

GOVERNANCE

DECISION SHEET

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2025

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1.1	<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 14.1 (Aberdeen City H2 Programme), item 14.2 (Proposed Sale of Land at Granitehill Road), item 15.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 2, 2025/26 - Exempt Appendix), item 15.2 (Condition & Suitability 3 Year Programme - Exempt Appendix), item 15.3 (World Rally Championship Bid - Exempt Appendix), item 15.4 (Aberdeen eBike Hire Scheme - Exempt Appendix and item 15.5 (Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices).		
3.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (1) Councillor Nicoll advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 8.1 (Annual Performance Reports - 2024/25 for all Tier 1 ALEOS: Aberdeen Performing Arts, Aberdeen Sports Village, Bon Accord Care and Sport Aberdeen) by virtue of him		

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		<p>being a Power of Attorney for a family member who was under the care of Bon Accord Care. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;</p> <p>(2) Councillor Greig advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 8.1 (Annual Performance Reports - 2024/25 for all Tier 1 ALEOS: Aberdeen Performing Arts, Aberdeen Sports Village, Bon Accord Care and Sport Aberdeen) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member on Aberdeen Performing Arts 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>(3) Councillor Yuill, Vice Convener advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 8.1 (Annual Performance Reports - 2024/25 for all Tier 1 ALEOS: Aberdeen Performing Arts, Aberdeen Sports Village, Bon Accord Care and Sport Aberdeen) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of NHS Grampian Board. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.</p>		
5.1	<u>Minute of Previous Meeting of 6 August 2025</u>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(i) that in relation to article 6(ii), to note that regarding the Housing Revenue</p>		

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		Account, the Chief Officer – Finance would circulate details relating to the lost income from voids in Quarter 1; and (ii) to otherwise approve the minute.		
5.2	<u>Minute of the Special Meeting of 31 July 2025</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to approve the minute.		
6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (i) to remove item 11 (Beachfront Shoreline Regeneration (Phase C) - Full Business Case) for the reason outlined in the planner; (ii) to note the reasons for deferral in relation to item 7 (Fleet Replacement Programme), item 13 (Beach Masterplan – Beach Ballroom Update), item 14 (District Heating – Network Expansion / Waste Heat Utilisation (City Centre Link) and item 15 (Bus Lane Enforcement and Low Emission Zone Projects 2025/26 – Place Lighting and Guild Street Improvement projects; and (iii) to note that a report relating to the Kincorth Cruyff Court would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee; and (iv) to otherwise note the Committee Planner.		
7.1	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Macdonald - Frederick Street Car Park</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the Motion by Councillor Macdonald,		

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	<p><u>- Referred from Council on 1 October 2025</u></p> <p>That Committee -</p> <p>Note the Frederick Street Car Park lift has been out of order for two years due to persistent vandalism causing significant damage;</p> <p>Note that four ground floor standard parking bays were reserved by fitting signage asking drivers to be considerate to people with less mobility as part of the parking pilot;</p> <p>Note a lift condition survey was completed and unfortunately concluded that repair and recommissioning of the lift is not a viable option, because the survey deemed the lift to be beyond economical repair;</p> <p>Note quotations have been sought from multiple contractors for a full lift replacement, including options to mitigate risks from vandalism; and that the Capital team have reviewed the replacement lift quotes and repair costs from over the last five years to assess likely lifecycle costs;</p> <p>Note that users of the Aberdeen Health Village, many of whom have physiotherapy needs but are not blue badge owners, are finding it very difficult</p>	<p>in conjunction with the decision taken at item 9.3 (Condition & Suitability 3 Year Programme).</p>		

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	<p>to access services; and</p> <p>Note that officers intend to include an allocation for the lift replacement in the updated Condition and Suitability Programme, to be considered by the Finance and Resources Committee on 5th November 2025, and agree that this should be considered a top priority in the updated programme.</p>			
8.1	<p><u>Annual Performance Reports - 2024/25 for all Tier 1 ALEOS: Aberdeen Performing Arts, Aberdeen Sports Village, Bon Accord Care and Sport Aberdeen - CORS/25/222 - Referred from Council on 1 October 2025</u></p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(1) to note the Annual Performance Reports for each of the Tier one ALEOs; and</p> <p>(2) to note that the Chief Officer – Commercial and Procurement Services would arrange to circulate details around (a) the drop of volunteers, particularly around the older age groups and ethnic minority group; and (b) what Sport Aberdeen were doing to target and engage with older age groups and those with disabilities across the city.</p>		
9.1	<p><u>Council Financial Performance – Quarter 2, 2025/26 - CORS/25/243</u></p> <p>There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices section below.</p>	<p>The Committee resolved:</p> <p>(a) Note the cash position that has been achieved for the General Fund and HRA to the end of Quarter 2 as detailed in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(b) Note the Common Good financial performance to the end of Quarter 2 as detailed in Appendix 3;</p> <p>(c) Note that the General Fund full year forecast position remains on track to</p>		

