

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Town House,  
ABERDEEN, 1 October 2025

MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

Sederunt:

Lord Provost David Cameron, Chairperson;  
Depute Provost Steve Delaney; and

COUNCILLORS

GILLIAN AL-SAMARAI  
NURUL HOQUE ALI  
CHRISTIAN ALLARD  
ALISON ALPHONSE  
KATE BLAKE  
JENNIFER BONSELL  
MARIE BOULTON  
RICHARD BROOKS  
HAZEL CAMERON  
DONNA CLARK  
JOHN COOKE  
NEIL COPLAND  
WILLIAM CORMIE  
BARNEY CROCKETT  
SARAH CROSS  
DEREK DAVIDSON  
LEE FAIRFULL  
EMMA FARQUHAR  
GORDON GRAHAM  
ROSS GRANT  
MARTIN GREIG

DELL HENRICKSON  
RYAN HOUGHTON  
MICHAEL HUTCHISON  
MICHAEL KUSZNIR  
GRAEME LAWRENCE  
SANDRA MACDONALD  
NEIL MacGREGOR  
ALEXANDER McLELLAN  
KEN McLEOD  
CIARAN McRAE  
M. TAUQEER MALIK  
DUNCAN MASSEY  
JESSICA MENNIE  
ALEX NICOLL  
MIRANDA RADLEY  
KAIRIN VAN SWEEDEN  
LYNN THOMSON  
DEENA TISSERA  
SIMON WATSON  
and  
IAN YUILL

Lord Provost David Cameron, in the Chair.

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## **ADMISSION OF BURGESSES**

1. The persons undermentioned were admitted into the presence of the Council and passed as Burgesses of Guild in respect of their respective Acts of Admission in the Guild Burgess Book:-

Isabel Craik, Retired Nurse, Aberdeen  
Mirela Delibegovic, Pharmacologist/Biochemist, Aberdeen  
Jacqui Innes, Youth Worker, Aberdeen  
Kevin Leiper, Global Business Development Lead, Aberdeen  
Leila Catherine Turner-Smith, Financial Analyst, Aberdeen

## **NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS**

2. The Lord Provost advised that he had accepted an 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.

Furthermore, the Council noted 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.

## **DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS**

3. Councillor Nicoll moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Tissera:-

That in terms of item 11.1 (School Estate Plan Annual Update 2025 - exempt appendix), the figures in existing projects reflecting the approved budgets and profiling in the General Revenue Capital Programme be put in the public domain and that the rest be considered in private.

On a division, there voted:-

For the procedural motion (21) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Kuszniir, Lawrence, Macdonald, McLeod, Malik, Massey, Nicoll, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

Against the procedural motion (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

### **The Council resolved:-**

(i) to reject the procedural motion; and

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- (ii) 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 (Contract Update - Verbal Update) 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.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS**

4. Councillor Cooke advised that he had a connection in relation to item 9.1 (Annual Performance Reports - 2024/25 for all Tier 1 ALEOs) as a Council appointed observer to the Board of Sport Aberdeen, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillors Cooke, Fairfull and Greig advised that they had a connection in relation to items 9.2 (Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2024-25) and 9.3 (2026-2056 HRA Business Plan) by reason of being Council appointed members of the Integration Joint Board, however having applied the objective test they did not consider that they had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillors Fairfull, Greig and Henrickson advised that they had a connection in relation to item 9.1 by reason of being Council appointed members of the Board of Aberdeen Performing Arts, however having applied the objective test they did not consider that they had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillor Kuszniir advised that he had a connection in relation to item 7.1 (School Estate Plan Annual Update 2025) as he worked for a number of Catholic charities as a law firm partner, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillors Blake, Grant, Hutchison, Mennie and Watson advised that they had a connection in relation to item 7.1 as they had a child or children who attended schools referred to in the report, however having applied the objective test they did not consider that they had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillor Yuill advised that he had a connection in relation to items 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 as the Council's appointed member of the Board of NHS Grampian, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

The Lord Provost and Councillor Blake advised that they had a connection in relation to item 9.1 as Council appointed members of the Board of Aberdeen Sports Village. Councillor Blake advised that she also had a connection as member of the Friends of Aberdeen Performing Arts. However, having applied the objective test, the Lord Provost and Councillor Blake did not consider that they had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillor Brooks advised that he had a connection in relation to item 7.1 as an elder and member of Christ Central church, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

