

## GOVERNANCE

### DECISION SHEET

#### NET ZERO, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2025

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Committee and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Committee or seek further instructions from the Committee.

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3.1	<b><u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u></b>	These will be recorded in full in the minute.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
5.1	<b><u>Minute of Previous Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	S Dunsmuir
6.1	<b><u>Committee Business Planner</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) in relation to item 45 (Review of Waste Strategy), to note that work had commenced and officers would ensure that the planner was updated on this item for the next meeting; and (ii) to otherwise note the planner.	Operations / Strategic Place Planning	M Klubal / D Dunne / M Reilly  S Dunsmuir for planner
7.1	<b><u>Councillor Nicoll - referred from Council meeting of 2 July 2025</u></b>  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	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to note the decision of the Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee at its meeting of 14th February in relation to the Aberdeen South Harbour road; (ii) to note that a permanent traffic management solution for local roads cannot be implemented until the		

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	<p>estates. HGV contractors faced penalties for non-compliance.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 "<i>instruct the Chief Officer, City</i></p>	<p>opening of the new South Harbour Link Road and that this will be subject to statutory consultation;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Operations not to proceed with a statutory consultation in relation to the proposed width restriction at St Fittick's Road; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Operations to carry out a consultation with community councils, local members, and adjacent communities, including Torry and Cove, on post-project implementation traffic concerns, and potential traffic management solutions, including HGV restrictions, on local roads adjacent to the South Harbour Link Road project, including roads in Torry and Cove, and report the outcome of this consultation as soon as possible, and in any event, prior to March.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Operations</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>M Reilly / V Ritson</p> <p>M Reilly / V Ritson</p> <p>S Dunsmuir – for planner</p>

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	<p><i>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".</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>			

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	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			
7.2	<p><b><u>Councillor Kuszniir - referred from Council meeting of 20 August 2025</u></b></p> <p>That the Council:</p> <p>1. Notes the continued persistent pavement weed growth across Torry/Ferryhill, as per Appendix A</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that the continued use of glyphosate as a weed killer is potentially damaging to the environment and a potential risk to human and animal health;</p> <p>(ii) to note that local councils across the</p>		

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	<p>(included within agenda), despite the biannual weed spraying carried out by Council contractors.</p> <p>2. Believes that this persistent weed growth is unsightly and does not represent best value for Aberdeen taxpayers.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>UK have been seeking to identify practical and environmentally sustainable alternative methods of weed treatment;</p> <p>(iii) to note that, for the first of the two 2025 weed treatments of Aberdeen's roads and pavements, an alternative treatment method was trialled;</p> <p>(iv) to note that the second 2025 weed treatment was now taking place using glyphosate and that this was being effective; and</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to continue to seek to identify a practical and effective method of road and pavement weed treatment which reduces or eliminates the use of glyphosate.</p>	Operations	M Reilly / S Shaw

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	<p>deliver a solution that is more effective and provide best value for the good people of Aberdeen.</p> <p>7. Agrees that any additional costs associated with a revised weed control approach be met from the Common Good.</p>			
9.1	<b><u>Net Zero, Environment &amp; Transport Performance Report - CORS/25/202</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that the Chief Officer – Operations would liaise with colleagues in the Data Insights team to ascertain if any specific risks related to performance indicators could be reflected in the risk table within the covering report in future;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Clerk would check with officers if a response had been received from Police Scotland in respect of the 20mph correspondence sent by the Convener and Vice Convener, and circulate this to Members outwith the meeting if available;</p> <p>(iii) in relation to page 36 of the report (% Water safety equipment inspected within timescale), to note that officers would review whether the yellow triangle under the May value was an error, and advise Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(iv) in relation to page 41 of the report (% <i>Waste diverted from Landfill/% Household Waste Recycled / Composted – These figures are intended and used for internal</i></p>	<p>Operations / Data Insights</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Operations</p>	<p>M Reilly / L Fox</p> <p>S Dunsmuir</p> <p>M Reilly</p>

