

GOVERNANCE

DECISION SHEET

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 6 AUGUST 2025

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1.1	<u>Urgent Business</u>	There was no urgent business.		
2.1	<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 15.1 (Opportunity to Host the World Rally Championships in North East Scotland - Exempt Appendix) and item 15.2 (Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices).		
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (1) Councillor Radley advised that she had a connection in relation to agenda items 11.2 (Visitor Levy) and 11.3 (Opportunity to Host the World Rally Championships in North East Scotland) by virtue of her being a Council appointed board member on VisitAberdeenshire. Having applied the objective test, she did not consider		

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		<p>that she had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;</p> <p>(2) Councillor Cooke advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 1, 2025/26) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of Sport Aberdeen, as the Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board and as a member of the Pensions Committee. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;</p> <p>(3) Councillor Cooke further advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.2 (Castlegate Public Realm Update) by virtue of him being a Friend of the Gordon Highlanders Museum. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;</p> <p>(4) Councillor Cooke further advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 10.2 (Contributing to Your Care and Support (Adult Social Care (Non-Residential) Charging Policy 25-26) by virtue of him being the Vice Chair of the Integration Joint Board. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;</p> <p>(5) Councillor Greig advised that he had a</p>		

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		<p>connection in relation to agenda items 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 1, 2025/26) and 10.2 (Contributing to Your Care and Support (Adult Social Care (Non-Residential) Charging Policy 25-26) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of the Integration Joint Board. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting; and</p> <p>(6) Councillor Malik advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda items 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 1, 2025/26) and 10.2 (Contributing to Your Care and Support (Adult Social Care (Non-Residential) Charging Policy 25-26) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of the Integration Joint Board. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.</p>		
4.1	<u>Deputations</u>	There were no deputations.		
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 7 May 2025</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute.		
5.2	<u>Minute of Special Meeting of 11 July 2025</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute.		

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6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to remove item 6 (South College Street Phase 2 – Outline Business Case) for the reason outlined in the planner; (ii) to note the reasons for deferral in relation to item 9 (Bucksburn and Dyce Long Term Secondary School Provision: Outline Business Case) and item 10 (Wellington Road Junction Improvements – Progress Report); and (ii) to otherwise note the Committee Planner.		
7.1	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillors Allard and Yuill - Aberdeen FC - Referred from Council on 2 July 2025</u> This Council congratulates Aberdeen FC on winning the Scottish Cup.	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> that this Council congratulates Aberdeen FC on winning the Scottish Cup.		
8.1	<u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u>	There were no referrals.		
9.1	<u>Council Financial Performance – Quarter 1, 2025/26 - CORS/25/181</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (a) note the cash position that has been achieved for the General Fund and HRA to the end of Quarter 1 as detailed in Appendix 1; (b) note the Common Good financial		

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		<p>performance to the end of Quarter 1 as detailed in Appendix 3;</p> <p>(c) note that the General Fund full year forecast position remains on track to achieve a full year outturn of 'on budget' although there are a range of financial risks that exist for the financial year. Continuing action and controls, as outlined in Appendix 2 will remain in place for the remainder of the financial year;</p> <p>(d) note that the Council maintains financial resilience with the resources available on the Council Balance Sheet, the General Fund Reserves in particular. As at 31 March 2025 the uncommitted value of those reserves was £12m, the minimum that the Council Reserves Statement recommends and as approved by the Council;</p> <p>(e) approve inclusion of the Den Burn Restoration project in the General Fund Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix 5, with funding being provided from SEPA, additional Scottish Government Capital Grant (Climate Emergency) and Bus Lane Enforcement money received, and instructs the Chief Officer – Capital to ensure the project is delivered;</p> <p>(f) note that the HRA full year forecast position, as detailed in Appendix 2, is 'on budget', but continues to face challenging cost pressures as outlined</p>		

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		<p>in Appendix 2 and the HRA Budget Report 2025/26;</p> <p>(g) note that the forecast for General Fund Capital budget has been updated to include approved in-year virements, carry forward commitments and a reprofiling exercise. General Fund and Housing Capital expenditure is currently forecast to be as per the revised profiles for 2025/26; and</p> <p>(i) that in relation to the Housing Revenue Account, the Chief Officer – Finance would circulate details relating to the lost income from voids in Quarter 1.</p>		
9.2	<u>Castlegate Public Realm Update - CR&E/25/178</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(a) approve the design and layout of the public realm improvements as detailed in Appendix A; and</p> <p>(b) instruct the Chief Officer – Capital, following consultation with the Chief Officer – Commercial & Procurement Services, to negotiate and execute contracts for delivery of the construction programme in line with the previously approved total project budget as detailed in paragraph 4.1, reporting progress through the Chief Officer – Capital’s regular capital programme monitoring reports to this committee; and</p> <p>(c) to instruct the Chief Officer – Operations to circulate to Councillor Brooks, a statement of the work planned to be carried out to improve</p>		