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Councillor Malik advised that he had connection in relation to item 7.1 as he had a grandchild who attended a school referred to in the report. Councillor Malik also advised that he had a connection in relation to an unspecified matter as a Burgess of Guild, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillor Nicoll advised that he had a connection in relation to item 9.1 as he held the power of attorney for a close family member in the care of Bon Accord Care, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillor Thomson advised that she had a connection in relation to various items by reason of her employment by NHS Grampian, however having applied the objective test she did not consider that she had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillor Crockett advised that he had a general connection as he had been elected Deacon of the Aberdeen Shoemakers Corporation and that he would therefore be a member of committees which may have dealings in properties within the city, however having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

Councillor Fairfull advised that she had a connection in relation to item 9.4 (Licensing Board Vacancy) as she was mentioned in the report, however having applied the objective test she did not consider that she had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

At this juncture, Councillor Malik raised a Point of Order regarding a Burgesses event on 7 October 2025 regarding the Council's budget and queried why Burgesses were receiving information ahead of Councillors. The Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance explained that the event had been held in previous years and its purpose had potentially been misunderstood - it related to Council budgets in general and budgets which had been approved, not new information relating to the upcoming budget.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to note that the Lord Dean would withdraw and re-issue the invite to the Burgesses in relation to the 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
- (ii) to note that the Chief Executive would provide information to all Councillors with regard to a list of the Burgesses.

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## DEPUTATIONS

5. (A) The Council received a deputation from John Murray in relation to agenda item 7.1 - School Estate Plan Annual Update 2025.

Mr Murray advised that he was speaking on behalf of the Catholic Church. He reminded Members that he had addressed the Education and Children's Services Committee on the same issue on 17 September 2024 and Full Council on 2 October 2024, and reiterated what he had said then - it was the view of the Catholic Church that Catholic education could only be successful in Aberdeen if it was a joint enterprise based on mutual trust and respect between the Council and the Church. The Catholic Church did not want to be at loggerheads with the Council, Mr Murray wanted to avoid the acrimony from last year and to focus on the compelling case for a Catholic secondary school in Aberdeen.

Mr Murray stated that he was here because the Partnership lost the vote at committee regarding a consultation on the possibility of a Catholic secondary school in Aberdeen. He believed the Partnership lost the vote because they lost the argument, as had been the case last year, and that all of the external members present voted against the Partnership having listened to both sides of the debate. Mr Murray stressed that he had not canvassed or lobbied the external members at any point.

Mr Murray emphasised that what was currently in place with regard to Catholic education in Aberdeen was very inadequate compared to the rest of Scotland and this was not just in relation to secondary education. He noted that there were three Catholic primary schools in Aberdeen, which was one for every 6,400 Catholic children in the city; if it was reduced to two schools it would be one for every 9,600 Catholic children. Mr Murray compared those statistics to Glasgow, Edinburgh and Dundee - Aberdeen had more school aged Catholic children than Dundee yet Dundee had two Catholic secondary schools and ten Catholic primary schools.

Mr Murray referred to the consultation that had taken place last year which yielded a high level of responses, with 82% of respondents in favour of a Catholic secondary school within the city - he believed that it was a remarkable conclusion for the Council to then reject that. He added that the consultation had excluded people from Aberdeenshire and stressed that they must be included and invited to join discussions with the Council and the Catholic Church.

Mr Murray highlighted the high level of cynicism in the community which was compounded by the Council repeatedly ignoring the views of its external members. He added that there was an erroneous belief that Catholic schools were just like any other school with the exception of the religious curriculum and underlined that the many thousands of non-Catholic families in Scotland who chose to send their children to Catholic schools were seeking a distinctive ethos and educational environment, not just a different religious education curriculum. Mr Murray concluded that the onus of proof must always lie with those who wish to deny people equal opportunities and he believed the Partnership had failed in this respect over the past three years - this was an opportunity to set a new course.

Members asked questions of Mr Murray and thanked him for his deputation.

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(B) The Council next received a deputation from Elizabeth Spencer, also in relation to agenda item 7.1.

Ms Spencer advised that she was a community leader for ethnic and religious minorities in Aberdeen. She reminded Members that she had previously spoken on this issue at the Education and Children's Services Committee and Full Council last year and had been disappointed in the outcome. Ms Spencer stated that she started an online petition with the Scottish Parliament which had received over 1,000 signatures - it had been rejected twice but was accepted at the third time of asking and had been considered by the relevant committee, which was due to meet again to consider it further.

