

FINANCE, POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2014

Please note that this statement contains a note of every report which has been instructed for submission to this Committee. All other actions which have been instructed by the Committee are not included, as they are deemed to be operational matters after the point of committee decision. Where a report instructed requires no decision to be made this will be reported in the Committee's information bulletin.

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1.	Property Sub Committee 24/9/13 article 14	<p><u>Station House Community Centre</u></p> <p>The Sub Committee agreed to authorise officers to negotiate a temporary License to Occupy in favour of the Station House Media Unit, in the meantime to run on a month to month basis, with a report being brought back before the Sub Committee as soon as arrangements for the future of the occupation and control of the building had been agreed.</p>	<p>Negotiations are ongoing in terms of the long term future of the property. A temporary license is in place with SHMU.</p> <p>Future arrangements for the disposal, either by lease or Community Asset Transfer (CAT) are still in discussion. Work on the policy of CAT is still underway.</p> <p>A report on the Station House Community Centre will be reported at a future date.</p>	Head of Asset Management and Operations	4/12/14	18/2/15
2.	Finance, Policy and Resources 6/5/14 Article 19	<p><u>Geographical Weighting Allowance</u></p> <p>The Committee resolved: (i) to instruct that the Director of Corporate Governance (or appropriate representative) participates on behalf of the</p>	The North east group has met and has asked IDS to submit a proposal detailing how they would prepare a report on the issue which would include a recommendation on a level of allowance. A report will be submitted once progress has	Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development	04/12/14	04/12/14

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		<p>Council in a pan-public sector group which is to be established to consider the feasibility of introducing a weighting allowance and to report back on the outcomes to a future Finance, Policy and Resources Committee; and</p> <p>(ii) to note that a major problem that the city had in relation to the cost of living was the price of housing and to instruct officers to consider, with its public sector partners, if the delivery of more affordable housing might have greater benefit for employees and employers, in both public and private sectors, than the introduction of an Aberdeen weighting allowance.</p>	<p>been made.</p> <p>A report is included within the agenda.</p>			
3.	Finance, Policy and Resources 6/5/14 Article 22	<p><u>Festive Period</u></p> <p>The Committee resolved, amongst other things, to instruct officers to work with Aberdeen Inspired to maximise the festive experience within the city centre for residents and visitors to Aberdeen and to report back to the next meeting of the Committee with a detailed joint vision for the festive period, including any financial commitments required to enhance the city's reputation as a place to invest, live and visit.</p>	<p>At its meeting on 30 September 2014 the Committee resolved to request that the winter festival programme be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>It is recommended that the winter festival programme be reported via the information bulletin as no decision is required.</p>	City Promotions Manager	19/6/14	4/12/14 – information bulletin

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4.	Finance, Policy and Resources 6/5/14 Article 24	<p><u>Aberdeen-Japan Strategy</u></p> <p>The Committee resolved to note the update and accept a further update to Committee on 19 June, with the findings of the final study being reported to Committee on 30 September, 2014.</p>	<p>Due to lack of interest (zero submissions received by the original deadline of 27 June) we have re-issued and re-promoted the opportunity to commission an external consultant to produce an Aberdeen Japan Strategy. The new deadline for submissions is 21 July. Assuming there is a successful bid, given the delay in starting the work, it is likely that the report to 30 September Committee will only be interim findings, with a final report brought forward to the following cycle.</p> <p>Following two unsuccessful rounds, officers are now updating, simplifying and re-circulating the Invitation to Quote for an Aberdeen Japan Strategy in order to try and secure a successful bid from an external specialist, as per the original Committee instruction. Subject to receipt of a successful bid, officers hope to be able to report on findings from the study to the December Committee. At its meeting on 30 September 2014, the Committee noted that the contract had now been awarded and that a report would be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>	Economic Business Development	30/09/14	18/2/15

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			Work on the Aberdeen Japan Strategy by an external consultant is well underway but will not be complete in time for the December cycle. A full report of the Strategy findings and recommendations will be brought forward to the February 2015 cycle.			
5.	Finance, Policy and Resources 6/5/14 Article 27	<u>Review of Access to Leisure Scheme</u> The Committee resolved, amongst other things, to approve the policy recommendations as set out in the report, subject to a further report on the proposed implementation of the changes being considered by the Committee.	Work on the proposed implementation of the changes is ongoing and will be reported to the Committee in December 2014.	Communities, Culture and Sport	30/09/14	18/2/15
6.	Finance, Policy and Resources 19/6/14 Article 12	<u>Art Gallery Redevelopment Programme - Procurement of the Construction Works</u> The Committee resolved, amongst other things, to instruct officers to submit a report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee and the Education, Culture and Sport Committee, in six months, advising on progress with the public and philanthropic fundraising campaign to raise £10m towards the redevelopment.		Communities, Culture and Sport	4/12/14	18/2/15

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7.	Finance, Policy and Resources 30/09/14 Article 12	<p data-bbox="443 234 967 300"><u>Phase 3 Restructure - Interim Proposals</u></p> <p data-bbox="443 344 967 410">The Committee resolved, amongst other things:</p> <p data-bbox="443 419 967 1187">(i) note the comprehensive review of the ICT function and the significant employee engagement process which had accompanied the review; and to agree to delegate power to the Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Governance, in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee, to finalise the review on the understanding that the Trade Unions and the employees concerned were consulted fully on the proposals and that the final outcome of the review was reported to the Committee at its next meeting; and</p> <p data-bbox="443 1197 967 1509">(ii) to note the intention to modify the structure of the Pensions Section in response to new regulations and to transfer six staff from Revenues and Benefits to Communities, Housing and Infrastructure and agree to delegate power to the Chief Executive</p>		<p data-bbox="1532 234 1780 336">Director of Corporate Governance</p> <p data-bbox="1532 381 1780 523">Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development</p>	4/12/14	18/2/15

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		and Director of Corporate Governance, in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee, to finalise the structural changes on the understanding that the Trade Unions and employees concerned were consulted fully on the proposals and that the final outcome of the review was reported back to the Committee at its next meeting.				
8.	Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure 12.11.13 (article 32)	<p><u>Galas and Festive Community Grants</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed that officers identify an appropriate Council service to support the delivery of Galas and Festive Community Grants and report back to the Committee in this regard.</p>	This information will be contained within the standard annual City Events report for future financial year.	Economic Business Development	18/2/15	
9.	Enterprise, Strategic Planning and Infrastructure 13.03.14 (article 15)	<p><u>Sponsorship of Roundabouts</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed to report back after one year of operation to evidence the comparison between internal and external delivery and to recommend how such sponsorship could be delivered in future.</p>		Economic Business Development	23/4/15	
10	Council 08.10.14	<p><u>Smithfield Primary School Site</u></p> <p>The Council agreed to instruct</p>	A report is included within the agenda.	Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	4/12/14	

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		officers to report to the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee on 4 December 2014 on the detail of the Smithfield Primary School site and Manor Walk proposals and the process for their development.				