

COUNCIL

BUSINESS STATEMENT

17 DECEMBER 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.

Reports which are overdue are shaded

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1.	Council 06.02.14 Article 2	<u>Aberdeen Sports Village - Sports Pitch and Ancillary Services</u> 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>The Pitches Phase of the Aberdeen Sports Village (ASV) development involves a proposal to build an artificial pitch and possibly upgrade an existing pitch at the far end of the site on Golf Road, along with the development of associated ancillary facilities. This is Council owned land, but is not currently part of the ASV lease.</p> <p>ASV are developing business cases for four possible options for this development. To ensure that the business case development and appraisal process is as robust as possible, the Council has provided a temporary Licence to Occupy to enable ASV and their Contractors onto this land to carry out site investigation works. These site investigation works will be paid for by ASV and the Council has provided a letter of comfort confirming that it will reimburse ASV for these costs (up to a maximum value of £10,000) if</p>	Director of Education and Children's Services	25.06.14

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			<p>the overall pitch development is not approved by the Council to proceed.</p> <p>ASV was awarded £250,000 in June 2014, following a successful Cashback application. This funding will go towards the development of an artificial rugby pitch on the site.</p> <p>It is hoped that the business case development process will be at a stage where it can be brought for consideration by the Council in December 2014.</p> <p>A report is listed to follow on the agenda.</p>		
2.	Council 05.03.14 Article 21	<p><u>Broad Street Civic Square Assessment</u></p> <p>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</p>	<p>At its last meeting the Council approved the planning application for Marischal Square and noted that the proposal to pedestrianise Broad Street was not being considered as part of the determination of the application. Officers are continuing to investigate options, including appropriate traffic modelling, for creating a more user-friendly pedestrian environment to form a civic space on Broad Street in advance of the pedestrianisation of Union Street. That work is being carried out in tandem with the development of the city centre masterplan and development framework.</p>	Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	20.08.14

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		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.			
3.	Council 14.05.14 Article 24	<p><u>Big Noise Centre</u></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</p>	Chief Executive	20.08.14

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			<p>Scotland will open recruitment for volunteers in March, with a view to appointments being confirmed in May, with induction immediately following.</p> <p>A report will be submitted for the Information Bulletin.</p>		
4.	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 of 25 June 2014, resolved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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; (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 proposed byelaw working in partnership with Police Scotland and other appropriate stakeholders; and (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>Officers are now liaising with partners to explore options for alternative solutions.</p>	<p>Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure</p> <p>Director of Corporate Governance</p>	08.10.14

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			<p>Once preferred options have been identified, the support of the Scottish Government will be sought.</p> <p>The street begging partnership group met on 3 September 2014. Partners are already using a broad range of approaches to reduce street begging ranging from supportive to enforcement. The group are currently exploring need to deliver additional out-reach support services and proposals may be brought forward for consideration depending on the outcome from the survey of unmet needs.</p> <p>Strategies to reduce street-begging are developed and delivered through the multiagency street-begging forum. One meeting has been held since refusal of the bye-law and a further meeting was planned but due to lack of response from partners this meeting has been delayed. A further street-begging survey has been drafted and should be completed during December 2014. It is intended that the information collected will help inform any changes to current strategies and resources required. No additional actions requiring additional resources have been identified since refusal of the bye-law.</p>		

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5.	Council 14.05.14 Article 32	<p><u>Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC) Development</u></p> <p>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.</p>	A report is on the agenda.	Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	08.10.14
6.	Council 20.08.14 Article 6	<p><u>Corporate Parenting Champions Board and Sistema Partnership Board</u></p> <p>The Council agreed to receive reports on the remit and membership of the Corporate Parenting Champions Board and the Sistema Partnership Board at its meeting on 8 October 2014.</p>	The Corporate Parenting Champions Board met in September 2014 and requested officers to report back on its remit, this will therefore be considered by the Council once the Board has considered the matter further.	Director of Education and Children's Services	08.10.14
7.	Council 21.08.13 Article 9	<p><u>Establishment of Short-term Halting Sites for Gypsies/Travellers and Proposed Byelaw Regarding Camping in Designated Areas</u></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</p>	<p>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 forward with the byelaw as appended to the report.</p> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>	<p>Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure</p> <p>Director of Corporate Governance</p>	Every Council meeting

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		<p>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>			
8.	Council 31.10.13 Article 14	<p><u>City Centre Regeneration Board</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>The Council, at its meeting of 25 June 2014, resolved:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to note the work of the City Centre Regeneration Board; (ii) to approve the proposed nine month programme for the preparation of the City Centre Masterplan and Delivery Programme; and (iii) to approve the outcome of the evaluation process and the appointment of Tenderer B, in line with the recommendation of the City Centre Regeneration Board. 	Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	Every Council meeting

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			Minutes of meetings of the City Centre Regeneration Board will be on the agenda when available.		
9.	Council 31.10.13 Article 17	<p><u>Community Planning Aberdeen - Development Plan</u></p> <p>The Council agreed to receive six monthly updates on progress with the implementation of the Development Plan.</p>	<p>The Council received the last six month progress report at its meeting on 14 May 2014.</p> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>	Director of Corporate Governance	17.12.14
10.	Council 25.06.14 Article 14	<p><u>Legal Services Restructure</u></p> <p>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 customer satisfaction and the financial outturn in terms of expenditure on external legal resources.</p>	A report is on the agenda.	Director of Corporate Governance	17.12.14

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11.	Finance and Resources 12.11.09 Article 22	<p><u>Community Planning Partnership - Fairer Aberdeen Fund</u></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> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>	Director of Corporate Governance	17.12.14
12.	Council 25.06.14 Article 17	<p><u>Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in the Aberdeen City Community Planning Partnership Area</u></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 Children's Services</p> <p>Transitional Director - Social Care and Wellbeing</p>	04.03.15
13.	Council 14.05.14 Article 30	<p><u>Corporate Parenting</u></p> <p>The Council instructed officers to report back on the implementation and review of the Corporate Parenting Policy in May 2015.</p>		Director of Education and Children's Services	13.05.15

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14.	Council 08.10.14 Article 16	<p><u>Bon Accord Care Annual Report</u></p> <p>The Council noted the Bon Accord Care Annual Report for 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2014, and agreed to receive each annual report from Bon Accord Care Ltd.</p>		Transitional Director - Social Care and Wellbeing	October 2015
15.	Council 08.10.14 Article 13	<p><u>Standing Orders on Contracts and Procurement</u></p> <p>The Council noted that legislation which would require to be reflected in revisions to the Standing Orders on Contracts and Procurement was expected during 2015 and that a report would be submitted thereafter.</p>		Director of Corporate Governance	Late 2015
16.	Council 06.03.13 Article 16	<p><u>Welfare Reform</u></p> <p>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 July 2013.	Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	As and when required

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			<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> <p>An update will be provided at the end of the 2014/15 financial year.</p>		