

DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 2 JULY 2025

	Item Title	Council Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1.1	<u>Admission of Burgesses</u>	None		
2.1	<u>Notification of urgent business</u>	No urgent business		
3.1	<u>Determination of exempt business</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of item 11.1 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.		
4.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the transparency statements which will be recorded in the minute.		
5.1	<u>Deputation Requests</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the deputations and thank them for their contributions.		
6.1	<u>Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 16 April 2025 - for approval</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.		

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6.2	<u>Minute of Reconvened Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 28 April 2025 - for approval</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.		
6.3	<u>Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 28 April 2025 - for approval</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.		
6.4	<u>Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 12 June 2025 - for approval</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute subject to noting:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that prior to Councillor McLellan moving a procedural motion in terms of Standing Order 31.1, the Lord Provost had indicated that Councillor Brooks was next on his list of speakers in terms of debate, however Councillor Brooks was unable to speak as a result of the procedural motion having been moved and adopted; and • that in relation to dissent being recorded after the substantive vote, that the Lord Provost had ended the meeting and therefore dissent could not be recorded. 		
7.1	<u>Referrals from Committees</u>	None		

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8.1	<u>Council Business Planner</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to note that the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning would check whether the new Framework for Local Authorities Climate Change Plans had been published by Environmental Standards Scotland and when the report would be submitted to Council, and provide an update to Members accordingly; and (ii) to otherwise note the business planner.	Strategic Place Planning	David Dunne/ Alison Leslie
9.1	<u>Aberdeen Local Development Plan - Evidence Report - CR&E/25/165</u> Appendices 1, 3 and 4 are not included with the agenda due to their size. However, they can be accessed at the link below:- https://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/e/cSDDisplay.aspx?NAME=SD2899&ID=2899&RPID=71713995	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to submit the Evidence Report (Appendix 1), and appropriate supporting documentation, to Scottish Ministers, subject to any necessary minor drafting changes to satisfy the requirements of the Gate Check process; (ii) to note the outcome of the engagement undertaken on the Evidence Report Topic Papers and, in particular, the areas of agreement and the remaining disputes, as summarised in paragraphs 3.10 to 3.12 of the report and Sections 5 and 7 of Appendix 1; (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to publish the Evidence Report (Appendix 1) and other technical background documents (subject to any necessary	Strategic Place Planning	David Dunne/ Andrew Brownrigg

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		<p>minor drafting changes) (Appendices 2 to 4) which would support the development of the Proposed Local Development Plan on the Council's website as soon as practicable;</p> <p>(iv) noting the content of Appendix 4 - Play Sufficiency Assessment, and recognising that play is not only important to children, but to well-being throughout life, to instruct the Chief Executive to refresh the existing Aberdeen Play Strategy 2018 to better emphasise the importance of play from birth to old age, and refer the draft objectives of the refreshed strategy to the 2026/27 budget setting process, alongside any other relevant information on open space provision;</p> <p>(v) to authorise the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to respond to any requests for further information or clarification issued by the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division of the Scottish Government during the course of the Gate Check; and</p> <p>(vi) to authorise the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to make any technical amendments to the Evidence Report and supporting documents as a result of the Gate Check process.</p>		

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9.2	<u>Committee Places - CORS/25/166</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the committee places as circulated, with the only changes being one committee place transferring from the Conservatives to Reform on each of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny and Pensions Committees.	Governance	Martyn Orchard/ Karen Finch/ Steph Dunsmuir
9.3	<u>Council Meeting Structure - CORS/25/164</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to agree to implement option 5 as per Appendix A (7 minutes to move, 4 minutes to second, 3 minutes to speak in debate and 4 minutes to sum up) to be applied to Council and all committees and sub-committees of the Council and amend Standing Order 16.1 to reference 3 minutes in line with Councillors speaking in debate; (ii) to agree to implement option 11: Draft motion to be submitted at the same time as the written request, and finalised on the first working day thereafter and circulated to Council by 4pm that day. Draft amendments to be submitted on or before the second working day before the meeting and circulated by 4pm on the working day before the meeting; (iii) to instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to make: (i) any amendments to the Standing Orders which are necessary to implement the determination made under (ii) above, and	Governance	Jenni Lawson/ Vikki Cuthbert/ Alan Thomson Committee Team

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		<p>(ii) any amendments to other Scheme of Governance documents which are necessary to reflect the Standing Orders as so amended;</p> <p>(iv) to delegate power to the Chief Officer - Governance to, following consultation with the Co-Leaders, bring the Standing Orders (and any other Scheme of Governance documents) as so amended into force on 9 July 2025; and instruct that Chief Officer to thereafter circulate the relevant documents (with tracked changes) to all members of Council for information;</p> <p>(v) to approve that, with effect from 3 July 2025, the Terms of Reference be amended by deletion of:</p> <p>(i) <i>“to approve annual procurement workplans, reflecting the LOIP, the Population Needs Assessment, the Council’s commissioning intentions, the Council’s service standards, the views of customers and citizens, and the best evidence of effective interventions to ensure a preventative focus on demand reduction”</i>; and</p> <p>(ii) <i>“to receive an annual procurement performance report to enable scrutiny of performance”</i>;</p>		

