

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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ABERDEEN, 14 December 2023

MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Sederunt:

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Depute Provost Steve Delaney; and

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Lord Provost David Cameron, in the Chair.

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## **LIBRARIES AND BUCKSBURN SWIMMING POOL CONSULTATION RESULTS - CUS/23/386**

1. The Council had before it a report by the Director of Customer Services which provided the outcome of consultations and engagement on six libraries: Cornhill, Cults, Ferryhill, Kaimhill, Northfield and Woodside; and Bucksburn Swimming Pool, to enable members to give due regard to the needs of the Public Sector Equality Duty and consider any potential impacts identified on those with protected characteristics prior to considering the recommendations.

### **The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) thank the communities, campaign groups and individuals for their welcome participation and input to the online consultations and focus group sessions;
- (b) give due regard to the needs of the Public Sector Equality Duty and consider any potential impacts on those with protected characteristics along with any mitigations to address any impact identified in the updated Integrated Impact Assessments (IIAs);
- (c) agree that feedback, ideas and suggestions from the library consultations be used to inform the Future Library Service Report;
- (d) consider the overall findings of the report and agree one of the following options:
  - Option 1 - Reaffirm the original budget decision to close the 6 libraries
  - Option 2 - Overturn the original budget decision to close the 6 libraries and to recommission all 6 and to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to commence planning for the recommissioning of facilities, referring ongoing funding implications to the 2024/25 budget; and
- (e) consider the overall findings of the report and agree one of the following options in regard to the Reduction in Sport Aberdeen Funding Option:
  - Option 1 - Reaffirm the original budget decision regarding the reduction of funding
  - Option 2 - Request Sport Aberdeen to recommission Bucksburn Pool and instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance, to work with Sport Aberdeen to investigate how the possible recommissioning of the Pool could be funded, referring any ongoing funding implications to the 2024/25 budget.

Councillor Allard moved, seconded by the Depute Provost:-

That the Council -

- (1) thank the communities, campaign groups and individuals for their welcome participation and input to the online consultations and focus group sessions;
- (2) acknowledge the updated IIAs which had considered potential impacts and mitigations to address any potential impact on service users;  
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- (3) 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 the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee;
- (4) agree option 1 as highlighted within the report;

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**Bucksburn Pool**

- (5) note the impact the closure of the pool had on service users who faced barriers such as transportation and accessibility when accessing other swimming provision in the city;
- (6) accept option 2 - Request Sport Aberdeen recommission Bucksburn Pool; and
- (7) 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.

Councillor Malik moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Lawrence:-

That the Council -

- (1) agree recommendations (a), (b) and (c);
- (2) agree the Aberdeen Labour budget and the Conservative budget 23/24 did not include closing the six libraries at Cornhill, Cults, Ferryhill, Kaimhill, Northfield and Woodside;
- (3) agree the closure of the six libraries at Cornhill, Cults, Ferryhill, Kaimhill, Northfield and Woodside was a political decision taken by the SNP and the Convener of Finance and Resources, Alex McLellan, who was given the opportunity at the budget to negotiate with the other parties but said "he could not go through the budget line by line";
- (4) agree to overturn the budget decision made by the SNP/Lib Dem Administration, with regard to the 6 libraries, and to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, notwithstanding the estimated officer timescales noted in the report, to commence planning for the recommissioning of facilities immediately and for the reopening of the facilities preferably before 31 March 2024 or as soon as is practicably possible. Agree to refer the recurring revenue and any capital cost implications to the 2024/24 Budget process;
- (5) agree to instruct Sport Aberdeen that Bucksburn Swimming should reopen as soon as is practicably feasible, instructing the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to engage with Sport Aberdeen on the actions required. Agree that any budget required for this should come from within the contingencies budget for 2023/24 and to refer the recurring revenue and any capital cost implications to the 2024/25 Budget process;
- (6) disagree entirely with section 3.3 of the report by pointing out that at the budget in March 2023, members were asked within the recommendations to "Approve the savings and redesign of Council services to address demand, in line with the commissioning led approach described in the report, and to set at least a balanced budget for financial year 2023/24, having due regard to Integrated Impact Assessments and screening results provided in the background papers";
- (7) note the disgraceful decision by the Finance and Resources Committee on 13 September - as noted below - regarding the Condition and Suitability programme where once again Aberdeen Labour's amendment to keep the allocated resources noted at 6.2 of this report was defeated, meaning the Council will now require to find additional monies that were already in the budget for the purposes noted;

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- (8) instruct the Chief Executive to make a public apology on the Council's behalf for the way in which the public and communities have been affected by the unnecessary closure of these facilities; and
- (9) agree that the Convener of Finance should consider his position as he has now lost the trust of this Council and those communities following his budget that was flawed, and a downright insult to the public and communities affected.

