

## COUNCIL

### BUSINESS STATEMENT

20 AUGUST 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	<b><u>Welfare Reform</u></b>  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. A further report was contained within the Information Bulletin for the Council meeting on 14 May 2014.</p>	Director of Community and Infrastructure Services	As and when required	

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2.	Finance and Resources 12.11.09 Article 22	<p><b><u>Community Planning Partnership - Fairer Aberdeen Fund</u></b></p> <p>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 (now Fairer Aberdeen Fund).</p>	<p>This item now falls under the remit of the Council following the decision to disband the Corporate Policy and Performance Committee.</p> <p>The Council received the last six month progress report at its meeting on 14 May 2014.</p>	Director of Corporate Governance	17.12.14	
3.	Council 21.08.13 Article 9	<p><b><u>Establishment of Short-term Halting Sites for Gypsies/Travellers and Proposed Byelaw Regarding Camping in Designated Areas</u></b></p> <p>The Council instructed officers to commence without delay consultation with the Scottish Government on a 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</p>	<p>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 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 14 May 2014, agreed to move</p>	<p>Director of Community and Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Director of Corporate Governance</p>	Every Council meeting	20.08.14

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		<p>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>forward with the byelaw as appended to the report.</p> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>			
4.	Council 21.08.13 Article 17	<p><b><u>Street Begging</u></b></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 of 25 June 2014, resolved:-</p> <p>(i) to note the decision of the SNP Scottish Government to reject the request for the Prohibition of Begging in Designated Areas Byelaws 2014 as set out in the letter dated 20 June 2014;</p> <p>(ii) in light of the response from the Scottish Government declining to support a proposed byelaw, to instruct officers to develop alternative sustainable solutions to the use of the</p>	<p>Director of Community and Infrastructure Services</p> <p>Director of Corporate Governance</p>	08.10.14	

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			<p>proposed byelaw working in partnership with Police Scotland and other appropriate stakeholders; and</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the appropriate Scottish Minister seeking financial and non-financial support to develop sustainable solutions to tackle street begging.</p> <p>Officers are now liaising with partners to explore options for alternative solutions. Once preferred options have been identified, the support of the Scottish Government will be sought.</p>			
5.	Council 31.10.13 Article 14	<p><b><u>City Centre Regeneration Board</u></b></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>The Council, at its meeting of 25 June 2014, resolved:-</p> <p>(i) to note the work of the City Centre Regeneration Board;</p> <p>(ii) to approve the proposed nine month programme for the preparation of the City Centre Masterplan and Delivery Programme; and</p> <p>(iii) to approve the outcome of the evaluation process and the appointment of Tenderer B, in line with the recommendation of the City</p>	Director of Community and Infrastructure Services	Every Council meeting	

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			Centre Regeneration Board.  Minutes of meetings of the City Centre Regeneration Board will be on the agenda when available.			
6.	Council 31.10.13 Article 17	<b><u>Community Planning Aberdeen - Development Plan</u></b>  The Council agreed to receive six monthly updates on progress with the implementation of the Development Plan.	The Council received the last six month progress report at its meeting on 14 May 2014.	Director of Corporate Governance	17.12.14	
7.	Council 06.02.14 Article 2	<b><u>Aberdeen Sports Village - Sports Pitch and Ancillary Services</u></b>  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.	Initial planning activities around the development of sports pitches on the site adjacent to Aberdeen Sports Village are underway. The next stages will include undertaking ground investigations and completing and costing masterplan options. It is anticipated that a report will come to Council in autumn 2014.	Director of Education and Integrated Children's Services	25.06.14	08.10.14
8.	Council 05.03.14 Article 21	<b><u>Broad Street Civic Square Assessment</u></b>  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	In light of the decision of the Planning Development Management Committee to hold a Hearing on the Marischal Square development, it would be premature for the Council to consider a Traffic Regulation Order in advance of a decision on the planning application. This will,	Director of Community and Infrastructure Services	20.08.14	Once the planning application has been determined

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		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.	therefore, be considered at a future Council meeting.			
9.	Council 14.05.14 Article 17	<p><b><u>Organisational Review</u></b></p> <p>The Council approved the proposed top tier structural model and the process for filling top tier posts, and agreed that the function of Chief Social Work Officer be placed within a Council Directorate. The Council noted that proposals emanating from phase two of the review would be reported to Council later in the year and that the phase two report would also include a proposed committee structure to reflect the new management arrangements.</p>	A report is on the agenda.	Chief Executive	20.08.14	20.08.14

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10.	Council 14.05.14 Article 24	<p><b><u>Big Noise Centre</u></b></p> <p>The Council, amongst other things, instructed the Chief Executive to liaise with all Directorates of the Council to consider how the introduction of a Big Noise Centre in the city, its principles and experience could be integrated into all aspects of the Council's work and that a report on this be submitted to Council.</p>	<p>The Chief Executive and Directors are addressing this matter as part of their discussions on the development of the revised organisational structure.</p> <p>The Partnership Agreement has been signed between the City Council and Sistema Scotland; work is ongoing to have Big Noise Torry up and running next year.</p> <p>Sistema Scotland has advertised for a Team Leader and an Operations Manager; interviews are scheduled in early September and will take place in conjunction with community members, and the Head Teachers of the local schools, the latter who will be on the interview panel. These are crucial appointments and the interview process will be thorough. Induction for the successful candidates is planned for October/November/December.</p> <p>Adverts for musicians will be placed later in the calendar year and Sistema Scotland will open recruitment for volunteers in March, with a view to appointments being confirmed in May, with induction immediately following.</p>	Chief Executive	20.08.14	08.10.14

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11.	Council 14.05.14 Article 30	<b><u>Corporate Parenting</u></b>  The Council instructed officers to report back on the implementation and review of the Corporate Parenting Policy in May 2015.		Director of Education and Integrated Children's Services	May 2015	
12.	Council 14.05.14 Article 32	<b><u>Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC) Development</u></b>  The Council requested officers to finalise the financial options to deliver the development at minimum cost to the Council and that such options be reported to Council at its meeting in October 2014.	The AECC financial options will be reported to Council in December. The reason for this is to allow officers more time to ensure that the financing arrangements and associated commercial sensitivities surrounding the development are fully determined before they are presented to Council.	Director of Community and Infrastructure Services	08.10.14	17.12.14
13.	Council 25.06.14 Article 14	<b><u>Legal Services Restructure</u></b>  The Council noted with disappointment that the new structure had only been operational for a few months; and in light of the delay in implementing the new structure and the insufficiency of evidence from services that they are satisfied with the new structure and the quality of service being provided, therefore instructed the Director of Corporate Governance to report back to the Council at its meeting in December 2014, providing evidence of levels of		Director of Corporate Governance	17.12.14	



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		customer satisfaction and the financial outturn in terms of expenditure on external legal resources.				
14.	Council 25.06.14 Article 15	<p><b><u>Shadow Integration Board</u></b></p> <p>The Council agreed to establish a Shadow Integration Joint Board from 1 October 2014 and agreed to receive a report on the remit of the Shadow Integration Joint Board.</p>		Transitional Director - Social Care and Wellbeing	08.10.14	
15.	Council 25.06.14 Article 17	<p><b><u>Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in the Aberdeen City Community Planning Partnership Area</u></b></p> <p>The Council instructed the Chief Executive to submit a report to Council setting out progress and recommendations from the scrutiny process.</p>		<p>Director of Education and Integrated Children's Services</p> <p>Transitional Director - Social Care and Wellbeing</p>	January 2015	