



To: Councillor Yuill, Convener; Councillor Radley, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Ali, Brooks, Henrickson, Hutchison, McLellan, Nicoll and Tissera.

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 1 September 2025

NET ZERO, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

The Members of the **NET ZERO, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in **Committee Room 2 - Town House** on **TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 10.00 am**. This is a hybrid meeting and Members may also attend remotely. The meeting will be webcast and a live stream can be viewed on the Council's website. <https://aberdeen.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

JENNI LAWSON
CHIEF OFFICER – GOVERNANCE

B U S I N E S S

NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 1.1. There are no items of urgent business at this time

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 2.1. There are no items of exempt business

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

- 3.1. Members are requested to intimate any declarations of interest

DEPUTATIONS

- 4.1. There are no requests for deputation at this time

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.1. Minute of Previous Meeting of 10 June 2025 - for approval (Pages 5 - 18)

COMMITTEE PLANNER

- 6.1. Committee Business Planner (Pages 19 - 28)

NOTICES OF MOTION

7.1. Councillor Nicoll - referred from Council meeting of 2 July 2025

1. Notes that during the construction of the Aberdeen South Harbour, the original developer Dragados, implemented a procedure whereby HGV traffic accessing and egressing the site were required to follow an agreed route avoiding local housing estates. HGV contractors faced penalties for non-compliance.
2. Notes that concerns from local communities regarding HGV traffic using the now open Aberdeen South Harbour continue. In particular communities in Torry, Cove and Altens and Burnbank Village remain concerned regarding HGV traffic accessing and egressing the harbour using local neighbourhood roads infrastructure.
3. Notes that the identified access and egress route to the Aberdeen South Harbour will be via Hareness Road and Coast Road and that a new road layout is in the process of being finalised and delivered.
4. Notes that during the many years developing the proposed access and egress route from Aberdeen South Harbour, now identified as above, local communities have been assured that adequate measures would be included as part of the overall development to restrict HGV traffic from neighbouring residential communities.
5. Notes the Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee comprises 9 members; 3 elected members from Aberdeen City Council, 3 elected members from Aberdeenshire Council and 3 members from private industry. The 3 Aberdeen City Council members are all drawn from the Council SNP and Lib Dem administration. Further notes that on 14th February 2025, a meeting of the Joint Committee agreed prima facie to implement a width restriction on St Fittick's Road, i.e. "to instruct the Chief Officer - Operations, Aberdeen City Council, to progress all necessary consultations and traffic orders required for the implementation of a width restriction on St Fitticks Road." No funding for the new Aberdeen South Harbour route from the existing £25M budget for this work was identified. The Joint Committee did agree to "*instruct the Chief Officer, City Development and Regeneration, Aberdeen City Council, and the Head of Service, Planning and Economy, Aberdeenshire Council, to submit reports to Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Councils respectively seeking approval from each for the virement of £575,000 from the Strategic Transport Appraisal project to the Aberdeen City Region Deal External Transportation Links to Aberdeen South Harbour project*". The minute of the meeting was not available in the public arena for several weeks following the meeting. No provision was undertaken to restrict access by HGVs to neighbouring communities in particular Burnbank Village and Cove. The report recommended that officers engage in a consultation regarding these measures, despite having prima facie taken the decision as to the width restriction measures.
6. Notes St Fittick's Road is a single lane undivided carriageway and no physical measures will be in place to restrict HGV access above the stated width. Signage is proposed but no enforcement measures such as ANPR Cameras. Further notes similar measures in Golf Road, Aberdeen, are regularly ignored and little or no enforcement action follows. Further notes a number of weight restrictions exist throughout the Aberdeen City Council area.
7. Notes that a recent consultation exercise regarding the preferred route for access and egress to Aberdeen South Harbour failed to consult on all available measures to restrict HGV access to local residential communities.
8. Notes that at the Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee meeting of 22 April 2025, Councillor Alex Nicoll, Aberdeen City Council representing the Kincorth, Cove and Altens Ward requested to address the Joint Committee regarding HGV access to Aberdeen South Harbour. Further notes that this Committee has its own Standing Orders and is not obliged to accept deputations and that the Convener and Vice Convener decided not to accept the request from a local elected member and former Convener of the Joint Committee.
9. Agrees that decisions regarding road safety concerns by residents of the City of Aberdeen should be first and foremost taken by Aberdeen City Council acting as Roads Authority. Consultations should be open and transparent and carried out before decisions are made. Considers such behaviour shows a lack of openness, transparency and accountability.
10. Notes that the proposed consultation limited to a width restriction for St Fittick's Road has not yet commenced. Further notes that objections from the local Community Council and local elected members to the proposal have already been expressed. If objections are received to the consultation, these will be reported to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee.
11. Instructs the Chief Officer - Operations to consult with the local communities of Cove and Altens, Burnbanks and Torry on all traffic management options that could be utilised to restrict heavy goods vehicular access through these communities via Coast Road reporting the outcome of this consultation to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee.

7.2. Councillor Kuszniir - referred from Council meeting of 20 August 2025

That the Council:

1. Notes the continued persistent pavement weed growth across Torry/Ferryhill, as per Appendix A (included within agenda), despite the biannual weed spraying carried out by Council contractors.
2. Believes that this persistent weed growth is unsightly and does not represent best value for Aberdeen taxpayers.
3. Acknowledges that the Council's contractor currently sprays a solution of acetic acid (i.e. vinegar) and alcohol in May and September each year, which is wilting the weeds and some die but sees perennial and persistent weeds regrowing.
4. Believes that the current contract does not reflect best value, as the existing treatment appears ineffective - evidenced by the presence of knee-height weeds and persistent weed growth throughout Torry/Ferryhill.
5. Instructs the Chief Officer - Operations to work with the current contractor to explore options within the scope of the contract for more effective weed control that will significantly reduce weed growth.
6. Further instructs that, should it not prove possible to implement a more effective treatment under this contract, the contract be allowed to expire at its natural end date and the Chief Officer - Operations procure a new contract which can deliver a solution that is more effective and provide best value for the good people of Aberdeen.
7. Agrees that any additional costs associated with a revised weed control approach be met from the Common Good.

REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL, COMMITTEES & SUB COMMITTEES

8.1. There are no referrals at this time

PERFORMANCE AND RISK

9.1. Net Zero, Environment & Transport Performance Report - CORS/25/202
(Pages 29 - 44)

NET ZERO AND ENVIRONMENT

10.1. Net Zero Aberdeen & Aberdeen Adapts: Annual Report 2024/25 -
CR&E/25/205 (Pages 45 - 76)

10.2. Low Emission Zone - Costs & Income - CR&E/25/207 (Pages 77 - 82)

10.3. Local Heat & Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) - F&C/25/209 (Pages 83 - 254)

TRANSPORT

- 11.1. Active Travel for School Journeys - CR&E/25/139 (Pages 255 - 262)
- 11.2. Strategic Car Parking Review - CR&E/25/136 (Pages 263 - 364)
- 11.3. £1 Off-Street Parking Fees - CR&E/25/129 (Pages 365 - 372)
- 11.4. Staff Travel Policy and Council Travel Plan - CR&E/25/136 (Pages 373 - 438)
- 11.5. Road Winter Service Plan - CR&E25/201 (Pages 439 - 584)
- 11.6. Various Small-Scale Traffic Management and Development Associated Proposals (Stage 3 – Public Advert) - CR&E/25/208 (Pages 585 - 672)

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