee and for members to work together for the benefit of the fund”; and</p> <p>3. Deeply regrets the Labour Group’s continued failure to participate in the Pensions Committee contrary to the recommendation of the external auditor, noting that the interests of the 77,000 members of the Pension Fund would be best served by participation in the Committee being from across the political perspectives that make up Aberdeen City Council, the Administering Authority.</p>			
11.1	<b><u>Options Appraisal on Working Arrangements with our ALEOs - CFS/23/315 - exempt appendices</u></b>	Decision at item 9.2		

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