

GOVERNANCE

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2025

	Item Title	Committee Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1	<u>Members are requested to intimate any declarations of interest</u>	These will be recorded in the minute	Governance	L McBain
2	<u>Three requests for deputation</u>	There were three requests for deputations and these will be recorded in the minute.	Governance	L McBain
3	<u>Minute of the Previous Meeting of 27 May 2025</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> to approve the minute as a correct record.	Governance	L McBain
4	<u>Committee Business Planner</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note the reasons for delay for items 12 (Aberdeen City Strategic Housing Investment Fund) and 33 (Cost Neutral Environmental Enforcement); and (ii) to note the committee business planner.		
5	<u>Police Scotland Performance Report - POL/25/192</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note the report; (ii) to agree that Police Scotland police by consensus and it is pleasing to see that the vast majority of citizens in the recent feedback underpins that consensus; (iii) to note the 3-year average increase in crimes against society regarding knife crime, noting the increase in possession of offensive weapons in Schools used in criminal activities;		

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		<p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Education and Lifelong Learning to bring a report to Education and Children’s Services Committee as soon as possible outlining an analysis of both Council and Police Scotland data with regard to use of offensive weapons in schools and what actions our schools are taking to reduce incidents involving weapons;</p> <p>(v) to note that the Divisional Commander would ensure that all Community Council’s had a point of contact within Police Scotland;</p> <p>(vi) to note that Police Scotland would investigate the possibility of providing more raw data statistics in future performance reports rather than a percentage which would make the information more digestible;</p> <p>(vii) to note that Police Scotland would ascertain whether there was the potential for there to be an increase in the amount of road policing officers and to report back in due course; and</p> <p>(viii) to request that Police Scotland produce a short thematic report on the police station hubs in Aberdeen, which would provide details on the new model for police stations in the city.</p>	<p>Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Police Scotland</p>	<p>S Milne</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Police Scotland</p> <p>Police Scotland</p>
6	<u>Performance Report - CORS/25/188</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to request that the Chief Officer – Housing provided details to Councillor Graham outwith the meeting in relation to page 80 of the report and the year to date figure for repossessions and how this figure compared with previous years; and</p> <p>(ii) to note the performance report.</p>	<p>Housing</p> <p>Data Insights</p>	<p>J McKenzie</p> <p>L Fox</p>
7	<u>Rent Assistance Fund - F&C/25/193</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u>		

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		<p>(i) to instruct the Chief Officer – Finance to refer the Rent Assistance Fund to the 2026/27 HRA budget process, with a recommendation to adopt as a permanent, business-as-usual provision following the success of the pilot;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the updated criteria and management procedure of the Rent Assistance Fund for 2025/2026 detailed in Appendix 1.</p> <p>(iii) to authorise the Chief Officer – Housing to make such changes to the criteria and management procedure of the Rent Assistance Fund as they consider appropriate from time to time and to inform members of any such changes through Service Updates; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Officer – Housing to formally evaluate and report the impact of the Rent Assistance Fund every two years to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Housing</p>	<p>J Belford</p> <p>A Kazmierczak</p> <p>J McKenzie</p> <p>J McKenzie</p>
8	<u>Cluster Risk Registers and Assurance Map Reporting 2025 - F&C/25/187</u>	<p><u>The Committee resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note the Cluster Risk Registers and Assurance Maps set out in Appendices A to I; and</p> <p>(ii) in relation to the identified risk of non-compliance with Interventions/food Law code of practice due to lack of qualified officers on page 163 of the agenda pack, to note that the Executive Director – Families & Communities, was aware that discussions with other authorities in relation to shared services was ongoing and would report back to Councillor Nicoll in this regard.</p>	<p>Various</p> <p>Families & Communities</p>	<p>J Lawson/ J McKenzie/ I Newcombe/ S Booth/ S Milne</p> <p>E Sheppard</p>

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		(ii) to note the self-assessment against regulatory standards contained in Appendix B; and (iii) to note the work undertaken to address areas listed in the Housing Regulator Engagement Plan (April 2025) to date.		
11	<u>Housing Allocation Policy - F&C/25/183</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to approve the refreshed Housing Allocations Policy as detailed in Appendix 1; and (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Housing, to implement the revised Housing Allocations Policy.	Housing Housing	A Croft J McKenzie
12	<u>New Housing Capital Programme Delivery: Projects Update - CR&E/25/194</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note the progress in the delivery of the programme of social housing sites across the city; (ii) to note that this will be the final reporting for the completed developments at Summerhill, Tillydrone, Kaimhill and Clinterty; and (iii) to agree that future updates regarding the New Housing Capital Programme Delivery will be reported to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee through the Housing Board Bi-Annual Report.	Capital Capital Capital	S Whitelaw/ A McKay S Whitelaw/ A McKay S Whitelaw/ A McKay
13	<u>RAAC update - F&C/25/191</u>	<u>The Committee resolved:-</u> (i) to note that the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord would ascertain the situation with the waste service in the Balnagask area and would address any concerns that were raised; (ii) to recognise that this continues to be a difficult situation for homeowners and welcome the continued offer of mental health support from SAMH (Scottish Action for Mental Health) for	Corporate Landlord	S Booth

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		<p>those affected by this situation;</p> <p>(iii) to note the outcome of the engagement with homeowners in June 2025;</p> <p>(iv) to note the next steps in relation to the Property Swap option;</p> <p>(v) to instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to withdraw Option 3 (roof on – roof off) given that no responding party was interested in this option;</p> <p>(vi) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to continue to engage with homeowners in relation to Voluntary Acquisition and to review this and report back to this Committee in early 2026 on whether this option should remain open into future financial years;</p> <p>(vii) to note that the demolition plans for Council-owned blocks have been suspended whilst engagement was undertaken with homeowners and instruct the Chief Officer – Capital to recommence the planning, preparation, engagement and mitigation works for this with immediate effect;</p> <p>(viii) to note that engineering inspections of properties continue and that all properties inspected so far have been identified as having a high risk (as per the IStructE guidance); and note that the Council, as an enforcement authority, continues to monitor this professional advice and will continue to advise all homeowners of their responsibilities under the relevant legislation; and</p> <p>(ix) to instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to take forward master planning of the site, considering the scenario of a fully cleared site and any alternative scenarios.</p>	<p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p> <p>Capital</p> <p>Corporate Landlord</p>	<p>S Booth</p> <p>S Booth</p> <p>A McKay</p> <p>S Booth</p>

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