



To: All Members of the Council

Town House,
ABERDEEN, 2 December 2025

COUNCIL

The Members of the **COUNCIL** are requested to meet in Council Chamber - Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2025 at 10.30am**. This is a hybrid meeting therefore Members may attend remotely.

JENNI LAWSON
CHIEF OFFICER - GOVERNANCE

B U S I N E S S

NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 5

1.1 Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir

"That the Council:

1. Under Standing Order 5, resolves to remove Cllr Christian Allard from the position of Co-Leader.
2. Notes:
 - a. the persistent concerns of RAAC affected homeowners about the lack of leadership shown on their behalf by Council Co-Leader and local Torry Ward member, Councillor Christian Allard.
 - b. that despite repeated opportunities to act and advocate for affected homeowners, Cllr Allard failed to bring forward meaningful proposals, even after the Cabinet Secretary for Housing, Màiri McAllan MSP, announced additional funding for Aberdeen City Council.
 - c. since March 2024, the Administration, including Cllr Allard, has consistently voted for the legal minimum compensation offer to homeowners in the event of compulsory purchase.
 - d. at the Requisitioned Council meeting on 1 October 2025, opposition members advised the Administration to wait for Scottish Government's funding response - announced the following day and which included an additional £10 million - yet the Administration, including Cllr Allard, proceeded to vote for the minimum payment.
 - e. The Administration's self-congratulatory tone in the face of homeowner distress, exemplified by remarks such as:

"Let's look at the achievement here"
3. Recognises that the Administration was only driven to announce further funding support for RAAC affected homeowners after a disastrous media round from Cllr Allard - where he said he couldn't commit to support homeowners - after the Cabinet Secretary visited Torry on 22 October 2025.
4. Recognises this as part of a wider pattern of conduct, including his role in supporting the Energy Transition Zone (ETZ) proposals which threaten the future of St Fittick's Park and has caused significant distress and opposition within the Torry community.
5. Recalls that Cllr Allard voted to cut funding for Big Noise Torry, an initiative he previously described as having "*a positive social impact for the local community*," and later praised its rescue from his own Administration's budget cuts by The Scottish Government.
6. Considers this pattern of conduct to be incompatible with the responsibilities of leadership and representation, particularly for a community such as Torry.
7. Concludes that Cllr Allard is unfit to lead our City and has failed to advocate for the people of Torry."

ADMISSION OF BURGESSES

- 2.1 Admission of Burgesses - none to be admitted

NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

- 3.1 No urgent business at this stage

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

- 4.1 Determination of Exempt Business

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

- 5.1 Members are requested to declare any interests or connections

DEPUTATIONS

- 6.1 Deputation Requests

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

- 7.1 Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 26 September 2025 - for approval (Pages 9 - 12)
- 7.2 Minute of Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 1 October 2025 - for approval (Pages 13 - 26)
- 7.3 Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 1 October 2025 - for approval (Pages 27 - 30)
- 7.4 Minute of Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 21 October 2025 - for approval (Pages 31 - 32)
- 7.5 Minute of Reconvened Special Meeting of Aberdeen City Council of 28 October 2025 - for approval (Pages 33 - 36)
- 7.6 Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 19 September 2025 - for approval (Pages 37 - 38)

- 7.7 Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 20 November 2025 - for approval (to follow)
- 7.8 Minute of Meeting of Urgent Business Committee of 24 November 2025 - for approval (to follow)

REFERRALS FROM COMMITTEES

- 8.1 No referrals at this stage

BUSINESS PLANNER AND OTHER MINUTES

- 9.1 Council Business Planner (Pages 39 - 40)

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 10.1 Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2024-25 - CORS/25/220 (Pages 41 - 126)

This report was deferred at the Council meeting of 1 October 2025

- 10.2 2026/27 Fees and Charges - CORS/25/284 (Pages 127 - 194)

