

## CAPITAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 3 June 2019. Minute of Meeting of the CAPITAL PROGRAMME COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Boulton, Convener; Councillor Lumsden, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Allan (as substitute for Councillor Laing), Flynn, Graham, Houghton (as substitute for Councillor Sellar) (from article 4), McLellan, Mason (as substitute for Councillor Sellar) ( for articles 1 to 3), Nicoll and Yuill.

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### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Members were requested to intimate any declarations of interest in respect of the items on the agenda, thereafter the following declarations were intimated:

- (1) Councillor Mason declared a general interest by virtue of his position as a Member of the Scottish Parliament for North East Scotland;
- (2) Councillor Yuill declared an interest in item 6.1 (item 5 of the Business Planner) and item 8.1 (Aberdeen Art Gallery) (articles 4 and 5 of this minute) by virtue of his position as a Council appointed Director of Robert Gordon's College and chose to remain in the meeting; ; and
- (3) Councillor McLellan declared an interest in item 8.5 (Summerhill New Council Housing) (article 9 of this minute) by virtue of his position as an Aberdeen City Council representative on Aberdeen Heat and Power but chose to remain in the meeting as Aberdeen Heat and Power was a body being a company established wholly or mainly for the purpose of providing services to the local authority, and which had entered into a contractual arrangement with the local authority for the supply of goods and/or services to the local authority, as set out in paragraph 5.18(2)(d)(i) and (ii) of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

### **The Committee resolved:-**

to note the declarations of interest.

### QUEEN'S STREET PRESENTATION

2. The Committee received a presentation from Mr Sandy Beattie, Queen Street Masterplan Manager, Aberdeen City Council.

Mr Beattie highlighted various projects across the City and how they contributed to the transformation of the city and the linkages between the projects to achieve urban living, culture and public realm. Specifically relating to Queen Street, Mr Beattie provided an outline of the current workstreams and the potential phases for the project.

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Mr Beatie answered various questions in relation to the project.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note the content of the presentation;
- (ii) to request the Queen Street Masterplan Manager to provide a Members Briefing so that all Elected Members could see the presentation;
- (iii) to request the Queen Street Masterplan Manager to circulate the presentation to members of the Committee;
- (iv) to request Street Masterplan Manager to make the presentation available to members of the public; and
- (v) to note that the business planner would be updated to include future reporting in relation to Queen Street.

**MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 19 MARCH 2019**

3. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 19 March 2019.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to approve the minute as a correct record.

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

**At this point in the proceedings, Councillor Houghton replaced Councillor Mason and declared an interest in item 6.1 (item 5 of the business planner) and 8.1 (Aberdeen Art Gallery) (articles 4 and 5 of this minute) by virtue of his position as a Council appointed Director of Robert Gordon's College and chose to remain in the meeting.**

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLANNER**

4. The Committee had before it the business planner as prepared by the Chief Officer Governance.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to note the content of the business planner.

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**ABERDEEN ART GALLERY RES/19/274**

5. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided an update on the progress of the delivery of the Aberdeen Art Gallery leading up to the expected opening in late Autumn 2019.

**The report recommended:**

That the Committee –

- (a) note the current on-going works leading to an opening of the new Art Gallery in late Autumn 2019; and
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer Capital to provide a further update on progress at the next meeting of the Capital Programme Committee in September 2019.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note that the Director of Resources would circulate by email information relating to whether there was a fundraising target figure at the outset of the project; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the recommendations contained in the report.

**PROVOST SKENE'S HOUSE RES/19/275**

6. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided an update on the progress of works to refurbish Provost Skene's House.

**The report recommended:**

That the Committee -

- (a) note the progress achieved in the procurement of Provost Skene's House refurbishment; and
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer Capital to provide a further update on progress at the next meeting of the Capital Programme Committee in September 2019.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note that the Chief Officer Corporate Landlord would circulate by email information relating to any damp issues associated with the building;
- (ii) to note that the Director of Resources would circulate by email a breakdown of the different work packages and associated costs;
- (iii) to note that the Chief Officer City Growth would circulate by email a response in relation to when any items were purchased and associated storage costs for the Hall of Heroes; and
- (iv) to otherwise approve the recommendations contained in the report.