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		<p><i>monitoring only and are based on a rolling 12-month period</i>), to note that the Chief Officer – Operations would clarify if this was in fact a rolling 12 month period, or the last 12 months and advise Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(v) in relation to page 44 of the report (Carbon Budgeting), to request that officers advise in any report back how the annual carbon budget was calculated when there had been unplanned waste to landfill; and</p> <p>(vi) to otherwise note the report.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning / Operations</p>	<p>M Reilly / M Klubal / K Hultman</p> <p>D Dunne / M Reilly</p>
10.1	<b><u>Net Zero Aberdeen &amp; Aberdeen Adapts: Annual Report 2024/25 - CR&amp;E/25/205</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning would liaise with the Chief Officer – Commercial and Procurement Services to circulate information to Members outwith the meeting on how long the hydrogen buses had been off the road, the financial implications of this and who was responsible for any cost, and confirmation of when the two hydrogen plants would be up and running;</p> <p>(ii) in relation to page 48 (bike storage) and whether users could be surveyed, to note that this could be considered for future iterations of the scheme;</p> <p>(ii) in relation to page 56 (refurbished bike scheme), to request that officers circulate any information available in relation to the numbers involved to</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning / Commercial and Procurement Services</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>D Dunne / C Innes</p> <p>C McArthur</p>

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		<p>Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(iii) in relation to page 59 (GP practices in Aberdeen training with RSPB Scotland), to note that officers would provide information on this initiative to Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(iv) to note that the SCIS Annual Emissions Inventory Report for Aberdeen City would be provided on an annual basis in future, and to request that officers circulate a copy of the next report to Members when available;</p> <p>(v) to note the summary of key collaborative actions progressed between April 2024 and March 2025; and</p> <p>(vi) to endorse the content of the Appendix A – Net Zero Aberdeen &amp; Aberdeen Adapts: Progress Summary 2024/25.</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>A Leslie</p> <p>A Leslie</p> <p>A Leslie / E Murphy</p>
10.2	<b><u>Low Emission Zone - Costs &amp; Income - CR&amp;E/25/207</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to note that officers were currently preparing an annual report on the operation and effectiveness of the LEZ scheme for submission to Scottish Government, and to request that this be circulated to Members for information when available;</p> <p>(ii) to request that officers provide information to Members outwith the meeting on the current figures in respect of unpaid penalty charge notices and the current position with</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Finance</p>	<p>C McArthur / W Hekelaar</p> <p>S Paterson</p>



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		<p>debt collection;</p> <p>(iii) to request that officers provide information to Members outwith the meeting on where the exceedances of emissions were at the introduction of the LEZ, and the level of those exceedances;</p> <p>(iv) to request that officers provide information to Members outwith the meeting on the figures for LEZ taxi compliance;</p> <p>(v) to request that officers provide information to Members outwith the meeting comparing Aberdeen City Council debt collection figures to other local authorities where an LEZ was in force;</p> <p>(vi) to note that officers would clarify the location of the air quality monitoring sites in the city centre and circulate that information to Members;</p> <p>(vii) to note that officers would ascertain if penalty charge notices were issued by recorded delivery and advise Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(viii) to note the costs and income associated with the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) during the 2024/25 financial year;</p> <p>(ix) to approve the retention of the remaining income for 2024/25 to cover future LEZ operational and maintenance costs;</p> <p>(x) to agree that a combined report on future years' programming for both</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>C McArthur</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>W Hekelaar</p> <p>C McArthur</p> <p>C McArthur</p> <p>D Dunne / C McArthur / W Hekelaar</p>

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		<p>Bus Lane Enforcement and Low Emission Zone surpluses would be reported to this Committee on an annual basis; and</p> <p>(xi) to note that an annual report on the operation and effectiveness of the LEZ was currently in development and would be submitted to Scottish Ministers by the end of 2025, in accordance with the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.</p>	Governance	S Dunsmuir – for planner
10.3	<b><u>Local Heat &amp; Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) - F&amp;C/25/209</u></b>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) to request that officers provide hyperlinks for the background papers listed in the cover report to Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(ii) to note that the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning would liaise with the Chief Officer – Commercial and Procurement Services to provide information to Members outwith the meeting on progress made with discussions on connecting businesses to heat networks;</p> <p>(iii) to note that the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning would ask officers to provide information to Members outwith the meeting on the estimated cost for implementing the delivery plan over year 1, year 5, year 10 and year 20;</p> <p>(iv) in relation to page 95 of the report, to request that officers provide information to Members outwith the meeting on Energy Company</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning / Commercial and Procurement Services</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning / Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord / Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>M Shaw</p> <p>D Dunne / C Innes</p> <p>D Dunne / M Shaw</p> <p>M Shaw</p>

