

DECISION SHEET

COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2025 - 10.00AM

	Item Title	Council Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1.1	<u>Admission of Burgesses</u>	N/A		
2.1	<u>Notification of Urgent Business</u>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to note that the Lord Provost had accepted the urgent notice of motion by Councillors Yuill and Allard (also to be in the name of Councillors Malik and Brooks) onto the agenda as a matter of urgency in terms of Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as STV's announcement came after the deadline for submitting notices of motion to this Council meeting and time was of the essence in responding to the threat to local independent TV news programming and approximately 60 jobs; and</p> <p>(ii) to note that officers would provide a verbal update at the end of the meeting following on from, and in accordance with, the decision of the Urgent Business Committee of 19 September 2025.</p>		

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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 items 11.1 and 11.2 so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 12 of Schedule 7A of the Act.		
4.1	<u>Declarations of interest and transparency statements</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to note the transparency statements which would be recorded in the minute; (ii) to note that the Lord Dean would withdraw and reissue the invite to the Burgesses in relation to a briefing on the Council's budget on 7 October 2025 to clarify the purpose of the session, and that the details be shared with all Councillors; and (iii) to note that the Chief Executive would provide information to all Councillors with regard to a list of the Burgesses.	Chief Executive	Angela Scott
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 20 August 2025 - for approval</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to approve the minute.		

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		<p>for the establishment of a new primary school to serve Grandhome, including any required interim arrangements, and to report the findings of the feasibility study in an Outline Business Case, in line with the timescales outlined in the Long Term Programme at Appendix B of the report; and</p> <p>(vi) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to further develop proposals and timescales for future ASG based asset reviews, and to build these in to future updates of the School Estate Plan.</p>		
8.1	<u>Council Business Planner</u>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>(i) to delete item 5 (North East Population Health Alliance - End of Year Two Progress Report) as a service update had been issued; and</p> <p>(ii) otherwise to note the business planner.</p>	Governance	Martyn Orchard
9.1	<u>Annual Performance Reports - 2024/25 for all Tier 1 ALEOS: Aberdeen Performing Arts, Aberdeen Sports Village, Bon Accord Care and Sport Aberdeen - CORS/25/222</u>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to refer the report to the Finance and Resources Committee.</p>	<p>Governance</p> <p>Commercial and Procurement</p>	<p>Mark Masson</p> <p>Craig Innes (for info)</p>
9.2	<u>Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2024-25 - CORS/25/220</u>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to defer consideration of the report to the next ordinary Council meeting.</p>	<p>Governance</p> <p>Data Insights</p>	<p>Martyn Orchard</p> <p>Alex Paterson/ Charlene Flynn</p>

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9.3	<u>2026-2056 HRA Business Plan - CORS/25/221</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> (i) to note that the Executive Director - Families and Communities would circulate information regarding the workings set by the housing regulator in terms of in-year rent collection rates; (ii) to note that the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord would re-circulate the detailed options appraisal which was considered by Council in 2024 which set out the rationale for demolition of properties affected by RAAC in Balnagask; and (iii) to refer the report to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee.	Families and Communities Corporate Landlord Governance Finance	Eleanor Sheppard Stephen Booth Lynsey McBain Helen Sherrit (for info)
9.4	<u>Licensing Board Vacancy - CORS/25/219</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to elect Councillor Ciaran McRae to fill the vacancy on the Licensing Board.	Governance	Sandy Munro
10.1	<u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir</u> 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	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to refer the notice of motion to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee.	Governance	Lynsey McBain

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	<p>in recent years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <i>Epping Forest District Council v Somani Hotels Limited</i> [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 			

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	<p>September 2025 to proceed with an application to the UK Supreme Court for permission to appeal the Court of Appeal Decision.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>10. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the UK Prime Minister to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 			

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	<p>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.</p> <p>11. Believes that Aberdeen residents should not bear the financial or social costs of a failed immigration policy.</p>			
10.2	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Macdonald</u></p> <p>That Council -</p> <p>Note the Frederick Street Car Park lift has been out of order for two years due to persistent vandalism causing significant damage.</p> <p>Note that four ground floor standard parking bays were reserved by fitting signage asking drivers to be considerate to people with less mobility as part of the parking pilot.</p> <p>Note a lift condition survey was completed and unfortunately concluded that repair and recommissioning of the lift is not a viable option, because the survey deemed the lift to be beyond economical repair.</p> <p>Note quotations have been sought from multiple contractors for a full lift</p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to refer the notice of motion to the Finance and Resources Committee.</p>	Governance	Mark Masson

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	<p>replacement, including options to mitigate risks from vandalism; and that the Capital team have reviewed the replacement lift quotes and repair costs from over the last five years to assess likely lifecycle costs.</p> <p>Note that users of the Aberdeen Health Village, many of whom have physiotherapy needs but are not blue badge owners, are finding it very difficult to access services.</p> <p>Note that officers intend to include an allocation for the lift replacement in the updated Condition and Suitability Programme, to be considered by the Finance and Resources Committee on 5th November 2025, and agree that this should be considered a top priority in the updated programme.</p>			
10.3	<p><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Watson</u></p> <p>That Council:</p> <p>Notes that the SNP have refused to listen to the RAAC residents' proposals to resolve the ongoing crisis.</p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to refer the notice of motion to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee.</p>	Governance	Lynsey McBain

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	<p>of Aberdeen.</p> <p>Believes it would be completely unacceptable to attempt to offload unlettable properties onto desperate RAAC-hit residents.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>			
10.4	<p><u>Urgent Notice of Motion by Councillors Yuill, Allard, Malik and Brooks</u></p> <p>That this Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recognises the importance of the North East and North of Scotland regional news services provided by STV North / Grampian TV over 60 years. 2. Notes the undertakings given by STV, at the time it took over Grampian TV in 1997, that the separate North East and North of 	<p><u>The Council resolved:-</u></p> <p>to approve the urgent notice of motion.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>City Development and Regeneration</p>	<p>Angela Scott</p> <p>Julie Wood</p>

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	<p>Scotland regional news programmes would be maintained.</p> <p>3. Deplores the announcement by STV that it intends to end its STV North news programming and the reported loss of 60 jobs associated with this.</p> <p>4. Notes that Aberdeen City Council's Employability Team, through Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE), is ready to support individuals facing the loss of their jobs.</p> <p>5. Agrees that the Council will seek to work with others, including the National Union of Journalists, to make the case for the retention of STV North news programming and, in particular, instructs the Chief Executive to make representations to this effect to STV, Ofcom, the Scottish Government, and UK Government.</p>			
11.1	<u>School Estate Plan Annual Update 2025 - F&C/25/213 - exempt appendix</u>	See decision at item 7.1		
11.2	<u>Contract Update - Verbal Update</u>	<u>The Council resolved:-</u> to note the verbal update.		

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