- 10.3 Sustainable Statutory Social Care Provision via Bon Accord Care - CORS/25/280 (Pages 195 - 244)

- 10.4 Alternative Delivery Model Outline Business Case - CORS/25/282 (Pages 245 - 252)

Exempt appendices contained at item 12.1

- 10.5 Treasury Management Strategy - Mid-Year Review - CORS/25/277 (Pages 253 - 266)

- 10.6 Governance Review of Trusts - 2025 Update - CORS/25/283 (Pages 267 - 282)

NOTICES OF MOTION

11.1 Notice of Motion by Councillor Kuszniir

“That the Council:

1. Notes with the ongoing road and utility works across Torry/Ferryhill and the disruption these closures are causing to residents, businesses, and commuters in the surrounding communities.
2. Recognises that:
 - a. Prolonged or repeated closures have a disproportionate impact on communities such as Torry and Ferryhill, increasing travel times, congestion on usually quieter streets and reducing accessibility to services.
 - b. Aberdeen’s road network is not based on a grid system, meaning that the closure of a single street often can cause significant spill over effect across a wider area, exacerbating disruption and congestion.
 - c. Local businesses and residents have expressed frustration over the lack of timely communication and mitigation measures during these closures.
3. Therefore instructs the Chief Officer - Operations to:
 - a. Engage with affected communities, including Torry and Ferryhill, to gather feedback and concerns, regarding the recent road closures, due to the SSEN utility works.
 - b. Continue to liaise with SSEN and other relevant stakeholders to ensure mitigation strategies are in place, including signage and alternative transport routes during closure periods.
 - c. Ensure a lessons-learned session is held with SSEN to review improvements following the recent utility works. This should include enhancing media communications from SSEN beyond statutory notices, such as providing clear, concise updates on social media and to Elected Members. These updates should move beyond only saying that the works are essential and explain the reasons for the works, what is being done and why and the expected timescales.”

11.2 Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton

“That the Council agrees to:

- (1) Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to refer details of the funding required to develop further detailed studies for a flooding solution as described by the WSP consultants to provide protection for The Paddock, Peterculter to the budget process;
- (2) Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to refer details of the funding required to develop further detailed studies for a flooding solution as described by the WSP consultants to provide protection for Millside and Culter Den, Peterculter for a 1 in 200 and a 1 in 30 flooding event to the budget process;
- (3) Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to continue engagement with local residents, Culter Community Council and the Community Resilience Group on the progress in relation to these flood prevention schemes, subject to funding being awarded to support future activity, and to report these outcomes to a future meeting of the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee; and
- (4) Instruct the Chief Officer - Operations to work in collaboration with The River Dee Trust where there is mutual benefit and to avoid duplication of effort.”

11.3 Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton

“Instruct the Chief Officer - Education and Lifelong Learning, in collaboration with the Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC), to review national research on the impacts of banning mobile phones in schools and report findings to a future meeting of the Education and Children’s Services Committee.”

11.4 Urgent Notice of Motion by Councillor Farquhar

“That the Council:

1. Notes with extreme disappointment the Chancellor’s decision on 26 November 2025 to keep the Energy Profits Levy (EPL), despite significant lobbying from industry in Aberdeen.
2. Recognises the Fraser of Allander Institute’s “*Is the energy sector at a turning point?*” report of 20 November 2025 which shows that the North East economy has contracted by 21% since 2015.
3. Further recognises Robert Gordon University’s “*Striking the Balance*” report of 2 June 2025 which shows that we could lose 1,000 oil and gas jobs a month if current policies continue. The equivalent of a Grangemouth refinery closure every two weeks for the next 5 years.
4. Notes with regret the misery that this will cause many families in and around Aberdeen.
5. Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Chancellor to outline our city’s concerns about the continuation of the EPL and formally ask that this be reconsidered.”

EXEMPT / CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

12.1 Alternative Delivery Model Outline Business Case - CORS/25/282 - exempt appendices (Pages 283 - 520)

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