

COUNCIL DECISION SHEET
COUNCIL - THURSDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2023

	Item Title	Council Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
9.1	<u>Libraries and Bucksburn Swimming Pool Consultation Results - CUS/23/386</u>	<p>The Council resolved:-</p> <p>(i) to thank the communities, campaign groups and individuals for their welcome participation and input to the online consultations and focus group sessions;</p> <p>(ii) to acknowledge the updated Integrated Impact Assessments (IIAs) which considered potential impacts and mitigations to address any potential impact on service users; Libraries</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to take into account all feedback and mitigations and report this back as part of the Future Library Service Review to the relevant meeting of Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee;</p> <p>(iv) to agree option 1 as highlighted within the report; Bucksburn Pool</p> <p>(v) to note the impact the closure of the pool had on service users who had faced barriers such as transportation and accessibility when accessing other swimming provision in the city;</p> <p>(vi) to accept Option 2 - request Sport</p>	<p>Early Intervention and Community Empowerment</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>Jacqui McKenzie/ Margaret Stewart</p> <p>Alastair Reid</p> <p>Alan Thomson</p>

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		<p>Aberdeen to recommission Bucksburn Pool; and</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to work with Sport Aberdeen to undertake recommissioning of the pool, including any improvements to the building and net zero upgrades to reduce energy costs, with funding taken from the Capital programme contingencies and refer ongoing revenue implications to the 2024/25 budget.</p>	Corporate Landlord	Stephen Booth
9.2	<p><u>Budget Protocol: Phase 2 Consultation and Budget Update - RES/23/388</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the content of the report;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy position for the General Fund, per paragraph 3.13, and latest budget gap for 2024/25; and</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Council would be presented with the final budget position and the request to approve a balanced General Fund Revenue and Capital Budget, and set Council Tax for 2024/25 at the Budget meeting on 6 March 2024.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Data and Insights</p>	<p>Jonathan Belford</p> <p>Martin Murchie</p>
9.3	<p><u>Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024/25 - RES/23/385</u></p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) having due regard to the content of the report and appendices and taken advice from the Chief Officer - Finance in relation to the use of non-recurring funding, and use of</p>	Finance	Helen Sherrit

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		<p>Reserves; and had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessments prepared, to approve the budget as attached in Table 1 (circulated separately);</p> <p>(ii) to approve the setting of the weekly unrebated rents for municipal houses in Table 2 (circulated separately) to take effect from Monday 1 April 2024, an increase of 4.7%;</p> <p>(iii) to approve the level of revenue contribution to the Housing Capital budget for 2024/25 as well as note the provisional contribution for the subsequent four financial years as detailed in Table 5 (circulated separately);</p> <p>(iv) to agree to reduce the working balances in 2024/25 to 9% to meet future operational requirements and risks, noting that if the Housing Revenue Account recorded a deficit and had no reserves then the Council's General Fund must make a contribution to balance the Account;</p> <p>(v) to note that the implication of using one-off resources to balance the 2024/25 HRA budget was that this funding would not be available in the following year and therefore in the absence of savings being identified the rent increase for 2025/26 would have to increase by an additional 3.3%, above the cost increase modelled for 2025/26. To instruct the</p>	Finance	Jonathan Belford

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		<p>Chief Officer - Finance to incorporate this additional funding requirement into a refresh of the 30-year HRA Business Plan, referred to at 2.8 and 2.9 of the report;</p> <p>(vi) to approve the level of miscellaneous rents and service charges, including Heat with Rent and the General Fund Support Services Charges as detailed in Tables 3 and 4 (circulated separately), to take effect from Monday 1 April 2024;</p> <p>(vii) to approve, based on a rental increase of 4.7% the Base Capital Programme for the financial year 2024/25, shown in Table 5 (circulated separately);</p> <p>(viii) to note the indicative value of the Base Capital Programme for the financial years 2025/26 to 2028/29 and forecast for a multi-million pound deficit on the Housing Revenue Account in 2028/29 which highlighted the need for the 30-year HRA Business Plan to be refreshed;</p> <p>(ix) to instruct the Chief Officer - Finance, in consultation with the Chief Officers - Corporate Landlord and Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to prepare an updated 30-year HRA Business Plan, commissioning external support where necessary, and reporting back to the Finance and Resources Committee before the end of September 2024;</p> <p>(x) to note that the multi-year Council</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Early Intervention</p>	<p>Jonathan Belford</p> <p>Mark Masson (business planner)</p> <p>Jacqui McKenzie</p>

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		<p>(xiv) the rent of properties which had been void for 12 months, reporting back to the 2025/26 HRA budget process; to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance and the Chief Officer - Early intervention and Community Empowerment, to undertake a review of the rental differentiations per property type, including any premium that may be applied to properties with high energy efficiency levels reporting the outcome to a future meeting of the Communities Housing and Public Protection Committee and thereafter as part of the 2025/26 HRA budget process; and</p> <p>(xv) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord in consultation with the Officer - Finance, Chief Officer - Capital and the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to vire monies from the Housing Capital Plan to support any works that may be required for RAAC interventions across the estate, retrospectively reporting any actions to the next available meeting of the Communities Housing and Public Protection Committee.</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord Governance</p> <p>Corporate Landlord Governance</p>	<p>Stephen Booth Lynsey McBain (business planner)</p> <p>Stephen Booth Lynsey McBain (business planner)</p>

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9.4	<u>Aberdeen Planning Guidance - Energy Transition Zone Draft Masterplan Consultation Responses - COM/23/382</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to suspend Standing Order 42.1; and (ii) to refer the report to the Planning Development Management Committee on 18 January 2024.	Strategic Place Planning Governance	Laura Robertson Lynsey McBain
9.6	<u>Council Annual Effectiveness Report and Committee Annual Effectiveness Reports - COM/23/380</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to defer consideration of the report to the Council meeting on 7 February 2024.	Governance	Martyn Orchard

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