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**THE EVENT COMPLEX ABERDEEN (TECA) RES/19/277**

7. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided an update on the progress of The Event Complex Aberdeen (TECA) project which included milestones achieved to date, next steps and summarised continuing risks associated with the project.

**The report recommended:**

That the Committee –

- (a) note the milestones achieved to date for the project and those that remain, to ensure a successful opening later in the year;
- (b) note the financial position for the project; and
- (c) instruct the Chief Officer Capital to provide a further update on progress at the next meeting of the Capital Programme Committee in September 2019.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to approve the recommendations contained in the report.

**UNION TERRACE GARDENS RES/19/259**

8. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided an update on the progress of the delivery of the Union Terrace Gardens project which was anticipated to be completed in summer 2021.

**The report recommended:**

That the Committee -

- (a) note the progress achieved in the procurement of Union Terrace Gardens redevelopment; and
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer Capital to provide a further update on progress at the next meeting of the Capital Programme Committee in September 2019.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note that the Director of Resources would circulate by email a response in relation to whether a margin had been built into the contract to cover increased building costs; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the recommendations contained in the report.

**SUMMERHILL NEW COUNCIL HOUSING RES/19/276**

9. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided an update on progress of the Summerhill new build Council housing project.

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### **The report recommended:**

That the Committee –

- (a) note the progress achieved in the procurement of the Summerhill new build Council housing project; and
- (b) instruct the Chief Officer Capital to provide a further update on progress at the next meeting of the Capital Programme Committee in September 2019.

### **The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note that the Chief Officer Capital would provide details of the project to all Elected Members;
- (ii) to note that the Director of Resources would prepare a briefing note to highlight all sites and options being considered to ensure delivery of the 2000 new build houses by 2022 and would circulate this to all Elected Members; and
- (iii) to otherwise approve the recommendations contained in the report.

### **ELC NORTHFIELD CUMMINGSPARK NURSERY RES/19/280**

**10.** The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided an update on the progress of Northfield Cummingspark Nursery which would help meet Aberdeen City Council's Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan objectives and to meet the Council's commitment to expand funded early learning and childcare from 600 hours to 1,140 hours by 2020.

### **The report recommended:**

That the Committee note that the project formed part of the overall Aberdeen City Council's Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Programme of Works.

### **The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) in relation to concerns raised regarding the location of the site, specifically that it was potentially unsuitable for development, to note that the Chief Officer Capital would liaise with colleagues and look at the information available for the site and provide a response at the earliest opportunity to the Committee; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the recommendation contained in the report.

### **ELC SEATON NURSERY RES/19/281**

**11.** The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided an update in relation to Seaton Nursery which would help meet Aberdeen City Council's Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan objectives and to meet the Council's commitment to expand funded early learning and childcare from 600 hours to 1,140 hours by 2020.

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**The report recommended:**

That the Committee note that the project formed part of the overall Aberdeen City Council's Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Programme of Works.

**The Committee resolved:-**

to approve the recommendation contained in the report.

**ELC TILLYDRONE NURSERY RES/19/278**

12. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided an update in relation to the progress of Tillydrone Nursery which would help meet Aberdeen City Council's Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan objectives and to meet the Council's commitment to expand funded early learning and childcare from 600 hours to 1,140 hours by 2020.

**The report recommended:**

That the Committee note that the project formed part of the overall Aberdeen City Council's Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Programme of Works.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to note the updated figure of £2.23m in relation to the allocated budget from the Capital Grant for the project; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the recommendation contained in the report.

**ANNUAL COMMITTEE EFFECTIVENESS REPORT GOV/19/246**

13. The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Officer Governance which presented the Capital Programme Committee Annual Effectiveness Report.

**The report recommended:**

That the Committee note the content of the annual report.

**The Committee resolved:-**

- (i) to request the clerk to check the figures for Councillors in attendance as observers and update the report as appropriate; and
- (ii) to otherwise approve the recommendation contained in the report.

- **MARIE BOULTON, Convener**

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