



To: Councillor Radley, Convener; Councillor Henrickson, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Cross, Graham, Greig, McLellan, Mennie, Nicoll and Watson.

Town House,  
ABERDEEN 03 November 2025

## **COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

The Members of the **COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE** are requested to meet in **Committee Room 2** on **TUESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 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.  
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JENNI LAWSON  
CHIEF OFFICER – GOVERNANCE

### **B U S I N E S S**

#### **NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

1. There are no items of urgent business at this time.

#### **DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS**

2. Determination of Exempt Business

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3. Members are requested to intimate any declarations of interest

#### **REQUESTS FOR DEPUTATION**

4. There are no requests for deputation at this time

### **MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

5. Minute of the Previous Meeting of 26 August 2025 (Pages 7 - 22)

### **COMMITTEE PLANNER**

6. Committee Business Planner (Pages 23 - 30)

### **NOTICES OF MOTION**

7. None at this time

### **REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES**

- 8.1. 2026-2056 HRA Business Plan - CORS/25/221 (Pages 31 - 118)
- 8.2. Notice of Motion from Councillor Kuszniir - referred from Council on 1 October 2025

That the Council:

1. Recognises the significant and warm welcome Aberdeen has extended to refugees as part of UK Government programmes, including those from Afghanistan, Hong Kong, and Ukraine in recent years.
2. Notes with concern the ongoing and significant rise in the number of illegal migrants housed in Aberdeen, many of whom have arrived via small boat crossings from France.
3. Considers that many of these individuals are more accurately described as economic migrants rather than refugees.
4. Acknowledges that these individuals are being accommodated in the city without consultation with local communities by the Home Office and without sustained investment in local infrastructure, such as healthcare and education, to support them and mitigate the strain on Aberdeen City Council and its citizens.
5. Believes that public sentiment is opposed or at least sceptical to the continued housing of illegal economic migrants in Aberdeen and expresses concern about the pressure this places on public services, local resources, and the safety and well-being of our communities.
6. Notes the High Court judgment in *Epping Forest District Council v Somani Hotels Limited* [2025] EWHC 2183 (KB), which considered whether housing asylum seekers constituted a material change of use under planning law.
7. Further notes that, following a successful appeal to the Court of Appeal by the Home Office and Somani Hotels, Epping Forest District Council instructed its legal team on 3 September 2025 to proceed with an application to the UK Supreme Court for permission to appeal the Court of Appeal Decision.
8. Instructs the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to review all permissions for buildings housing asylum seekers to confirm whether they continue to meet the agreed planning consent, following the change to housing asylum seekers.
9. Further instructs the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to pursue planning enforcement action against any provider of accommodation found to be in breach of planning consents in this respect.
10. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the UK Prime Minister to:
  1. Express the deep and growing concern of Aberdeen residents about the UK Government's continued failure to control illegal small boat crossings. Over three times the number of people who reside in Torry/Ferryhill have come to the UK illegally via small boat crossings in 2025.
  2. Highlight the growing opposition to housing illegal economic migrants in Aberdeen.
  3. Demand immediate and effective action to end illegal crossings from France and stop placing the burden on local authorities and taxpayers.
  4. Call for a review of migrant accommodation policies by the UK Government to ensure local needs, public service impacts, and community safety - especially the safety of women and children - are prioritised.
11. Believes that Aberdeen residents should not bear the financial or social costs of a failed immigration policy

8.3. Notice of Motion from Councillor Watson - referred from Council on 1 October 2025

That Council:

Notes that the SNP have refused to listen to the RAAC residents' proposals to resolve the ongoing crisis.

Notes the inadequate "swap" proposals put forward, and that residents who have lovingly cared for their homes for many years have been offered to swap to buildings in various states of readiness for occupation in a completely different area of Aberdeen.

Believes it would be completely unacceptable to attempt to offload unlettable properties onto desperate RAAC-hit residents.

Instructs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord not to offer any properties as part of the RAAC "Swap" offer that do not meet the Council's own minimum letting standard or to make the properties lettable and instruct a further Home Report to capture updated values.

Asks the co-leaders to write to the First Minister inviting him to visit Balnagask and meet with all Aberdeen City Council group leaders to discuss help that the Scottish Government can offer.

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION**

9.1. Scottish Fire and Rescue Performance Report - SFR/25/259 (Pages 119 - 138)

9.2. Police Scotland Thematic Report - Estates Update - POL/25/275 (Pages 139 - 144)

9.3. Police Scotland Thematic Report - Mental Health in the Community - Impact on Policing - POL/25/276 (Pages 145 - 152)

9.4. Building Standards Activity Report - CR&E/25/255 (Pages 153 - 158)

## **FINANCE, PERFORMANCE, RISK AND SERVICE WIDE ISSUES**

10.1. Performance Report - CORS/25/242 (Pages 159 - 182)

## **COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING**

- 11.1. Housing Bi Annual Report - F&C/25/257 (Pages 183 - 268)
- 11.2. Aberdeen City's Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2026/27 - 2030/31 - F&C/25/258 (Pages 269 - 300)

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