



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 7 October 2024

RECONVENED COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **FRIDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2024 at 10.00am**. This is a hybrid meeting, therefore Members may also attend remotely.

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ALAN THOMSON
INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

BUSINESS

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Diversity in Recruitment Update - CORS/24/202 (Pages 5 - 32)
Carried forward from July and August meetings. Please note the report has been updated since those meetings.
- 9.2 Medium Term Financial Strategy for the Council's General Fund, 2024 - CORS/24/283 (Pages 33 - 162)
- 9.3 2025 - 2055 HRA Business Plan - CORS/24/286 (Pages 163 - 210)
- 9.4 City Centre Transport Measures - CR&E/24/287 (Pages 211 - 318)
- 9.5 Proposal for the Torry Battery - F&C/24/284 (Pages 319 - 332)

- 9.6 Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2023-24 - CORS/24/281 (Pages 333 - 366)
- 9.7 North East Population Health Alliance: End of Year One Progress Report - CORS/24/280 (Pages 367 - 380)
- 9.8 Annual Performance Reports - 2023/2024 for all Tier 1 ALEOs: Aberdeen Performing Arts; Aberdeen Sports Village; Bon Accord Care; Sport Aberdeen - CORS/24/285 (Pages 381 - 486)

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Notice of Motion by Councillor Watson

Notes that Council passed a notice of motion on 13 December 2023 recognising the importance of holding out a hand to those outwith our direct area. It called for an immediate ceasefire in Palestine/Israel, and for urgent humanitarian relief for the citizens of Gaza.

Since then, nine months have passed and tens of thousands more civilians have died. In March 2024 the United Nations Special Rapporteur found that *“There are reasonable grounds to believe that the threshold indicating the commission of the crime of genocide...has been met.”* In July 2024, the prestigious medical journal The Lancet stated that *“it is not implausible to estimate that up to 186,000 [7.9% of the total population in the Gaza strip] or even more deaths could be attributable to the current conflict in Gaza”*. Later in July, the International Court of Justice, the United Nations' highest court, ruled that *“Israel’s continued presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory is unlawful”* and that Israel *“is under an obligation to bring to an end its unlawful presence in the Occupied Palestinian Territory as rapidly as possible”* and *“is under an obligation to cease immediately all new settlement activities, and to evacuate all settlers from the Occupied Palestinian Territory”*.

This Council reaffirms its place as part of the common family of humanity, and:

1. Reiterates our call for a permanent ceasefire;
2. Calls on the Lord Provost to fly the Palestinian Flag on 29 November 2024, International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People;
3. Follows Barcelona and other cities and instructs the Chief Officer - Governance to report to Council by the end of 2024 on any direct or indirect links that Aberdeen City Council have with the State of Israel, with a view to stopping these;
4. Asks the North East Scotland Pension Fund to commission a study to identify any investments in companies that supply arms to Israel, as these investments may be at high risk due to the political instability;
5. Recognises the UK Labour Government’s suspension of 30 licences for arms sales to Israel;
6. Endorses the Scottish Government’s 2024 call for an arms embargo on Israel, and calls for the Scottish Government to act in all its available capacities to help prevent the production and transfer of weapons components for Israel from arms companies in Scotland; and
7. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to other Scottish Local Authorities informing them of this motion, and encouraging them to take similar actions.

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