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		<p>from the Aberdeen City Council section of that document and addition of that wording to the Finance and Resources Committee section thereof; to instruct the Chief Officer - Governance to make any other amendments to Scheme of Governance documents which are necessary to reflect the said amendments to the Terms of Reference and delegate power to that Chief Officer to, following consultation with the Co-Leaders, bring such other amendments into force as soon as practicable; and instructs that Chief Officer to thereafter circulate the relevant documents (with tracked changes) to all members of Council for information;</p> <p>(vi) for the reasons set out in the "Scheme of Governance Reviews" section of the report, agree that no further reviews of the Standing Orders and Terms of Reference shall take place before the next local government elections in 2027, subject of course to exercise of the Chief Officer - Governance's existing delegated powers (under the Scheme of Governance) to amend the Council's Scheme of Governance documentation and subject also to that Chief Officer concluding that an earlier review is necessary;</p> <p>(vii) to instruct the Chief Officer -</p>		

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		<p>Governance, to give consideration to the two Audit Scotland recommendations noted in paragraph 3.13 and to provide a service update to Council by December 2025; and</p> <p>(viii) to note that the interim Chief Officer - Governance has reviewed the revised CIPFA guidance for local authorities on their Local Code of Governance; and agrees that no further changes are required to the Council's Local Code to give effect to this guidance at this time.</p>		
9.4	<u>Aberdeen City Population Needs Assessment 2025 - CORS/25/162</u>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to note the Population Needs Assessment 2025 as contained at Appendix 1.</p>	People and Organisational Development	Anne McAteer
9.5	<u>Community Planning Aberdeen Annual Outcome Improvement Report 2024/25 and Locality Plan Annual Reports for North, South and Central 2024/25 - CORS/25/163</u>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to approve the Community Planning Aberdeen Annual Outcome Improvement Report 2024/25 as a representation of the Council's contribution to partnership working in delivery of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26; and</p> <p>(ii) to approve the Locality Plan Annual Outcome Improvement Reports for North, South and Central as a representation of the Council's contribution to partnership working in delivery of the Locality Plans refreshed in 2024.</p>	<p>People and Organisational Development</p> <p>Health and Social Care Partnership</p>	<p>Allison Swanson/ Jade Leyden</p> <p>Iain Robertson</p>

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9.6	<u>Treasury Management Strategy - Year-End Review - CORS/25/145</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the Treasury Management activities undertaken in the 2024/25 financial year as detailed in the report.	Finance	Neil Stewart
10.1	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton</u> That the Council: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to refer the notice of motion to the Finance and Resources Committee.	Governance	Mark Masson

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	work in the city for a wide range of our citizens.			
10.2	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Macdonald</u></p> <p>That Council notes:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The court ruling makes clear that the law protects women's rights to single-sex spaces and services.</p> <p>As a consequence, the UK, Welsh and Scottish Governments, regulators and public bodies will now require to review and clarify their policies and guidance.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to refer the notice of motion to the Staff Governance Committee.</p>	Governance	Steph Dunsmuir

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10.3	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Nicoll</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 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. 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 "<i>instruct the Chief Officer, City Development and Regeneration, Aberdeen City Council, and the Head of Service, Planning and Economy,</i> 	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to refer the notice of motion to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee.</p>	Governance	Steph Dunsmuir

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

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	<p>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>			
10.4	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Kusznir</u></p> <p>That the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the Supreme Court decision <i>in For Women Scotland Ltd v The Scottish Ministers</i> [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 <i>For Women Scotland Ltd</i> 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 	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to refer the notice of motion to the Staff Governance Committee.</p>	Governance	Steph Dunsmuir

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	<p>managers to ensure compliance with the judgment in <i>For Women Scotland Ltd.</i></p> <p>5. Further recognises that the Council await updated statutory guidance from both The Equality and Human Rights Commission and The Scottish Government.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>7. Directs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to present the proposed policy/ies to Council or the relevant committee for consideration and approval.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			

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10.5	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillors Yuill and Allard</u></p> <p>This Council congratulates Aberdeen FC on winning the Scottish Cup.</p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u> to refer the notice of motion to the Finance and Resources Committee.</p>	Governance	Mark Masson
10.6	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Bonsell</u></p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the notice of motion subject to an amended part (6) as follows:-</p> <p>(6) Instructs the Chief Officer - Operations, following consultation with the Community Safety Manager, to bring a report to an appropriate Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee 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.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Governance</p>	<p>Mark Reilly</p> <p>Mark Wilson</p> <p>Lynsey McBain (business planner)</p>

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11.1	<u>Energy Transition Zone - Land at St Fittick's Park & Doonies - CFS/25/171</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the motion as circulated to the meeting.	Corporate Landlord City Development and Regeneration	Stephen Booth/ Debbie Wyllie Julie Wood

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