

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MOTIONS LIST

25 APRIL 2013

Please note that this statement tracks all Notices of Motion submitted by members, until the point of disposal. The motion will remain on the statement until the Committee has agreed to remove it.

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1.	<p><u>Motion by Councillor Greig</u></p> <p>“That this Council produces a report with recommendations for identifying any possible financial sources and fundraising opportunities in order to create a permanent commemoration in the city of the Diamond Jubilee and of the Queen’s reign”.</p>	13 June, 2012	<p>The Finance and Resources Committee of 21/06/12 resolved: to instruct that officers consult with all elected members to ask for suggestions as to how to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee and the Queen’s reign, and to report back, in terms of the motion at the next meeting of this Committee of 4 October 2012.</p>	<p>At its meeting on 4 October 2012, the Committee agreed to establish a working group of seven members from the Council (comprising 2 Labour representatives, 2 SNP, 1 Liberal Democrat, 1 Conservative and 1 Independent Alliance), to be chaired by the Depute Provost, to consider the proposals contained in the report and any other members might make, and that officers report back on a preferred option for approval.</p> <p>At its meeting on 21 February, the Committee resolved to instruct the Diamond Jubilee Working Group to continue looking</p>	Head of Office of Chief Executive	25.4.13	No

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				<p>into ways in which the Council could create a commemoration in the city of the Diamond Jubilee and of the Queen's Reign excluding delivering a statue, but focussing on a travel scholarship.</p> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>			
2.	<p><u>Motion by Councillor McCaig</u></p> <p>“In order to ensure that Aberdeen City Council reaps the financial benefits of the Scottish Government's Business Rates Incentive Scheme, Council instructs the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure to consider measures to boost the city's business rates income and agrees that 50% of any additional funding received by the Council as a result of this scheme be reinvested in economic development.”</p>	10 October 2012	<p>The Finance and Resources Committee of 06/12/12 resolved:</p> <p>(i) to instruct officers to report on the terms of the motion and the Council's current position in relation to the Business Rates Incentive Scheme (BRIS) to the next meeting of the Committee; and</p> <p>(ii) to instruct officers to report on the Council's current position regarding BRIS at the budget meeting on 7 February 2013.</p>	<p>The Council is still awaiting a response from the Scottish Government regarding the Business Rates Incentive Scheme (BRIS). Officers are in communication with the Scottish Government and Cosla regarding this and once confirmation on BRIS has been received a report on the terms of the motion will be submitted to the Committee.</p> <p>At its meeting on 21 February, the Committee resolved,</p> <p>(a) to note that officers would report on the terms of Councillor McCaig's motion to the next meeting of the Committee;</p>	Finance	25.4.13	No

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				<p>(b) to note that Councillor Crockett had written to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance Employability and Sustainable Growth, requesting a meeting to discuss BRIS in terms of economic growth for Aberdeen; and</p> <p>(c) to instruct the Director of Corporate Governance to ask an independent consultant to bring forward a report, based on a research study, exploring the existing financial settlement and its impact on the contribution Aberdeen makes to Scotland and the UK and how a different or better funding settlement could benefit Aberdeen and the remainder of Scotland, and that the report be considered by an additional meeting of this Committee, at which time the Committee can</p>			

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				<p>determine its position on the contents and findings of the study.</p> <p>A report on (a) above is on the agenda; and an oral update on (b) will be provided by the Director of Corporate Governance.</p>			
3.	<p><u>Emergency Motion by Councillor Crockett</u></p> <p>“This Council denounces SNP MSP for Aberdeen Central Kevin Stewart a former Finance Convener who on the 17th December 2012 disgracefully accused the Council of “<i>cooking the books</i>” and “<i>presenting a misleadingly pessimistic account</i>” in their five-year budget projections. Council reaffirms its total support for Aberdeen City Council’s Finance Team the first ever Scottish Accountancy Awards Public Sector Finance Team of the Year 2012. Further</p>	19 December 2012		<p>At its meeting on 21 February, the Committee resolved to instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to write again to Kevin Stewart MSP advising him that his response is not a retraction of his comments and giving Kevin Stewart MSP until 5th March 2013 to retract his comments and thereafter refer this matter back to full Council on 6th March 2013 for Council to determine its position at that time.</p> <p>Council at its meeting on 6 March resolved to instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to seek independent legal advice as to the options open to the Council</p>	Head of Legal and Democratic Services	25/4/13	No

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	<p>instructs the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to write to Kevin Stewart MSP seeking a retraction of his disgraceful comments and thereafter report back to the next Finance and Resources Committee for consideration, which may include reporting the matter to the Public Standards Commissioner for Scotland. Council further notes the SNP Group's support for the five year business plan at the Finance and Resources Committee meeting of 6th December 2012."</p>			<p>following Kevin Stewart MSP's failure to comply with Councillor Crockett's motion and report to the Finance and Resources Committee in April 2013.</p> <p>An oral update will be provided.</p>			