Amendment referred to in (7) above:-

Councillor Malik, seconded by Councillor Watson moved as an amendment:-

That the Committee:-

- (1) note the report that indicates at Appendix D the removal of the projects listed below as they are no longer in operation:-
  - Cults Library;
  - Bucksburn Swimming Pool
  - Ferryhill Library; and
  - Northfield Library;
- (2) agree to defer the new projects mentioned in Appendix C of this report until the first meeting of this Committee after Council in December to follow the report on the future of the 6 Libraries and Bucksburn pool closed by the SNP as part of its 23/24 budget; and
- (3) agree that the Council has catapulted from the Budget proposed by this Convener of Finance in March, therefore it is self-evident that the Convener must give serious consideration to his suitability to represent the Council on matters of Finance.

Councillor Brooks moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Boulton:-

That the Council -

- (1) agree in principle to the reopening of all six libraries and of Bucksburn Swimming Pool, subject to the agreement of Sport Aberdeen;
- (2) agree to include all six libraries in the Future Libraries and Information Service review process; and
- (3) therefore instruct the Chief Officer - Finance, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment and Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement, to prepare as part of the 2024/25 budget process the financial implications, with a view to reopening the facilities.

There being a motion and two amendments, the Council first divided between the amendment by Councillor Malik and the amendment by Councillor Brooks.

On a division, there voted:-

For the amendment by Councillor Malik (11) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Crockett, Graham, Grant, Lawrence, Macdonald, Malik, Tissera and Watson.

For the amendment by Councillor Brooks (5) - Councillors Boulton, Brooks, Farquhar, Massey and Mrs Stewart.

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Declined to vote (24) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Bouse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Nicoll, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

Absent from the division (3) - Councillors Kuszniir, McLeod and Thomson.

The Council then divided between the motion and the amendment by Councillor Malik.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (24) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Bouse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Nicoll, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

For the amendment by Councillor Malik (16) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Crockett, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Lawrence, Macdonald, Malik, Massey, Mrs Stewart, Tissera and Watson.

Absent from the division (3) - Councillors Kuszniir, McLeod and Thomson.

**The Council resolved:-**  
to adopt the motion.

## **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2024/25 - RES/23/385**

2. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - Finance which provided elected members with information to enable the Council to approve a revenue and capital budget for 2024/25, including setting of the rents and other charges on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the financial year.

### **The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) approve the budget as attached in Appendix 1, page 2, of this report;
- (b) approve the setting of the weekly unrebated rents for municipal houses in Appendix 1, page 3 of this report, to take effect from Monday 1 April 2024;
- (c) 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 Appendix 1, pages 16 to 18;
- (d) agree to maintain the working balances at 10% 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;
- (e) approve the level of miscellaneous rents and service charges, including Heat with Rent and the General Fund Support Services Charges as detailed in Appendix 1, pages 13 to 14, to take effect from Monday 1 April 2024;
- (f) approve, based on a rental increase of 8.8% the Base Capital Programme for the financial year 2024/25 Appendix 1, pages 16 to 18;

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- (g) note the indicative level of the Base Capital Programme for the financial years 2025/26 to 2028/29 Appendix 1, pages 16 to 18;
- (h) note that the long term Council house rent policy ran out on 31 March 2023, consultation was undertaken on a one year rent increase in 2024/25, and therefore instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to undertake a similar consultation for inclusion in the 2025/26 budget process and consider if there was any benefit in a longer term Council house rent policy;
- (i) note the inclusion of the tiered trend analysis of the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024/25, page 4 in Appendix 1, and the current actions to move spend from Tier 2 Early Intervention to Tier 1 Prevention;
- (j) approve the creation of a £500k Rent Assistance Fund pilot, pages 11 to 12 in Appendix 1, and instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance to define the proposed criteria and how such a fund would be managed to be reported to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 28 March 2024;
- (k) instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance to investigate a potential pilot to reduce the rent of properties which had been void for 12 months, reporting back to the 2025/26 budget process;
- (l) 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 budget process; and
- (m) 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.