Ms Spencer summarised her own experience of Catholic education in Aberdeen, which began when her daughter started school at St Joseph's Roman Catholic School in 2021. She expressed her disappointment that there was no Catholic secondary school in Aberdeen which meant that there was no pathway for children after primary school. Ms Spencer touched upon instances of racial discrimination in the community, however she stated that she had not experienced sectarianism in Aberdeen.

Ms Spencer believed that this was no longer a local issue, by virtue of the matter being considered at the Scottish Parliament and that the Council had lost its way. She felt that people's voices were being excluded and that this was evidence of bias, not democracy.

Ms Spencer explained her own personal and family history and that she was not a typical Catholic. She appealed to the Council to not let history repeat itself - she believed that this was not about Catholicism, it was about Christianity and the values it had given society - dignity, community and hope. Ms Spencer stated that they were not asking for privilege, they were asking for fairness and ultimately a consultation on whether Aberdeen should have a Catholic secondary school.

Members thanked Ms Spencer for her deputation.

(C) The Council next received a deputation from Tony Steppie, also in relation to agenda item 7.1.

Mr Steppie advised that he was Chair of Holy Family Primary School Parent Council. He noted that the School Estate Plan referred to the refurbishment of St Peter's School and that monitoring of the three Catholic primary schools in the city would be delayed until that refurbishment had been completed in November 2027. Mr Steppie was concerned that this suggested the Council's intentions had not been revealed and he sought assurances that there was no plan to close Holy Family school.

Mr Steppie advised that Holy Family had a steady occupancy of 75%, with 78% occupancy predicted for 2026 - if there were doubts over the future of the school, some parents would choose not to send their children there. He emphasised that morale and certainty over the future was very important for a school. Mr Steppie explained that the Education Convener, Councillor Greig, had attended a school meeting in May 2025 and had said there were no plans to close Holy Family, however there was no explanation

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regarding the excess capacity and no guarantees had been provided in relation to the city's three faith primary schools.

Mr Steppie acknowledged the School Estate Plan focused on physical resources, however he emphasised that the most important factors in relation to education were pupils, parents and teachers. He believed that any threat to close Holy Family would be educational vandalism and would be an attack on parents' rights to choose. Mr Steppie advised that many people from other faiths chose to send their children to Catholic schools - approximately 22% of children in Catholic schools in Scotland were not Catholic.

Mr Steppie stated that he would not give up the fight to protect Holy Family and the school community and that he was puzzled that the Administration was going to such lengths to deny the public a consultation on a Catholic secondary school in the city, which he believed was a reasonable request that would be well supported.

Members asked questions of Mr Steppie and thanked him for his deputation.

(D) The Council next received a deputation from Oyewumi Olalekan, also in relation to agenda item 7.1.

Mr Olalekan advised that he spoke not just as a parent but as a voice for children and that his children attended Holy Family. He noted that the school was part of the city's heritage and children were inspired to learn; his children were excited to go to school every day. Mr Olalekan underlined that the school brought families from different backgrounds together and they were bound by faith and unity - closing the school would not only break such a bond but would take away a safe space where children could flourish.

Mr Olalekan understood concerns regarding budgets but emphasised that the value of a school such as Holy Family could not be measured by money. He noted that Aberdeen was the biggest city in Scotland without a Catholic secondary school and questioned why Aberdeen should stand apart. Mr Olalekan highlighted that the Education and Children's Services Committee had twice voted in favour of a consultation on a Catholic secondary school, but the Administration was refusing to act. Mr Olalekan called on the Council not to leave Aberdeen behind and to protect Holy Family school, not just for today but for future generations.

Members thanked Mr Olalekan for his deputation.

(E) Lastly, the Council received a deputation from Victoria Towns, also in relation to agenda item 7.1.

Ms Towns explained that she was a non-faith parent who chose to send her daughter to a Catholic school - Holy Family. She explained that she had researched other schools in her area and came to the conclusion that Holy Family was the best option for her daughter. Holy Family was providing a great education and opportunities for her child - it was giving her a great grounding and understanding of other cultures and faiths and helping her to look at other children without labels. Ms Towns advised that she worked

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for the Council as a City Warden and had attended the Council's corporate induction which touched upon equality and diversity - she accepted that everyone was different.

Ms Towns questioned what the problem was with having a consultation on a Catholic secondary school. She summarised her own experience of education in Liverpool and underlined that her daughter had a good understanding of the world and its many cultures. Ms Towns concluded that she was proud to work for Aberdeen City Council and to speak to the many individual communities across the city - the Council needed to listen to their voices and give them a chance to speak.

