

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	18 December 2013
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Invitation to the Secretary of State for Scotland
REPORT NUMBER:	OCE/13/037

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report updates the Council on the invitation issued to the Secretary of State for Scotland to meet with the Leader of the Council.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council notes the content of the report.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

At its meeting on 31 October 2013 the Council resolved to instruct the Chief Executive to invite the Rt. Hon. Alistair Carmichael MP, Secretary of State for Scotland to meet with the Leader of the Council to discuss amongst other things the Council's vision, *Aberdeen the Smarter City*, noting Aberdeen was stronger now and would be stronger in the future – economically, politically and socially – as a partner within the United Kingdom.

The Council further instructed the Chief Executive to report to the next meeting of the Council on the response to the invitation and the outcome of any meeting subsequently held with the Secretary of State.

The Chief Executive wrote to the Secretary of State on 5 November 2013 inviting him to meet with the Council Leader. At the time of writing no response has as yet been received.

6. IMPACT

The opportunity to meet with ministers from either the Westminster or Scottish Governments to discuss policy priorities for Aberdeen is an important means through which to pursue the delivery of the Council's Business Plan and the City's Single Outcome Agreement.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

None

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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