Councillor Radley moved, seconded by Councillor Greig:-

That the Council -

- (1) 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 Reserves; and had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessments prepared, to approve the budget as attached in Table 1;
- (2) to approve the setting of the weekly unrebated rents for municipal houses in Table 2 to take effect from Monday 1 April 2024, an increase of 4.7%;
- (3) 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;
- (4) 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;

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- (5) 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 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;
- (6) 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, to take effect from Monday 1 April 2024;
- (7) to approve, based on a rental increase of 4.7% the Base Capital Programme for the financial year 2024/25, shown in Table 5;
- (8) 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;
- (9) 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;
- (10) to note that the multi-year Council house rent policy ran out on 31 March 2023, consultation was undertaken on a one year rent increase in 2024/25, and therefore instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to undertake a similar consultation for inclusion in the 2025/26 HRA budget process and consider if there was any benefit in a longer term Council house rent policy;
- (11) to note the inclusion of the tiered trend analysis of the Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024/25, page 4 in Appendix 1 of the report, and the current actions to move spend from Tier 2 Early Intervention to Tier 1 Prevention;
- (12) to approve the creation of a £500k Rent Assistance Fund pilot, in Appendix 1 of the report (pages 11 to 12), and instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance to define the proposed criteria and how such a fund would be managed to be reported to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 28 March 2024;
- (13) to instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance to investigate a potential pilot to reduce the rent of properties which had been void for 12 months, reporting back to the 2025/26 HRA budget process;
- (14) 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
- (15) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord in consultation with the Officer - Finance, Chief Officer - Capital and the Chief

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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.

Tables associated with the motion can be viewed [here](#).

Councillor Malik moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Grant:-

That the Council -

- (1) having due regard to the contents 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 Reserves; and had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessments prepared, approve the budget as attached in Table 1, included below;
- (2) approve the setting of the weekly unrebated rents for municipal houses in Table 2, to take effect from Monday 1 April 2024, an increase of 4%;
- (3) 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;
- (4) agree to reduce the working balances in 2024/25 to 8.5% 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;
- (5) note that the implication of using one-off resources to balance the 2024/25 HRA budget is that this funding will not be available in the following year and therefore in the absence of savings being identified the rent increase for 2025/26 will have to increase by an additional 3.9%, above the cost increase modelled for 2025/26. Instruct the 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;
- (6) 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, to take effect from Monday 1 April 2024;
- (7) approve, based on a rental increase of 4% the Base Capital Programme for the financial year 2024/25, shown in Table 5;
- (8) 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 highlights the need for the 30-year HRA Business Plan to be refreshed;
- (9) 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;
- (10) instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to undertake a similar consultation for inclusion in the 2025/26 HRA budget process and consider if there is any benefit in a longer term Council house rent policy;
- (11) approve the creation of a £400k Rent Assistance Fund pilot, referred to in Appendix 1 of the report (pages 11 to 12), and instruct the Chief Officer -



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Early Intervention and Community Empowerment in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance to define the proposed criteria and how such a fund would be managed to be reported to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 28 March 2024;

- (12) instruct the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment, in consultation with the Chief Officer - Finance to investigate a potential pilot to reduce the rent of properties which had been void for 12 months, reporting back to the 2025/26 HRA budget process;
- (13) confirm this Council is against a two tier rent policy which penalises those on low or fixed incomes just because of the type of home they live in; and
- (14) agree the Council has sufficient committee structures in place including the Urgent Business Committee which can if necessary meet within hours of it being agreed therefore any works of finance required for RAAC interventions across the estate, should be agreed by members on the Urgent Business Committee.

Tables associated with the amendment can be viewed [here](#).

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (29) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Bouse, Brooks, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Farquhar, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, Kuszniir, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Massey, Mennie, Nicoll, Radley, Mrs Stewart, van Sweeden and Yuill.

