

## CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 1 July 2013 - minute of meeting of the CULTURE AND SPORT SUB COMMITTEE. Present: Councillor Laing (Convener); and Councillors Boulton, Cameron, Lesley Dunbar, Thomson and Townson.

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### ORDER OF AGENDA AND DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT ITEM OF BUSINESS

1. The Convener noted that items 5 (Energy Cities Cup) and 8 (Sport Aberdeen – Business Plan) had been withdrawn from today's agenda; and proposed that the Sub Committee consider the remaining report identified on the agenda as being for determination in private, with the press and public excluded.

**The Sub Committee resolved:**

in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting for item 9 of the agenda (article 7 of this minute refers) so as to avoid disclosure of information of the class described in paragraph 6 of Schedule 7(A) to the Act.

### MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

2. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 8 March 2013.

**The Sub Committee resolved:**

to approve the minute as a correct record.

### DATES AND TIMES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

3. The Sub Committee had before it a proposed schedule for future meetings of the Sub Committee, which had been prepared by the clerk.

**The Sub Committee resolved:**

to agree that the Sub Committee meet in the Town House at 10am on the following dates:

- 2 October 2013
- 4 December 2013
- 19 February 2014
- 7 May 2014
- 18 June 2014
- 1 October 201
- 10 December 2014.

## SPORTS GRANTS

4. With reference to article 5 of the minute of its previous meeting of 8 March 2013, the Sub Committee had before it a report by the Head of Communities, Culture and Sport which presented applications for financial assistance from two sports organisations, and presented criteria for new sports grant funding streams as follows:

- **Coach and Volunteer Workforce Development** - A fund aimed at supporting coaches and volunteers to obtain a higher level of coaching award in their chosen sport.
- **Club Development** – The aim of this grant being to increase the availability of sporting opportunities in the city by assisting existing sports clubs to develop their sports programmes and by encouraging the establishment of new sports groups/clubs/sections.
- **Talented Athletes Development** - The aim of this scheme being to recognise individual talented sports performers in Aberdeen and encourage them to develop their full potential by providing funding to assist with the costs associated with competing at a high level.
- **Significant Sporting Events** - The aim of this grant being to help sporting, community and event organisations deliver significant sporting events within the Aberdeen City Council boundary. The programme, through the *Event Assistance Grants* and *Event Development Grants* categories would provide funding support for events that were national or international in focus, or that were regionally significant, and were recognised by the relevant governing body of sport.
- **Commonwealth 2014 Community Games fund** – The aim of this fund being to help local communities in Aberdeen to celebrate Glasgow 2014 at a grassroots level by hosting events with a physical activity and sport aspect within Aberdeen between 23 July and 3 August 2014.

It was noted by members that further information and criteria requirements had been included in the additional circulation of agenda papers.

### The report recommended:

That the Committee –

- (a) consider the applications contained within the report and approves the following:

Organisation	Funding recommended
Aberdeen Synchronised Ice Skating Club	£5,000
Auchmill Golf Club	£5,000

- (b) agree the criteria relating to the new sports grant funding streams which would enable the local authority to target investment in line with the city's sport and physical activity strategy.

**The Sub Committee resolved:**

to approve the recommendations.

**CREATIVE SCOTLAND PLACE MAKING PARTNERSHIP – INFORMATION BULLETIN**

5. The Sub Committee had before it an information bulletin by the Culture Policy and Partnership Officer which brought to the attention of members the proposed programme of cultural initiatives, as set out in Creative Scotland's Place Partnership investment agreement with Aberdeen.

**The Sub Committee resolved:**

to note the content of the information bulletin.

**UK CITY OF CULTURE**

6. With reference to article 7 of the minute of its previous meeting of 8 March 2013, the Sub Committee heard the Head of Communities, Culture and Sport, who provided a verbal update further to the announcement that Aberdeen did not make the shortlist for UK City of Culture 2017. Ms Cassidy advised that her team had received significant positive feedback further to the announcement, and that they were now looking to move forward by galvanising the momentum created during the process, building capacity in the community, and looking at different funding options.

The Sub Committee was advised that the bid documentation and comments would be shared with members when the team had analysed this, and that a report would be prepared in this regard in the near future. A discussion took place in relation to the opportunities now available to the city to expand the remit of the proposed year of culture, and it was noted that the Council was no longer constrained by the bidding process, and so could involve the technology and sports sectors in a fuller way.

**The Sub Committee resolved:**

to thank officers for the huge amount of work undertaken in relation to the bid, and to note the update.

**In accordance with the decision taken at item 1 of this minute, the following item of business was considered with the press and public excluded.**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Councillors Boulton, Townson and Thomson declared interests as Trustees of Aberdeen International Youth Festival, and withdrew from the meeting prior to consideration of the report.**

## **ABERDEEN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH FESTIVAL – ORGANISATIONAL REVIEW**

7. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Education, Culture and Sport which provided members with an update on the organisational review of Aberdeen International Youth Festival, and highlighted financial risks, progress on ongoing development work, and a time line for the conclusion of this.

A discussion took place in relation to the personal liabilities of Trustees, and officers indicated that they were in discussions with colleagues in Legal Services in this regard.

### **The report recommended –**

that the Sub Committee:

- (a) note the identified financial risks associated with Aberdeen International Youth Festival;
- (b) instruct officers to prepare a report for the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee on 24 September 2013;
- (c) note the progress made on reviewing the organisation and its future direction;
- (d) note the potential outcomes of this work and the intention to present these to the board of Aberdeen International Youth Festival on 18 November 2013; and
- (e) instruct officers to report back on progress

### **The Sub Committee resolved:**

to approve the recommendations.

**- COUNCILLOR JENNIFER LAING, Convener**