

## GOVERNANCE

### DECISION SHEET

#### FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2026

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1.1	<b><u>Urgent Business</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There was no urgent business.		
2.1	<b><u>Determination of Exempt Business</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> 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 item 14.1 (UK Shared Prosperity Fund), item 15.1 (District Heating Transmission Pipeline – Exempt Appendix), item 15.2 (Kincorth Cruyff Court Outline Business Case – Exempt Appendix), item 15.3 (City Centre Lighting and Wayfinding – Exempt Appendix) and item 15.4 (Work Plan and Business Cases – Exempt Appendices).		
3.1	<b><u>Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (1) Councillor Cooke advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 3, 2025/26) by virtue of him being a Council appointed observer on the Sport		

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		<p>Aberdeen Board and also a member of the Integrated Joint Board. 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 Radley advised that she had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 3, 2025/26) by virtue of her being a Council appointed member of the Integrated Joint Board. Having applied the objective test, she did not consider that she had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;</p> <p>(3) Councillor Malik, advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 3, 2025/26) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of the Integrated Joint Board. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting;</p> <p>(4) Councillor Greig, advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.1 (Council Financial Performance – Quarter 3, 2025/26) by virtue of him being a Council appointed member of the Integrated Joint Board. Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be</p>		

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		(5) withdrawing from the meeting; and Councillor Brooks, advised that he had a connection in relation to agenda item 9.6 (Kincorth Cruyff Court OBC) by virtue of him being oil and gas company utilised as a Decommissioning and Optioneering SME (subject matter expert). Having applied the objective test, he did not consider that he had an interest and would not be withdrawing from the meeting.		
4.1	<u>Deputation from Terry Massie, Kincorth AFC Secretary - Relating to Item 9.6 (Kincorth Cruyff Court OBC)</u>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> to thank Mr Massie for his deputation.		
4.2	<u>Deputation from Willie Wilson, on behalf of Kincorth &amp; Leggart Community Council - Relating to Item 9.6 (Kincorth Cruyff Court OBC)</u>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> to thank Mr Wilson for his deputation.		
4.3	<u>Deputation from Dani Kindness, on behalf of Kincorth Youth Football and Champion Street Committee - Relating to item 9.6 (Kincorth Cruyff Court OBC)</u>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> to thank Mr Kindness for his deputation.		
5.1	<u>Minutes of Previous Meetings of 5 and 6 November 2025</u>	<b>The Committee resolved:</b> to approve both minutes.		

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5.2	<u>Minute of Special Meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee of 21 November 2025</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to approve the minute.		
6.1	<u>Committee Planner</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (i) to remove item 8 (Transfer of Business & Community Support Officer role via TUPE to Aberdeen City Council Staff), item 10 (Beach Ballroom Investment Plan), item 38 (School Estate Plan: Denominational Primary Schools) and item 39 (Bucksburn and Dyce Long Term Secondary School Provision: Outline Business Case) for the reasons outlined in the planner; (ii) to note the reasons for deferral in relation to item 7 (Christmas Village Feedback Report (Annual Report); and (iii) to otherwise note the Committee Planner.		
7.1	<u>Notices of Motion</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There were none.		
8.1	<u>Referrals from Council, Committees and Sub Committees</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> There were none.		
9.1	<u>Council Financial Performance –</u>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>		

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	<p><b><u>Quarter 3, 2025/26 - CORS/26/022</u></b></p>	<p>(a) Note the cash position that has been achieved for the General Fund and HRA to the end of Quarter 3 as detailed in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(b) Note the Common Good financial performance to the end of Quarter 3 as detailed in Appendix 3;</p> <p>(c) Note that the General Fund full year forecast position remains on track to achieve a full year outturn of 'on budget' although there are a range of financial risks that exist for the financial year. Continuing action and controls, as outlined in Appendix 2 will remain in place for the remainder of the financial year;</p> <p>(d) Approve additional recurring funding in 2025/26 of £634K for the Integrated Joint Board of Aberdeen City Council and NHS Grampian (IJB) in respect of additional funding provided by Scottish Government for the agreed pay settlement, the distribution of funding to Councils having been confirmed in the latest Finance Circular;</p> <p>(e) Note that the Council maintains financial resilience with the resources available on the Council Balance Sheet, the General Fund Reserves in particular. As at 31 March 2025 the uncommitted value of those reserves was £12m, the minimum that the Council Reserves Statement recommends and as approved by the</p>		