For the amendment (12) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Crockett, Graham, Grant, Lawrence, Macdonald, Malik, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

Absent from the division (2) - Councillors Boulton and McLeod.

**The Council resolved:-**  
to adopt the motion.

### **BUDGET PROTOCOL: PHASE 2 CONSULTATION AND BUDGET UPDATE - RES/23/388**

3. The Council had before it a joint report by the Directors of Resources and Commissioning which satisfied the requirements of the approved Budget Protocol, in respect of reporting to Council the results of the Phase 2 Public Budget Consultation, which included details of the current estimated budget position for 2024/25, the budget options and Integrated Impact Assessments (IIA).

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) note the content of the report;
- (b) approve the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy position for the General Fund, as per paragraph 3.13, and latest budget gap for 2024/25; and

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- (c) 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.

Councillor Yuill moved, seconded by Councillor Allard:-  
That the Council approve the recommendations.

Councillor Malik moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Bonsell:-  
That the Council -

- (1) note the recommendations contained within the report;
- (2) agree to note section 3.15 of the report where officers confirmed “no adjustment or assumption has been incorporated into the financial model for the announcement by the First Minister that Council Tax will be frozen for 24/25. The Scottish Government has said that it will fully fund the freeze”;
- (3) agree that officers have confirmed that to fully fund the freeze for Aberdeen City Council as agreed by the First Minister in his conference speech to Councillor Allard and others at TECA the amount required by the Council to freeze Council Tax is £11.033m as per Appendix 2 of the report;
- (4) instruct the Chief Executive to issue a letter, jointly with the Council Leaders, to the First Minister confirming the amount required being £11.033m. It is Council’s expectation that the First Minister will keep his promise to citizens and Council on fully funding the Council Tax freeze;
- (5) agree that the Council Tax freeze announcement by the First Minister has undermined the entire budget consultation process, given that varying the Council Tax rate is a key element in the Council’s budget setting process;
- (6) note that feedback has been received that the Council’s online tool was not user-friendly and did not give due regard to engaging with citizens for whom digital accessibility is poor, meaning many disadvantaged individuals, who would be most affected by budget cuts, were excluded from participating in the consultation; and
- (7) agree that if this exercise is repeated in future years, that officers are instructed to engage with the third sector and other key stakeholders on the design of a consultation at an early stage and to include in-person community sessions to directly engage with members of the public.

**During the course of debate, the Council agreed to suspend Standing Order 40.2 to enable the meeting to continue beyond six hours.**

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (23) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Alphonse, Bouse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Nicoll, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

For the amendment (17) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Kusznir, Lawrence, Macdonald, Malik, Massey, Mrs Stewart, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

Absent from the division (3) - Councillors Allard, Crockett and McLeod.

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**The Council resolved:-**

to adopt the motion.

**ABERDEEN PLANNING GUIDANCE - ENERGY TRANSITION ZONE DRAFT MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION RESPONSES - COM/23/382**

4. With reference to Article 6 of the minute of its meeting of 11 September 2023, the Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning which presented an updated Energy Transition Zone Masterplan, which took into account the findings of the eight week public consultation, and sought agreement on the document becoming Aberdeen Planning Guidance to support the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2023.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) note the consultation responses received, and agree the changes proposed by officers to the Draft Energy Transition Zone Masterplan (Appendix 2); and
- (b) agree the content of the Energy Transition Zone Masterplan 2023, as amended, (Appendix 1) as non-statutory Aberdeen Planning Guidance to support the Aberdeen Local Development Plan 2023.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to suspend Standing Order 42.1; and
- (ii) to refer the report to the Planning Development Management Committee on 18 January 2024.

**COUNCIL ANNUAL EFFECTIVENESS REPORT AND COMMITTEE ANNUAL EFFECTIVENESS REPORTS - COM/23/380**

5. The Council had before it a report by the Interim Chief Officer - Governance (Assurance) which presented the annual effectiveness report for Council, as well as the annual effectiveness reports of the various committees.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) provide comments and observations on the data contained within the Council annual report as contained at Appendix A; and
- (b) note the annual reports of the various committees as contained at Appendices B to J.

**The Council resolved:-**

to defer consideration of the report to the Council meeting on 7 February 2024.

- **DAVID CAMERON, Lord Provost.**