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		the maintenance in Union Terrace Gardens.		
9.3	<u>Beachfront Pedestrian Spine – Design Update - CORS/25/177</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (a) approve the final design layout as shown in Appendices 1 to 4 and detailed within this report for the Pedestrian Spine on the Beach Boulevard; and (b) instruct the Chief Officer – Capital, following consultation with the Chief Officer – Commercial and Procurement Services, to negotiate and execute contracts for delivery of the construction programme in line with the previously approved total project budget as detailed in paragraph 4, reporting progress through the Chief Officer – Capital’s regular capital programme monitoring reports to this committee; (c) to instruct the Chief Officer – Commercial and Procurement Services, to circulate to members of the Committee (1) the independent consultant’s Traffic Management Modelling Report; (2) the costs relating to the Certificate of Lawfulness; and (3) the advice provided by the Planning Authority confirming that works would be undertaken without the need for planning permission; and (d) to instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to clarify why the report made no reference to sections		

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		207 and 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, regarding the powers of planning authorities to stop up roads.		
10.1	<u>Performance Management Framework Report - CORS/25/176</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> note the performance information contained in the Appendix to the report.		
10.2	<u>Contributing to Your Care and Support (Adult Social Care (Non-Residential) Charging Policy 25-26 - ACHSCP/25/180</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (a) approve the 'Contributing to Your Care and Support – Adult Social Care (Non-Residential) Charging Policy 25-26 and agree that it should be implemented as of 01 April 2026; (b) agree that a taper of 67% will continue to be applied to an individual's personal allowance in the application of charges; and (c) agree an initial percentage charge on the chargeable elements of an individual budget of 70%, rising 10% each financial year, before reaching an 100% charge in 2029-30; and (d) to note that the Chief Officer - Finance would circulate to Councillor Watson, for context, details of the budgeted income figures regarding non-residential income charges.		
11.1	<u>Development Plan Scheme 2025 - CR&E/25/174</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> approve the content of the updated Development Plan Scheme 2025 (Appendix 1) and instruct the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning to, subject to any minor drafting changes which he considers		

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		necessary, publish it in accordance with relevant legislation.		
11.2	<u>Visitor Levy - CR&E/25/179</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (1) Welcomes the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024, which allows local authorities in Scotland to charge a fee on overnight stays in some types of accommodation calculated as a percentage of the chargeable transaction for accommodation; (2) Notes the public and stakeholders consultation carried out by Aberdeen City Council; (3) Instructs the Chief Officer - City Development & Regeneration to take any actions necessary to introduce the visitor levy across Aberdeen at 7%, in accordance with the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024, from 01 April 2027; (4) Instructs the Chief Officer - City Development & Regeneration to continue to engage with businesses during the implementation period to better understand the costs of compliance with the Visitor Levy scheme; (5) Agrees as part of the above mentioned engagement, the Council will review the appropriateness of the proposed administrative retention rate to ensure it remains fair, proportionate, and is evidence-based and delegates authority to the Chief Officer - City Development &		

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		<p>Regeneration to set the retention rate in consultation with the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee; and</p> <p>(6) Instruct the Chief Officer - City Development & Regeneration to establish a Visitor Levy Forum within six months in line with the requirements of the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Act 2024.</p>		
11.3	<p><u>Opportunity to Host the World Rally Championships in North East Scotland - CR&E/25/184</u></p> <p>There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices section below.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(1) welcome the opportunity for the North East of Scotland to host the World Rally Championships (WRC);</p> <p>(2) instruct the Chief Officer - City Development & Regeneration to prepare a detailed project proposal for hosting the WRC, including engagement with relevant partners;</p> <p>(3) instruct the Chief Officer - City Development & Regeneration to report the project proposal back to this Committee in November, with detailed costings and partnership feedback, including potential funding options and risk mitigation; and</p> <p>(4) delegate authority to the Chief Officer – City Development & Regeneration, in consultation with Co-leaders, to approve international travel to attend a World Rally Championship event, to be funded from the International Trade Budget and/or the City Promotions budget, should the opportunity arise in</p>		

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		this 2025/26 financial year.		
12.1	<u>Ferryhill School and Harlaw Academy Suitability Improvements - CR&E/25/173</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) note the advance and enabling development works undertaken to date to reduce risk to the main construction works and mitigate educational disruption; (b) note that the works carried out to date remain within the Capital Plan budget envelope and that work continues towards collating the main costs that will allow completion of the full business case; and (c) instruct the Chief Officer – Capital to continue to progress all necessary procurements, approvals, permissions, licenses, agreements and consents required to develop and implement the projects within the Capital Programme budget, reporting progress through the regular capital programme monitoring reports to this committee and to circulate for information the full business Cases for each project to committee members once completed; and (d) to note that the Director of City Regeneration and Environment would raise Councillor Watson's concerns regarding the speeding buses on Caledonian Place at the next meeting of the Aberdeen Bus Partnership, which includes within its membership, representation from FirstBus. 		

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13.1	<u>Work Plan and Business Cases - CORS/25/175</u> There are exempt appendices in the Exempt Appendices section below.	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (a) review the workplan as detailed in the Appendices for the Corporate Services and Families and Communities Functions; (b) approve the procurement business cases, including the total estimated expenditure for the proposed contracts; and (c) note the content of Appendix 3 – 3.10 Memo Approvals and Appendix 4 – 4.1.3 Technical Exemption Approvals.		
14.1	<u>No Reports in this Section</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		
15.1	<u>Opportunity to Host the World Rally Championships in North East Scotland - Exempt Appendix</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		
15.2	<u>Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information contained within the exempt appendices.		

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