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		<p>Council;</p> <p>(f) Note that the HRA full year forecast position, as detailed in Appendix 2, is slightly under budget, but continues to face challenging cost pressures as outlined in Appendix 2 and the HRA Budget Report 2026/27;</p> <p>(g) Note that capital expenditure continues to be low at the end of Quarter 3, however forecasts are that additional expenditure and progress will be recognised in the final quarter; and</p> <p>(h) that the Chief Officer – Finance circulate to the members, further information relating to Aberdeen Sports Village Ltd, specifically the Council’s commitment to meet accumulated deficits.</p>		
9.2	<p><b><u>Credit Rating Annual Review - CORS/26/028</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Note the outcome of the annual review was affirmation of the A2 rating, and an economic outlook of ‘stable’; and</p> <p>(b) to request that the Chief Officer – Finance circulate details to members in relation to the six monthly bond repayment figure.</p>		
9.3	<p><b><u>Unrecoverable Debt - CORS/26/14</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Note the numbers and values of Council Tax, Penalty Charge Notices, Bus Lane Enforcement Charge Notices, Service Income, Council House Rent and Housing Benefit</p>		

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		<p>Overpayments debts written off as unrecoverable during 2024/25 in terms of the Council's Financial Regulations and the reasons for such debts being written off; and</p> <p>(b) to request that the Chief Officer - Finance circulate details to members relating to the figure for annual outstanding debt regarding rents and council tax.</p>		
9.4	<p><b><u>Fleet Replacement Programme - CR&amp;E/26/020</u></b></p>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>(a) Notes the refreshed Fleet Asset Management Plan and supports use of the Plan to identify future replacement requests;</p> <p>(b) Approves the phase 6 Fleet Replacement Programme for 2025/26 (as detailed in Appendix B); and</p> <p>(c) Delegates authority to the Chief Officer – Operations, following consultation with Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement Shared Services and the Chief Officer – Finance:-</p> <p>(1) to consider and approve any additional procurement business cases for vehicles and plant for the purposes of Procurement Regulation 4.1.1.2;</p> <p>(2) to then consult with the Convener and Vice Convener, Finance and Resources Committee and thereafter to procure appropriate works and services; and</p>		

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		(3) enter into any contracts necessary for the vehicles and plant without the need for further approval from any other Committee of the Council, within the current Capital budget.		
9.5	<p><b><u>District Heating Transmission Pipeline - CORS/26/019</u></b></p> <p>There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices section below.</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Notes the proposed route and estimated return on investment to construct, operate and maintain the district heating transmission pipeline in Appendix 1, Section 4 – Financial Case;</p> <p>(b) Authorises the Chief Officer - Commercial and Procurement to commission the necessary ancillary external resources to support the project delivery, to undertake a procurement exercise to invite tenders for a design and build framework contract, and, upon completion, to issue a call-off order for the detailed design of the district heating transmission pipeline to RIBA Stage 4 (to include a survey and assessment of the existing Aberdeen Heat and Power City Centre and Seaton heat network to ensure technical compatibility), and to request a fixed price from the contractor for the construction of the transmission pipeline.</p>		
9.6	<p><b><u>Kincorth Cruyff Court Outline Business Case - CR&amp;E/26/026</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to defer consideration of the item until the</p>		

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10.1	<b><u>Performance Management Framework Report - CORS/26/18</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the report and the performance information contained in the Appendix.		
11.1	<b><u>City Centre Lighting and Wayfinding - CR&amp;E/26/021</u></b>  There is an exempt appendix in the Exempt Appendices section below.	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> (a) Note the funding received from Transport Scotland via Tier 2 of the Bus Infrastructure Fund in July 2025 to deliver additional bus stopping points and improved passenger facilities at bus stops on Guild Street; (b) Agree the use of £300,000 of Bus Lane Enforcement surplus funding approved by the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee in June 2025 be focused on improvements to Carmelite Street as a way to compliment the public transport focused improvements on Guild Street and improve the pedestrian experience (journey and wayfinding) between Union Square and Union Street; (c) Instructs the Chief Officer - Capital to progress all necessary approvals, permissions, licenses, agreements, and consents required to develop and implement the Carmelite Street proposals as outlined in Appendix 1;		

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		<p>(d) To further improve wayfinding in this area, agree the £200,000 Bus Lane Enforcement surplus funding approved by the Net Zero, Environment and Transport Committee in June 2025 be focused on illumination around the new Aberdeen Market building – specifically Carnegie’s Brae and East Green; and</p> <p>(e) Approve the illumination proposals for Carnegie’s Brae and East Green at Appendix 2, and instruct the Chief Officer – Operations to deliver the project once resurfacing works to Carnegie’s Brae have been completed.</p>		
11.2	<p><b><u>International Travel 2026/27 - CR&amp;E/26/023</u></b></p>	<p><b>The Committee resolved:</b></p> <p>(a) Approves the Lord Provost (or one other Elected Member) plus one officer to attend High Wind 2026 in Stavanger, Norway between 9 - 11 March 2026, as an addition to the travel agreed for 2025/26 at Finance and Resources Committee on 12 February 2025 and within existing budget;</p> <p>(b) Approves international travel to support City Development and Regeneration activity in 2026/27 as set out in Appendix 1, including event and conference attendance to support international partnerships, hydrogen activity, city events and Art Gallery and Museums;</p>		