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		<p>Obligation Programmes;</p> <p>(v) to note that the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning would liaise with the Energy Team in relation to any data available for uninsulated property not in Council stock, and circulate this to Members if available;</p> <p>(vi) to note that the image on page 136 of the report was labelled incorrectly as Queens Links and that officers would rectify this;</p> <p>(vii) in relation to work being undertaken by the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord in respect of taking the Council's estate to the minimum standard and the timeline for this work to come before Members, to note that the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning would ask that the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord provide detail to Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(viii) in relation to page 145 of the report (data on the level of uninsulated walls in each data zone), to request that officers provide information to Members outwith the meeting on why Midstocket was listed twice;</p> <p>(ix) to approve Aberdeen City Council's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy and associated Delivery Plan as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report; and</p> <p>(x) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to upload</p>	<p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning / Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>D Dunne</p> <p>M Shaw</p> <p>D Dunne / S Booth</p> <p>M Shaw</p> <p>M Shaw</p>

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		Aberdeen City Council's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Delivery Plan onto Aberdeen City Council's website.		
11.1	<b><u>Active Travel for School Journeys - CR&amp;E/25/139</u></b>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>(i) to note that officers would circulate the video on the work which had been undertaken with Brimmond School to improve routes to school and cycling facilities;</p> <p>(ii) noting the safety concerns raised by Members, to note that officers would liaise with colleagues in Education to ascertain the work being done with schools towards each school having an active travel plan, and that if work not covered in the report was being undertaken, information on this would be circulated to Members outwith the meeting;</p> <p>(iii) to note that officers would recirculate the service update provided prior to the June meeting of the Committee on I Bike Schools to Members;</p> <p>(iv) to request that officers circulate information to Members outwith the meeting on the roadworks currently being carried out in Ferryhill, Cove and Banks O'Dee, including when the roads were expected to re-open and the measures taken to minimise disruption to families taking children to school in those areas;</p> <p>(v) to note that officers would advise local Ward Members when the school</p>	<p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning / Education &amp; Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Governance</p> <p>Operations</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>S Dunsmuir</p> <p>C McArthur / S Milne</p> <p>S Dunsmuir</p> <p>M Reilly / V Ritson</p> <p>C McArthur / W Hekelaar</p>

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		<p>selected to take part in the Schools Street pilot was determined;</p> <p>(vi) to note the range of work that was currently ongoing to support and enable active travel to school in Aberdeen;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Operations, following consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee and the Convener and Vice Convener of the Education and Children’s Services Committee, to determine which school would be most suitable to take forward as a Schools Street pilot project, and for this decision to be informed by the criteria set out in report presented to the 21 January 2025 Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee on implementing suitable schemes; and</p> <p>(viii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to bring a Service Update on progress of the Schools Street pilot back to this Committee by the end of 2025.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>M Reilly / V Ritson</p> <p>C McArthur / W Hekelaar</p> <p>S Dunsmuir for planner</p>
11.2	<b><u>Strategic Car Parking Review - CR&amp;E/25/136</u></b>	<b>This report was deferred to a future meeting in terms of Standing Order 40.2</b>	<p>Governance</p> <p>Strategic Place Planning</p>	<p>S Dunsmuir – for future agenda</p> <p>W Hekelaar – for information</p>

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11.3	<b><u>£1 Off-Street Parking Fees - CR&amp;E/25/129</u></b>	<b>This report was deferred to a future meeting in terms of Standing Order 40.2</b>	Governance  Operations	S Dunsmuir – for future agenda  V Ritson – for information
11.4	<b><u>Staff Travel Policy and Council Travel Plan - CR&amp;E/25/136</u></b>	<b>This report was deferred to a future meeting in terms of Standing Order 40.2</b>	Governance  Strategic Place Planning	S Dunsmuir – for future agenda  A Simpson / A Burns – for information
11.5	<b><u>Road Winter Service Plan - CR&amp;E25/201</u></b>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> (i) to note that officers could give consideration to having space for a 1 tonne salt bag as a planning design standard for future new developments; (ii) to note that officers would clarify if the current map for grit bin locations had been updated to include large community bins; (iii) to approve the “Roads Winter Service Plan 2025/2026” (Appendix 1); (iv) to delegate authority to the Chief Officer - Operations, following consultation with the Chief Officer – Finance, to continue to deliver the Winter Maintenance Service; and (v) to instruct the Chief Officer – Operations to hold an induction meeting on a date to be arranged, for Elected Members on the winter service process.	Strategic Place Planning  Operations  Operations  Operations / Finance  Operations	D Dunne  P Davies  P Davies  P Davies  P Davies