Members asked questions of Ms Towns and thanked her for her deputation.

### **MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL OF 20 AUGUST 2025**

6. The Council had before it the minute of meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 20 August 2025

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the minute.

### **MINUTE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL OF 17 SEPTEMBER 2025**

7. The Council had before it the minute of the special meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 17 September 2025.

**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the minute.

### **SCHOOL ESTATE PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE 2025 - F&C/25/213 - EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE - 16 SEPTEMBER 2025**

8. With reference to Article 11 of the minute of meeting of the Education and Children's Services Committee of 16 September 2025, the Council had before it a report by the Executive Director - Families and Communities, which had been referred to it by eight members of the Committee in accordance with Standing Order 34.1, and which presented the 2025 annual update to the School Estate Plan and provided information on progress with implementation of the Plan and highlighted new priorities which had emerged over the last year.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Education and Children's Services Committee -

- (a) note the updates to the Action Plan provided at Appendix A of the report;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to continue to implement the School Estate Action Plan in accordance with the updated Long Term Programme, presented within Appendix B of the report;



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- (c) refer the capital and revenue cost implications of the updated Action Plan and Programme, as shown at Appendix C of the report, to the budget setting process for 2026/27;
- (d) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out an options appraisal to determine any required interim arrangements for establishing the proposed new school at Bucksburn/Newhills, and to include the cost implications of any such arrangements in the budget setting process for 2026/27, with a view to the arrangements being included within the proposals for the forthcoming statutory public consultation on the new school;
- (e) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to undertake a feasibility study to investigate options 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 this report; and
- (f) 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.

Members asked a number of questions of officers and following an extended adjournment, Councillor Houghton moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Nicoll:-

That the item be deferred to the next cycle of meetings.

On a division, there voted:-

For the procedural motion (21) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Kuszniir, Lawrence, Macdonald, McLeod, Malik, Massey, Nicoll, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

Against the procedural motion (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

**The Council resolved:-**

to reject the procedural motion.

**Councillors Crockett, Houghton, Malik, Nicoll, Tissera and Watson expressed their dissent against the foregoing decision in terms of Standing Order 32.8**

At this juncture, Councillor Boulton indicated that she had an addendum that she wanted to propose. The Lord Provost noted that it had not been submitted in accordance with the timescales required in Standing Orders and therefore he was not accepting it. Councillor Boulton responded that she would therefore have to requisition a Special Council meeting, which the Lord Provost described as pathetic. Following a short adjournment, the Lord Provost apologised to Councillor Boulton for his use of the word pathetic, which had been a knee-jerk reaction to what had been said.

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Councillor Greig moved, seconded by Councillor Mennie:-

That the Council approve the recommendations contained within the report.

Councillor Blake moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Grant:-

That the Council -

- (a) note that Victorian schools had been assessed for wheelchair accessibility;
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to ensure that any future reviews of school buildings, including the planned ASG based asset reviews, include an assessment of accessibility, which gives consideration to all disabilities, in line with the Scottish Government's guidance on "Planning improvements for disabled pupils' access to education: guidance for education authorities, independent and grant-aided schools";
- (c) note the updates to the Action Plan which were provided at Appendix A of the report;
- (d) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to carry out an options appraisal to determine any required interim arrangements for establishing the proposed new school at Bucksburn/Newhills, and to include the cost implications of any such arrangements in the budget setting process for 2026/27, with a view to the arrangements being included within the proposals for the forthcoming statutory public consultation on the new school;
- (e) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to undertake a feasibility study to investigate options 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;
- (f) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to further develop proposals and timescales for future ASG based asset reviews, and to build these into future updates of the School Estate Plan;
- (g) instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to engage with the people of Aberdeen on the possibility of establishing a Catholic secondary school in the city; and
- (h) as per 4.2 of the report to the Education and Children's Services Committee on 21 November 2023, the S75 agreement for Countesswells did not allow for the Council to use the Secondary School Contribution for a school on a different site, and to instruct the Chief Officer - Strategic Place Planning to bring forward a report to the next appropriate Committee on the losses from developers' contributions collected, uncollected and no longer applicable by the decision not to proceed with a secondary school at Countesswells at this time.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

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For the amendment (21) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Kuszniir, Lawrence, Macdonald, McLeod, Malik, Massey, Nicoll, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

**The Council further resolved:-**

to adopt the motion.

