



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 24 June 2025

COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY 2025 at 10.30am.** This is a hybrid meeting therefore Members may attend remotely.

ALAN THOMSON
INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

B U S I N E S S

ADMISSION OF BURGESSES

- 1.1 No Burgesses to be admitted

NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 2.1 No urgent business at this stage

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 3.1 Determination of exempt business

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

- 4.1 Members are requested to declare any interests or connections

DEPUTATIONS

- 5.1 Deputation Requests

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- 6.1 Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 16 April 2025 - for approval (Pages 7 - 18)
- 6.2 Minute of Reconvened Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 28 April 2025 - for approval (Pages 19 - 24)
- 6.3 Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 28 April 2025 - for approval (Pages 25 - 30)
- 6.4 Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 12 June 2025 - for approval (Pages 31 - 34)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 7.1 No referrals at this stage

BUSINESS PLANNER AND OTHER MINUTES

- 8.1 Council Business Planner (Pages 35 - 38)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Aberdeen Local Development Plan - Evidence Report - CR&E/25/165 (Pages 39 - 70)

Appendices 1, 3 and 4 are not included with the agenda due to their size. However, they can be accessed at the link below:-

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- 9.2 Committee Places - CORS/25/166 (Pages 71 - 76)
- 9.3 Council Meeting Structure - CORS/25/164 (Pages 77 - 92)
- 9.4 Aberdeen City Population Needs Assessment 2025 - CORS/25/162 (Pages 93 - 230)
- 9.5 Community Planning Aberdeen Annual Outcome Improvement Report 2024/25 and Locality Plan Annual Reports for North, South and Central 2024/25 - CORS/25/163 (Pages 231 - 472)

9.6 Treasury Management Strategy - Year-End Review - CORS/25/145 (Pages 473 - 486)

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton

That the Council:

1. Instruct the Chief Officer - City Development and Regeneration to continue to provide support to Castlegate Arts to help them to achieve the cultural investment framework requirements and meet the Council's criteria for Following the Public Pound, and provide them with a monthly funding stream up to an annual amount in 2025/26 of £100k, to be taken from the General Fund Contingencies budget;
2. Note that an offer of a long-term lease remains available to Castlegate Arts on current terms;
3. Instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to instruct and update the building condition survey (previous version has been shared with Castlegate Arts) and make these costs available to Elected Members to assist budget setting process for 2026/27. The General Fund Contingencies budget will provide funding of up to £15k to secure any specialist or other works required in completing the survey work; and
4. Agree that the above measures are needed to ensure that the charity Castlegate Arts can continue its good work in the city for a wide range of our citizens.

10.2 Notice of Motion by Councillor Macdonald

That Council notes:

On 16 April 2025 the Supreme Court judgement in the For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers case was delivered. This gave an unequivocal ruling that women's rights are protected in law, as well as highlighting the continued protections for trans people under the Equality Act.

The Supreme Court unanimously agreed that the terms 'man', 'woman' and 'sex' in the Equality Act 2010 refer to biological sex. Holding a Gender Recognition Certificate does not change sex for the purposes of the 2010 Act.

The court ruling makes clear that the law protects women's rights to single-sex spaces and services.

As a consequence, the UK, Welsh and Scottish Governments, regulators and public bodies will now require to review and clarify their policies and guidance.

That Council agrees that in addition to reviewing all Council policies, procedures, guidance and training materials to ensure compliance with the Supreme Court ruling, the Chief Executive Officer should seek assurance from any services run or commissioned by the Council for compliance to the same end.

10.3 Notice of Motion by Councillor Nicoll

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.

10.4 Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir

That the Council:

1. Notes the Supreme Court decision in *For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers* [2025] UKSC 16, clarifying legal protections for single-sex spaces.
2. Notes the declarator by Lady Ross in a judicial review brought by parents against Scottish Borders Council, affirming the requirement to provide single-sex toilets in schools.
3. Acknowledges reports of increased incursions into women-only spaces by activists following the *For Women Scotland Ltd* decision, highlighting the need for clear Council guidance on separate or single-sex spaces.
4. Recognises the ongoing work of Officers to update guidance for staff and building managers to ensure compliance with the judgment in *For Women Scotland Ltd*.
5. Further recognises that the Council await updated statutory guidance from both The Equality and Human Rights Commission and The Scottish Government.
6. Instructs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord, in consultation with the Chief Officer - People and Citizen Services, to develop a separate or single-sex space policy or policies, in line with statutory guidance, for Aberdeen City Council to ensure the protection of such spaces in Council-owned and operated buildings.
7. Directs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to present the proposed policy/ies to Council or the relevant committee for consideration and approval.
8. Recognises that a similar request was previously rejected by the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee before the aforementioned court decisions on 23 January 2024.
9. Affirms the necessity of this policy/ies, as the current delegation of decision-making on single-sex spaces to individual building managers lacks an overarching framework, potentially exposing the Council to legal risks due to inconsistent decisions across different buildings.

10.5 Notice of Motion by Councillors Yuill and Allard

This Council congratulates Aberdeen FC on winning the Scottish Cup.

10.6 Notice of Motion by Councillor Bonsell

That Council:

- (1) Shares the pride of Aberdonians in our city, including its beautiful granite architecture, and wants everyone who lives, works, studies or visits here to see Aberdeen at its best;
- (2) Understands the increasing concerns of residents, businesses and community organisations that graffiti is defacing too many buildings, walls and other structures in the city centre and across Aberdeen;
- (3) Recognises the efforts of Council officers and Police Scotland in addressing the issue of graffiti, for instance, through their reporting systems, graffiti removal service, and diversionary activities, including the graffiti art wall in Sunnybank Park;
- (4) Commends citizens for their vigilance in spotting and reporting graffiti to the Council and Police Scotland;
- (5) Appreciates the positive contribution of NuArt Aberdeen to our cityscape and looks forward to the return of this cultural festival in 2026;
- (6) Instructs the Chief Officer - Operations, following consultation with the Community Safety Manager, to bring a report to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 11 November 2025 on current efforts to reduce graffiti in Aberdeen and what more could be done, including partnership working with Police Scotland, local businesses, and community organisations.

EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

11.1 Energy Transition Zone - Land at St Fittick's Park & Doonies - CFS/25/171 (Pages 487 - 590)

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