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		<p>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, as per the exempt Appendix 5, the extension of a bank guarantee of £125,000 to Transition Extreme Sports Limited until 31 March 2028. Note, the expectation is that plans beyond April 2028 will enable the removal of this guarantee;</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 in Appendix 2 and the HRA Budget Report 2025/26;</p> <p>(g) Note that capital expenditure continues to be low at the end of Quarter 2, however forecasts are that additional expenditure and progress will be recognised in the second half</p>		

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		<p>of the year. AND</p> <p>(1) Note the £1 Off-Street Evening Parking Fees Report (CR&E/25/129), and agrees to introduce a trial £1 evening off-street parking initiative, to operate between 5pm and 8am, seven days a week, between Monday 5th January 2026 and Saturday 28th February 2026, and instructs the Chief Officer – Operations to implement such an initiative; and instructs the Chief Officer – Finance to update expected parking income for this period when reporting Quarter 3 Financial Performance;</p> <p>(2) Instructs the Chief Officer – Operations to introduce a “fly tipping hit squads” trial from January to March 2026 to feed into the budget process, following consultation with the Convener – Finance and Resources Committee and Convener – Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee, to address rising issues with fly tipping in communities in Aberdeen;</p> <p>(3) Agrees that £10k funding for (1) and £62.5k funding for (2) can and shall be made available from within the combined City Wardens and Parking revenue budgets as a result of improvements in income levels generated through the Investment in Parking Infrastructure capital project; and</p>		

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		(4) To instruct the Chief Officer - Finance as part of the budget process to provide a timeline to Councillors for delivering a review of the long-term assets and investments held by the Common Good.		
9.2	<u>Medium Term Financial Strategy for the Council's General Fund, 2025 - CORS/25/239</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(a) Approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy for the General Fund, 2025;</p> <p>(b) Note that the Scottish Budget for 2026/27 has been announced as being presented to the Scottish Parliament on 13 January 2026;</p> <p>(c) Note that the Scottish Government published its latest Programme for Government in May 2025, followed by an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy in June 2025. This, in addition to the outcome of the Local Government Settlement for 2025/26 and information included in the previous MTFS from Scottish Government means the Central Scenario has been updated to expect a cash increase of 1% per annum in grant funding from the Scottish Government for future financial years. The Council's MTFS model will be updated for the Council's Budget meeting in March 2026 with details of the actual financial settlement for 2026/27;</p> <p>(d) Note that inflation remains above Bank of England target levels;</p> <p>(e) Note that the Capital Programme, as</p>		

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		<p>included in the Council Financial Performance Quarter 1, 2025/26 report (CORS/25/181), is the basis for capital financing costs and debt levels referred to in the MTFS;</p> <p>(f) Approve the Loans Fund Repayment Policy for 2026/27 and beyond as described in Table 5 of the MTFS;</p> <p>(g) Note the 2026/27 Budget will be discussed and set by the Council in March 2026 following a public engagement exercise as required by the Scheme of Governance and Budget Protocol, and that details of this consultation exercise are contained in 5.10 of the MTFS. The results of the engagement will also be reported to Council as part of the Budget setting reports;</p> <p>(h) Note that the Financial Resilience Framework shows that the General Fund has underlying resilience of £12m (uncommitted reserves) which is a falling percentage of the net General Fund budget. The aim is to move to a target range (2–3%) of Net Expenditure and review this annually based on risks and inflation. Therefore the Council should determine during the 2026/27 budget - setting process how this aim is addressed;</p> <p>(i) Note that the Financial Resilience Framework also identifies that the total value, and cost of servicing debt is rising. Careful consideration will</p>		

