

## GOVERNANCE

### DECISION SHEET

#### FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 11 JULY 2025

Please let the Committee Officer know as soon as possible if you do not agree with any action proposed in this decision sheet. These are decisions of the Committee and there is an expectation that action will be taken. If for any reason it is apparent that you will not be able to act on these instructions in full or in part or that there will be a delay, please let the Committee Officer know as it may be necessary to advise the Committee or seek further instructions from the Committee.

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1.1	<u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>(1) Councillor Greig advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 2.1 (Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton - Castlegate Arts) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member to the Aberdeen Performing Arts Board and a Trustee of Great Western Community Trust. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;</p> <p>(2) Councillor Henrickson advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 2.1 (Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton - Castlegate Arts) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member to the Aberdeen Performing Arts Board. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting; and</p>		

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		(3) Councillor Grant advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 2.1 (Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton - Castlegate Arts) by virtue of him being an employee of Aberdeen Inspired. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.		
2.1	<p><b><u>Notice of Motion by Councillor Boulton - Castlegate Arts - Referred from Council on 2 July 2025</u></b></p> <p>That the Committee:-</p> <p>(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;</p> <p>(2) Note that an offer of a long-term lease remains available to Castlegate Arts on current terms;</p> <p>(3) Instruct the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to instruct and update the building condition survey (previous version has been shared with Castlegate Arts) and</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(i) note the Liberal Democrat and SNP Partnership is committed to the long term future of the Arts Centre as a cultural venue in Aberdeen which is currently leased and operated by Castlegate Arts Ltd;</p> <p>(ii) note Castlegate Arts Ltd continue to not comply with the '<i>Code of Guidance On Funding External Bodies and Following the Public Pound</i>' published by the Accounts Commission and Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (CoSLA);</p> <p>(iii) note that Aberdeen City Council awarded £1.45 million to cultural organisations across the city through the Cultural Investment Framework 2025/26;</p> <p>(iv) note the Chief Officer - City Development and Regeneration, through the External Funding Teams, continues to provide support to any organisation interested in accessing funding;</p> <p>(v) note the £8,000 annual rent of</p>		

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	<p>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</p> <p>(4) Agree that the above measures are needed to ensure that the charity Castlegate Arts can continue its good work in the city for a wide range of our citizens.</p>	<p>(vi) Aberdeen Arts Centre is currently funded by the Common Good Fund; instruct the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to continue to offer a new lease to Castlegate Arts reflecting the current lease conditions, for a term to be agreed;</p> <p>(vii) note Aberdeen City Council has carried out initial works to the clock tower (which is excluded from the lease) funded through the Repairs and Maintenance budget; and</p> <p>(viii) to note that the Executive Director of City Regeneration and Environment would liaise with the Chief Officer – Corporate Landlord to circulate further details to members in relation to (1) the Council's lease arrangement with Castlegate Arts Ltd, specifically regarding repairs and (2) the amount of grant funding community centres receive on an annual basis.</p>		

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