

COUNCIL

BUSINESS STATEMENT

14 MAY 2014

Please note that this statement contains a note of every report which has been instructed for submission to Council. All other actions which have been instructed by the Council are not included, as they are deemed to be operational matters after the point of decision.

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1.	Council 06.03.13 Article 16	<u>Welfare Reform</u> The Council, amongst other things, approved the steps taken by officers to develop a policy and practice response and agreed to receive further reports in due course as measures were implemented.	<p>The Scottish Welfare Fund has been successfully introduced and is operating well and meeting deadlines for decisions. Further changes to welfare reform are planned for later this year. The Hub joint project with the DWP is now open and being developed further over the coming weeks. Agreement has been reached with The Citizens Advice Bureau regarding the basis for a service level agreement. Claims for discretionary housing payments continue to be processed within the agreed scheme. The Financial Inclusion Manager has been appointed and took up his post on 1 July 2013.</p> <p>A progress report was noted by the Council on 21 August 2013.</p> <p>A report will be contained within the Information Bulletin.</p>	Director of Social Care and Wellbeing Director of Housing and Environment	As and when required	14.05.14 (Info Bulletin)

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2.	Council 26.06.13 Article 21	<u>Service Review of Legal Services</u> The Council instructed the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to report back to Council in twelve months advising of the outcomes of the implementation of the new structure.		Head of Legal and Democratic Services	25.06.14	
3.	Finance and Resources 12.11.09 Article 22	<u>Community Planning Partnership - Fairer Scotland Fund</u> The Finance and Resources Committee instructed the Director of Corporate Governance to provide twice yearly updates in February and October to the Aberdeen City Alliance (now Community Planning Aberdeen) and the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee on the outcomes achieved through the investment of the Fairer Scotland Fund.	This item now falls under the remit of the Council following the decision to disband the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee. A report is on the agenda.	Head of Customer Service and Performance	14.05.14	14.05.14
4.	Council 21.08.13 Article 9	<u>Establishment of Short-term Halting Sites for Gypsies/Travellers and Proposed Byelaw Regarding Camping in Designated Areas</u> The Council instructed officers to commence without delay consultation with the Scottish Government on a	Officers will be attending meetings of the Heathryfold Residents Group and Northfield Community Council meetings to discuss, scope and agree the consultation events to progress the Howes Road site. A planning application will be prepared once architects	Director of Housing and Environment Head of Legal and Democratic Services	Every Council meeting	14.05.14

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		<p>potential byelaw to prohibit camping on sensitive areas such as public places.</p> <p>In addition, the Council (a) instructed officers to prepare a detailed design with cost estimates for construction and ongoing costs for a short-term halting site at Howes Road; (b) instructed officers to prepare a planning application including details of costings (capital and revenue) for establishing the site; (c) approved the process for consultation as set out in the report acknowledging that strong views and opinions were likely to be part of the process; and (d) instructed officers to continue to conduct property searches with a view to establishing a further site or a more suitable site within the city.</p> <p>The Council instructed officers to report back to every Council meeting on the progress or otherwise on the consultation with the Scottish Government on the potential byelaw and on the suitability or otherwise of other potential sites.</p>	<p>complete a draft specification design for the site and any mitigation issues will be discussed with the community too. The Asset Management team are continuing to identify alternative and additional sites both in the public and private sector.</p> <p>The Council, at its meeting on 18 December 2013, approved an indicative timeline in relation to the potential byelaw regarding camping in designated areas.</p> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>			

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5.	Council 21.08.13 Article 17	<p><u>Street Begging</u></p> <p>The Council, amongst other things, instructed officers to commence without delay consultation with the Scottish Government on a potential byelaw to prohibit street begging, and report back to every Council meeting on the progress or otherwise of the consultation with the Scottish Government.</p>	<p>The Council, at its meeting on 18 December 2013, approved the wording of the proposed byelaw; approved the designated area; and instructed officers to take all necessary steps to complete the statutory process to seek confirmation of the byelaw from the Scottish Government.</p> <p>Statutory procedures have been followed to advertise notice of intention to apply for confirmation and the application for confirmation has been made to the Scottish Government. A limited number of objections was made to the Scottish Government and officers have submitted views on those objections. The Scottish Government is considering the position and a decision is awaited.</p> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>	<p>Director of Housing and Environment</p> <p>Head of Legal and Democratic Services</p>	Every Council meeting	14.05.14
6.	Council 31.10.13 Article 4	<p><u>Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC)</u></p> <p>The Council, amongst other things, authorised officers to continue to explore financial options to deliver the development at minimum cost to the Council, such options to be reported to Full Council within the next six months.</p>	A report is on the agenda.	Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure	05.03.14	14.05.14