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		<p>(c) Delegates authority to the Chief Officer – City Development and Regeneration to:-</p> <p>(1) approve necessary travel documentation and arrangements and associated expenditure for the travel noted in recommendations 2.1 - 2.2 above, provided costs to the Council do not exceed the budgets referred to in Section 4 of this report and provided all necessary external funding is obtained and that all arrangements are made in line with applicable Council travel policies;</p> <p>(2) determine which officers should undertake such travel; and</p> <p>(3) following consultation with the Co-Leaders and Lord Provost, determine which Elected Members should undertake such travel; and</p> <p>(d) Agrees that the outcomes of overseas activity undertaken in 2026/27 will be provided to this Committee by way of an annual Service Update.</p>		
11.3	<p><b><u>Pride in Place Programme - CR&amp;E/26/025</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(a) Note the UK Government’s allocation of up to £20m over 10 years (2026-2036) for delivery of the Pride in Place Programme in Aberdeen;</p> <p>(b) Agree that Aberdeen City Council shall act as the Accountable Body in</p>		

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		<p>relation to the Pride in Place Programme for Aberdeen’s “North Locality Priority Neighbourhood / Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield, Northfield, Mastrick” and the associated funding;</p> <p>(c) Authorises the Chief Officer – City Development and Regeneration, following consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee, to undertake any actions which the Chief Officer considers to be necessary or expedient in order to progress delivery of the Pride in Place Programme for the said Neighbourhood, within the applicable timescales, including (but not limited to) actions in relation to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) recruitment and appointment of a Neighbourhood Board Chair;</li> <li>(2) recruitment and appointment of members to, and establishment of, a Neighbourhood Board and setting terms of reference for the Board; and</li> <li>(3) confirmation of the boundary of the said Neighbourhood for the purposes of the Programme (including any alteration of that boundary);</li> </ol> <p>(d) Instruct the Chief Officer – City Development and Regeneration to provide members of the Finance and Resources Committee with an update, before 17 July 2026, on progress</p>		

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		<p>concerning the Neighbourhood Board Chair and Neighbourhood Board and next steps for the Pride in Place Programme; and</p> <p>(e) Authorise the Chief Officer – City Development and Regeneration to approve and incur expenditure relating to the above recommendations, funded from the initial Pride in Place Programme revenue grant of £150,000 provided for 2025/26 onwards.</p>		
12.1	<b><u>No reports in this Section</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>		
13.1	<p><b><u>Work Plan and Business Cases - CORS/26/16</u></b></p> <p>There are exempt appendices in the Exempt Appendices section below.</p>	<p><b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b></p> <p>(a) reviews the Corporate Services and Families and Communities Functions work plans as detailed in the appendices;</p> <p>(b) approves the procurement business cases and contract extension report (Appendix 4-6), including the total estimated expenditure for each of the proposed contracts;</p> <p>(c) notes the content of Appendix 3 – 4.1.3 Technical Exemption Approvals; and</p> <p>(d) that the Chief Officer – Commercial and Procurement reissue the draft documents circulated in error, to members of the Committee when they have been updated and finalised.</p>		
14.1	<b><u>UK Shared Prosperity Fund 2025/26 -</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b>		

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	<b><u>Communities and Place - CR&amp;E/26/024</u></b>	<p>(a) Notes that the UK Government have extended the deadline for delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to 30 September 2026;</p> <p>(b) Notes that the Belmont Community Cinemas 'Improving the Entrance' Project can no longer be delivered within this timescale due to obligations of a separate grant award; and</p> <p>(c) Approve the reallocation of up to £100,000 from The Belmont Community Cinema's 'Improving the Entrance' Project to The Belmont Community Cinema's 'HVAC Project'.</p>		
15.1	<b><u>District Heating Transmission Pipeline - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		
15.2	<b><u>Kincorth Cruyff Court Outline Business Case - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> See item 9.6 above..		
15.3	<b><u>City Centre Lighting and Wayfinding - Exempt Appendix</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the information contained within the exempt appendix.		
15.4	<b><u>Work Plan and Business Cases - Exempt Appendices</u></b>	<b><u>The Committee resolved:</u></b> to note the information contained within the exempt appendices.		

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