



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 12 August 2025

COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 20 AUGUST 2025 at 10.30am**. This is a hybrid meeting therefore Members may also attend remotely.

JENNI LAWSON
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

B U S I N E S S

ADMISSION OF BURGESSES

- 1.1 Admission of Burgesses

NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 2.1 No urgent business at this stage

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 3.1 No exempt business at this stage

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

- 4.1 Declarations of interest and transparency statements

DEPUTATIONS

- 5.1 Deputation requests

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- 6.1 Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 2 July 2025 - for approval (Pages 7 - 24)
- 6.2 Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 26 June 2025 - for approval (Pages 25 - 28)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 7.1 No referrals at this stage

BUSINESS PLANNER AND OTHER MINUTES

- 8.1 Council Business Planner (Pages 29 - 30)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 9.1 Performance Management Framework Refresh 2025/26 - CORS/25/189 (Pages 31 - 58)
- 9.2 Council Diary 2026 - CORS/25/190 (Pages 59 - 74)

NOTICES OF MOTION

10.1 Notice of Motion by Councillor Nicoll

That Council:

1. Notes with concern the Energy from Waste facility (NESS) operated on behalf of Aberdeen City Council in partnership with Aberdeenshire Council and Moray Council has recently had to shut down out with the planned maintenance programme.
2. Notes that this shut down, while an operational matter, was not reported to elected members and that the situation came into the public domain via social media.
3. Notes that the Aberdeen City Council, 2024/25 Annual Audit Report prepared by Audit Scotland and passed by an Urgent Business Committee on 26 June 2025 with less than 2.5 hours notice, of the circa 266 pages in the business papers, made a clear recommendation in the section Best Value at Recommendation 4,
“It would be more transparent if criteria were developed to provide a framework for officers in considering the circumstances when consultation and/or a report to elected members would be appropriate in respect of delegated matters deemed to be politically sensitive.”
4. Considers that issues affecting the operation and maintenance of the Energy from Waste facility are matters of considerable public interest and to the elected members of Aberdeen City Council and agrees all material or major issues affecting the operation and maintenance of the plant should be shared with elected members timeously, subject to the Council's contractual confidentiality obligations.
5. Instructs the Chief Officer - Operations to bring a report, to be shared with all elected members, to the 18 November 2025 meeting of the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee detailing all occasions when the unscheduled shut downs of the facility have taken place and the amount of Aberdeen City Council's waste which has been diverted to alternative disposal facilities. Further to provide an estimate of the carbon footprint such shut downs incur with details of the additional road miles incurred to dispose of all such waste in landfill or alternative disposal facilities.
6. Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to also advise of the risk to Aberdeen City Council should this facility become non operational for any reason, together with any lessons learned to mitigate any future disruption and report the outcome to the 27 November 2025 meeting of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee.
7. Instruct the Chief Officer, - Operations to report to the 18 November 2025 meeting of the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee, the details of the loss of any revenue attributable to the shut down as well as any additional costs incurred by Aberdeen City Council in providing replacement energy normally supplied by the plant.

10.2 Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir (Pages 75 - 76)

That the Council:

1. Notes the continued persistent pavement weed growth across Torry/Ferryhill, as per Appendix A below, despite the biannual weed spraying carried out by Council contractors.
2. Believes that this persistent weed growth is unsightly and does not represent best value for Aberdeen taxpayers.
3. Acknowledges that the Council's contractor currently sprays a solution of acetic acid (i.e. vinegar) and alcohol in May and September each year, which is wilting the weeds and some die but sees perennial and persistent weeds regrowing.
4. Believes that the current contract does not reflect best value, as the existing treatment appears ineffective - evidenced by the presence of knee-height weeds and persistent weed growth throughout Torry/Ferryhill.
5. Instructs the Chief Officer - Operations to work with the current contractor to explore options within the scope of the contract for more effective weed control that will significantly reduce weed growth.
6. Further instructs that, should it not prove possible to implement a more effective treatment under this contract, the contract be allowed to expire at its natural end date and the Chief Officer - Operations procure a new contract which can deliver a solution that is more effective and provide best value for the good people of Aberdeen.
7. Agrees that any additional costs associated with a revised weed control approach be met from the Common Good.

[Appendix A at pages 75 and 76 of the agenda]

10.3 Notice of Motion by Councillor Nicoll

That Council:

1. Notes that Burnbutts Crescent, Cove, Aberdeen, is a cul-de-sac providing access to over 36 dwellings and around a dozen lock up style garages. The road is adopted and maintained by Aberdeen City Council.
2. Notes that in 2024, severe flooding in the street resulted in damage to the road surface that necessitated an area being completely resurfaced. The cause of the flooding was reported as contributed to by a blocked culvert under the main Aberdeen to Dundee railway line.
3. Understands the culvert is the responsibility of Network Rail and that water draining from the roadway from Burnbutts Crescent empties into the culvert.
4. Notes during May, June and July 2025, weather has again caused Burnbutts Crescent to experience severe flooding impacting householders' property including cars and the aforementioned lock up garages.
5. Notes that the north end of Burnbutts Crescent is a private lane with bollards to restrict vehicular access.
6. Instructs the Chief Officer - Operations to work with Network Rail to establish the likely timeline for any remedial works to be undertaken to resolve this issue; and in the meantime instructs that Chief Officer to consider what options or measures can be put in place to allow residents to mitigate the effects of the flooding on their property and to report the results to the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee in early course.

10.4 Notice of Motion by Councillor Tissera

Council -

Notes the growing support for grassroots and professional Women's football right across the United Kingdom.

Congratulates England on successfully defending and winning UEFA Women's EURO 2025 and congratulates Wales for their efforts in the group stages.

Agree these successes are a catalyst for woman empowerment noting Women in Aberdeen, football fans or otherwise, can look at the Lionesses' success as breaking barriers in what was once seen as a Men's game only.

Instruct the Chief Executive, following consultation with Aberdeen Football Club and/or Cove Rangers Football Club and provided they are in agreement, to write to the President of the Scottish Football Association asking them to consider holding a Women's International Football Match in Aberdeen to allow aspiring girls and ladies to watch our national team in the granite city rather than having to travel to Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow.

EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

11.1 No exempt/confidential business at this stage

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