**Councillors Boulton, Crockett, Malik, Nicoll, Tissera and Watson expressed their dissent against the foregoing decision in terms of Standing Order 32.8**

**COUNCIL BUSINESS PLANNER**

9. The Council had before it the business planner as prepared by the Chief Officer - Governance.

**The Council resolved:-**

- (i) to delete item 5 (North East Population Health Alliance - End of Year Two Progress Report) as a service update had been issued; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the business planner.

**2026-2056 HRA BUSINESS PLAN - CORS/25/221**

10. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - Finance which presented the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan for approval and a short term Housing Asset Plan, which was aligned to the recently approved Local Housing Strategy, which informed the development of the Business Plan.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council -

- (a) approve the HRA Business Plan at Appendix A to the report;
- (b) note the key challenges outlined in the Housing Asset Plan at Appendix B and agree the associated priority actions;
- (c) agree that the HRA Business Plan and Housing Asset Plan should be updated and reported in future to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on an annual basis with the update in 2026 moving to a 5 and 30 year model for both Plans; and
- (d) note the requirement for the Council to maintain HRA reserves for financial resilience and sustainability purposes.

During the course of questions, there was a disturbance in the public gallery which led to the Lord Provost warning Councillor Crockett with regard to the taking of photographs which was prohibited in terms of Standing Orders.

Councillor Malik moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Tissera:-

That the Council suspend all Standing Orders to enable the removal of the Lord Provost as Convener for the remainder of the meeting.

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On a division, there voted:-

For the procedural motion (18) - Councillors Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Kuszniir, Lawrence, McLeod, Malik, Massey, Nicoll, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

Against the procedural motion (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

Absent from the division (3) - Councillors Ali, Blake and Macdonald.

**The Council resolved:-**

to reject the procedural motion.

Following further questions to officers, an adjournment and recognising that the meeting was approaching the six hour mark, the Lord Provost invited Councillor Yuill to suggest the way forward in terms of the remaining business.

Councillor Yuill moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Allard:-

That the Council -

- refer item 9.1 (Annual Performance Reports - 2024/25 for all Tier 1 ALEOs) to the Finance and Resources Committee
- defer item 9.2 (Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2024-25) to the next ordinary Council meeting
- refer item 9.3 (2026-2056 HRA Business Plan) to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee
- refer item 10.1 (Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir) to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee
- refer item 10.2 (Notice of Motion by Councillor Macdonald) to the Finance and Resources Committee
- refer item 10.3 (Notice of Motion by Councillor Watson) to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee

On a division, there voted:-

For the procedural motion (22) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

Against the procedural motion (21) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Houghton, Kuszniir, Lawrence, Macdonald, McLeod, Malik, Massey, Nicoll, Thomson, Tissera and Watson.

**The Council further resolved:-**

to adopt the procedural motion.

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**The Council further resolved:-**

- (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 therefore refer the report to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee.

**LICENSING BOARD VACANCY - CORS/25/219**

11. The Council had before it a report by the Chief Officer - Governance which informed the Council in terms of s2(4) of Schedule 1 to the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 ("the 2005 Act") of a vacancy in the membership of the Licensing Board and sought the appointment of a Member to fill the vacancy.

**The report recommended:-**

that the Council elect a Member to fill the vacancy on the Licensing Board.

**The Council resolved:-**

to elect Councillor Ciaran McRae to fill the vacancy on the Licensing Board.

**URGENT NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLORS YUILL, ALLARD, MALIK AND BROOKS**

12. The Council had before it an urgent notice of motion by Councillors Yuill, Allard, Malik and Brooks in the following terms:-

"That this Council:

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 Scotland regional news programmes would be maintained.
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.
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.
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."

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**The Council resolved:-**

to approve the urgent notice of motion.

**In accordance with Article 3 of this minute, the following items were considered with the press and public excluded.**

**SCHOOL ESTATE PLAN ANNUAL UPDATE 2025 - F&C/25/213 - EXEMPT APPENDIX**

**13.** With reference to Article 8 of this minute, the Council had before it an exempt appendix relating to the report.

**The Council resolved:-**

to note the exempt appendix.

**CONTRACT UPDATE - VERBAL UPDATE**

**14.** With reference to the minute of meeting of the Urgent Business Committee of 19 September 2025, the Council received a short verbal update from the Executive Director - Corporate Services which set out the latest position with regard to the contract.

**The Council resolved:-**

to note the update.

**- DAVID CAMERON, Lord Provost.**