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		<p>have to be given to each and every capital project to ensure it fits with the Council's Strategic priorities, and delivers Best Value, as well as being affordable, sustainable, and prudent in compliance with the Prudential Code. The Council approved a cap on the cost of capital financing of 12% of Net Revenue Expenditure; and</p> <p>(j) Note that the Chief Officer – Finance will continue to develop the Financial Resilience Framework with a view to embedding it across the councils financial planning, financial monitoring, and financial year end reporting arrangements.</p>		
9.2	<p><u>Condition & Suitability 3 Year Programme - F&C/25/232</u></p> <p>There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices section below.</p>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(a) Notes the projects completed in 2024/25 and those completed or legally committed to date in 2025/26, as shown in Appendix A;</p> <p>(b) Approves the new framework for planning and managing the Condition and Suitability Programme as set out in this report;</p> <p>(c) Notes the new and existing projects listed in Appendix B which have been prioritised for inclusion in the Condition & Suitability Programme over the next three years;</p> <p>(d) Approves the allocation of Condition and Suitability capital funding for 2025/26 to 2027/28, to create high level workstream budgets as set out at paragraph 3.14 of this report, and</p>		

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		<p>delegates authority to the Chief Officer – Capital, following consultation with the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord, to: approve projects to be taken forwards within these workstreams; and, following consultation with the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee, to vire funds between workstream budgets, should this be deemed necessary to address new emerging priorities, and/or to ensure maximum efficiency of programme delivery, with such changes to be reported retrospectively to the Committee; and</p> <p>(e) For the purposes of Procurement Regulation 4.1.1.2, delegates authority to the Chief Officer – Capital, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement Services, to: consider and approve procurement business cases for projects within each of the workstreams listed in this report; and thereafter to procure appropriate works and services, and enter into any contracts necessary for the projects without the need for further approval from any other Committee of the Council.</p>		
9.3	<u>Capital Programme Delivery: Projects Update - CR&E/25/240</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u></p> <p>(1) note the General Fund Capital Programme as agreed on 5 March 2025 through the annual budget setting process and the progress to</p>		

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		<p>date;</p> <p>(2) acknowledge the delays in reaching financial close for the Castlegate Public Realm caused by the need for public utilities works, and instructs the Chief Officer – Capital to take all necessary steps to ensure works can begin immediately following the prerequisite public utilities works;</p> <p>(3) instruct the Chief Officer – Capital to continue to ensure adequate resources are in place to deliver the Capital programmes as agreed by Council budget in March 2025; and</p> <p>(4) note that the Chief Officer – Capital would look to provide details within future reports to include a short project timetable of commissioning dates, current status and completion dates.</p>		
9.4	<u>Place Based Investment Programme/UK Shared Prosperity Fund - CR&E/25/241</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)</p>		
10.1	<u>Performance Management Framework Report - CORS/25/225</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the performance information contained in the Appendix to the report.</p>		
10.2	<u>Annual Procurement Report 2024-25 - CORS/25/237</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the Annual Procurement Report (Appendix 1).</p>		

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11.1	<u>Tall Ships Aberdeen 2025 Evaluation - CR&E/25/245</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
11.2	<u>World Rally Championship Bid - CR&E/25/252</u> There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices section below.	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
11.3	<u>Silver City Heritage and Place Programme - CR&E/25/235</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> (a) Note that Aberdeen City Council have received grant offers from Historic Environment Scotland and the National Lottery Heritage Fund and is currently reviewing these offers; (b) Approve the allocation of the £2.1M from the General Fund Capital Programme in respect of the match funding required from Aberdeen City Council; (c) Approve the delivery of the Silver City Heritage and Place Programme (SCH&PP) 5-year project subject to the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning approving the grant offers in (a) and subject to (b) being approved; and (d) Note the proposed programme of twice-yearly reports and requests for thirdparty grant approval from the Committee (in line with the approved Governance Structure), over the 5-years of the project.		
11.4	<u>Aberdeen eBike Hire Scheme -</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		

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	<u>CR&E/25/238</u> There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices section below.	See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
12.1	<u>Northfield Area Asset Review - Strategic Outline Business Case - F&C/25/233</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
13.1	<u>Work Plan and Business Cases - CORS/25/234</u> There are exempt appendices in the Exempt Appendices section below.	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
14.1	<u>Aberdeen City H2 Programme - CR&E/25/244</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
14.2	<u>Proposed Sale of Land at Granitehill Road - F&C/25/236</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
15.1	<u>Council Financial Performance – Quarter 2, 2025/26 - Exempt Appendix</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		
15.2	<u>Condition & Suitability 3 Year Programme - Exempt Appendix</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> to note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		
15.3	<u>World Rally Championship Bid -</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u>		

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	<u>Exempt Appendix</u>	See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
15.4	<u>Aberdeen eBike Hire Scheme - Exempt Appendix</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		
15.5	<u>Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:</u> See Decision Sheet for 6 November 2025 (Reconvened Meeting)		

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