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7.	Council 31.10.13 Article 14	<p><u>Strategic Infrastructure Plan (SIP) - Key Goal 1: A step change to the supply of housing</u></p> <p>The Council instructed officers to take forward a procurement process in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders in Relation to Contracts and Procurement, in order to appoint a Joint Venture partner(s) to deliver the affordable housing element identified in the SIP and report back to Council with the outcomes of the procurement process, and recommending a preferred bidder(s) prior to entering a contract(s).</p>	<p>It is intended that all future progress on the Affordable Housing Project will be reported to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee as part of an overall SIP update report. As part of this report, members will be updated on the outcomes of the procurement process for a Joint Venture partner, recommending a preferred bidder(s) prior to entering a contract(s).</p> <p><u>Recommend for removal.</u></p>	Director of Housing and Environment	05.03.14	
8.	Council 31.10.13 Article 14	<p><u>SIP - Key Goal 5: A better image for Aberdeen</u></p> <p>The Council approved the creation of a City Centre Regeneration Board and instructed the Board to report back to Council at its meeting on 25 June 2014 with recommended project(s) to regenerate the city centre, and to provide updates on progress to Council each cycle.</p>	<p>Minutes of meetings of the City Centre Regeneration Board will be on the Council agenda for information when available.</p> <p>The minute of the City Centre Regeneration Board meeting of 23 April 2014 is on the agenda.</p>	Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure	Every Council meeting	

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9.	Council 31.10.13 Article 17	<u>Community Planning Aberdeen - Development Plan</u> The Council agreed to receive six monthly updates on progress with the implementation of the Development Plan.	A report is on the agenda.	Head of Customer Service and Performance	14.05.14	14.05.14
10.	Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety 07.11.13 Article 7	<u>Integration of Health and Social Care</u> The Committee, amongst other things, agreed that a future report be submitted to Council on the proposed Integration Plan for Aberdeen.	The Transitional Leadership Group held its first meeting and workshop on 17 February to begin the process of developing the Integration Plan for Aberdeen.	Director of Social Care and Wellbeing	05.03.14	
11.	Council 18.12.13 Article 22	<u>Sistema Scotland and Aberdeen</u> The Council approved a report which, amongst other things, recommended entering into a long term partnership with Sistema Scotland and that a subsequent report be brought to Council which would include the business plan, financial costings, asset and other implications; and thereafter reports be submitted to the Education Culture and Sport, Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure and Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committees, to	A report is on the agenda.	Director of Education, Culture and Sport	14.05.14	14.05.14

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		ensure that the introduction of a “Big Noise” centre in the city, its principles and experience could be integrated in other aspects of the Council’s work.				
12.	Council 06.02.14 Article 2	<p><u>Aberdeen Sports Village - Sports Pitch and Ancillary Services</u></p> <p>The Council instructed the Director of Education, Culture and Sport to report back to Council with a proposal to further develop the sports pitch and ancillary services which would provide the North East with a true Olympic style village.</p>		Director of Education, Culture and Sport	25.06.14	
13.	Council 05.03.14 Article 12	<p><u>Polling Places at the Scottish Independence Referendum</u></p> <p>The Council noted that following the conclusion of the public consultation on changes to polling places, the final polling place scheme for the Scottish Independence Scheme would be brought to the Council in May 2014 for approval.</p>	A report is on the agenda.	Chief Executive	14.05.14	14.05.14

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14.	Council 05.03.14 Article 21	<p data-bbox="436 236 965 304"><u>Broad Street Civic Square Assessment</u></p> <p data-bbox="436 347 965 1225">The Council, amongst other things, resolved (1) to agree that option C - full pedestrianisation of Broad Street between Upperkirkgate and Queen Street - best meets the objectives of the project and acknowledge that this option is reliant on additional traffic management measures; (2) to instruct officers to report back on the details of the draft Traffic Regulation Order within six months; and (3) to instruct officers to also report back within six months on the outcomes of the future year traffic and air quality model testing for 2023; and (4) to instruct officers to investigate the feasibility of reopening the Castlegate to traffic and opening Queen Street at the junction of West North Street and include their findings in the above report, and enter into discussions with Muse Developments with regard to maximising views of Provost Skene's House from Broad Street.</p>	Work is ongoing to collate the information required. The first Air Quality report is being checked and the Traffic Management review has been started. There are some traffic modelling works to do within the city centre that must be completed before the next stage of Broad Street testing can be started. Timescales for these works are impossible to define at present.	Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure	20.08.14	20.08.14