

CITY GROWTH AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 31 July 2019. Minute of Meeting of the CITY GROWTH AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Grant, Vice-Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Laing, Catriona Mackenzie, Nicoll, Yuill, Avril MacKenzie (as substitute for Councillor Donnelly), Townson (as substitute for Councillor Flynn) and Wheeler (as substitute for the Convener).

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

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2. With reference to article 15 of the minute of meeting of 25 April 2019, the Committee had before it a report by the Chief Officer – City Growth which sought approval for officers to accompany a work of art on loan to and from the More Museum in the Netherlands.

The report recommended:-
that the Committee –

- (a) approve the international travel by an officer (to be identified by the Chief Officer - City Growth) to accompany the painting 'Two Schoolgirls 'to and from the More Museum in the Netherlands; and
- (b) delegate authority to the Chief Officer - City Growth, following consultation with the Chief Officer - Customer, to authorise international travel of officers to accompany works of art to and from overseas venues – where such works of art are being loaned to such venues and where all costs are covered by the borrower.

The Committee resolved:-
to approve the recommendations.

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3. With reference to article 6 of the minute of meeting of 25 April 2019, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Resources which provided information on the financial position of the Council as at Quarter 1 (30 June 2019) and the full year forecast position for the financial year 2019/20, including (1) General Fund and Housing Revenue

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Account (HRA) revenue and capital accounts and associated Balance Sheet; and (2) Common Good Revenue Account and Balance Sheet.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee –

- (a) note the positive cash position that has been achieved for the General Fund and HRA to the end of Quarter 1 as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (b) note the Common Good financial performance to the end of Quarter 1 as detailed in Appendix 3;
- (c) note that the revenue budgets for the General Fund, HRA and Common Good are on target to achieve a balanced position for 2019/20 as detailed in Appendix 2;
- (d) note that the capital expenditure for the General Fund will result in a lower level of borrowing at the end of financial year 2019/20 than had been budgeted; and for the Housing Capital programme the initial estimate is that the budgeted funding requirements will be achieved, as detailed in Appendix 2;
- (e) approve the incentive scheme for new foster carers as detailed in sections 3.11 and 3.12 of this report;
- (f) approve the release of the Earmarked Reserves to support the uncommitted General Fund balance and Common Good cash balance respectively, as detailed in section 3.13 of this report; and
- (g) approve the virements for Housing Capital budgets as detailed in Appendix 2.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendations;
 - (ii) to instruct the Chief Officer – Finance to submit a report to the 26 November 2019 meeting of the City Growth and Resources Committee containing indicative budget options for the financial year 2020/21;
 - (iii) that the Chief Officer – Finance circulate to members of the Committee (by way of email), details in relation to the number of adult social care out of authority area placements;
 - (iv) that the Chief Officer – Finance circulate to members of the Committee (by way of email), further details in relation to the level of other funds raised to reduce the allocation of £1million for the redevelopment of Aberdeen Science Centre;
 - (v) that the Director of Resources circulate to members of the Committee (by way of email), confirmation that the proposed external cleaning works to the Music Hall would be undertaken to a satisfactory standard; and
 - (vi) to thank all officers concerned in relation to the preparation of the report.
- **COUNCILLOR ROSS GRANT, Vice Convener**

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