

## COUNCIL

### BUSINESS STATEMENT

13 MAY 2015

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 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 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.	At its meeting of 8 October 2014, 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.	Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	<b>20.08.14</b>

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2.	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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;</li> <li>(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</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> <p>Officers have undertaken survey work to help inform what additional strategies would be required and this may determine any additional financial support required. Given that we were already delivering a multi-faceted strategy it should be expected that identifying new approaches may not be possible. Insufficient partner participation in recent street-begging forum meetings has affected our progress however we</p>	<p>Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure</p> <p>Director of Corporate Governance</p>	<b>08.10.14</b>

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			<p>are currently engaging partners on an individual basis to obtain their proposals for additional activity. Our intention is to report to Council on 13 May 2015.</p> <p>A report is on the agenda.</p>		
3.	Council 20.08.14 Article 6	<p><b><u>Corporate Parenting Champions Board and Sistema Partnership Board</u></b></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>	<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.</p> <p>The Sistema Partnership Board/Big Noise Torry Strategic Group has now met three times. Its role is to ensure that the partnership between the Council and Sistema Scotland can be as strong as possible; that decision-making can be simplified, resources made available and capacity assured to achieve a successful launch and operation. The Operational Group is now in place to support the team in the Torry community and the first musicians will begin their induction programme, in the existing two Sistema Scotland Big Noise centres and in Torry, from next month. Plans are progressing for the launch concert at the end of June in Torry. <b><u>It is recommended that this item be removed from the business statement and that future progress be reported via the Information Bulletin.</u></b></p>	Director of Education and Children's Services	<b>08.10.14</b>

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4.	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 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>The Asset Management team are continuing to identify alternative and additional sites both in the public and private sector.</p> <p>At its meeting of 17 December 2014, the Council resolved:-</p> <p>(i) to note the letter dated 31 October 2014 from the Scottish Government confirming that Scottish Ministers have decided not to confirm the byelaws requested by the Council;</p> <p>(ii) to note the East Loch Lomond Camping Byelaws approved by Scottish Ministers on 10 March 2011 which comply with the general duty of the Equality Act 2010;</p> <p>(iii) to instruct the Chief Executive to work with all interested parties including those who objected to the byelaws and liaise with the Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park Authority to consider the issues experienced in Aberdeen and to report back to the Council at its meeting on <b><u>24 June 2015</u></b> with all available options to address those issues; and</p> <p>(iv) to instruct the Chief Executive to provide a report on the progress made on the implementation of the instruction contained in (iii) above to the Council meeting on 4 March 2015.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure</p> <p>Director of Corporate Governance</p>	Every Council meeting

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			The Council noted a progress report on 4 March 2015.		
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) to note the work of the City Centre Regeneration Board;</li> <li>(ii) to approve the proposed nine month programme for the preparation of the City Centre Masterplan and Delivery Programme; and</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> <p>Minutes of meetings of the City Centre Regeneration Board will be on the agenda when available.</p> <p>A report is expected to be submitted to the Council meeting on 24 June 2015.</p>	Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	Every Council meeting
6.	Council 14.05.14 Article 30	<p><b><u>Corporate Parenting</u></b></p> <p>The Council instructed officers to report back on the implementation and review of the Corporate Parenting Policy in May 2015.</p>	A report is expected to be submitted to the Council meeting on 24 June 2015.	Director of Education and Children's Services	13.05.15

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7.	Council 04.03.15 Article 13	<p><b><u>Aberdeen Sports Village - Recruitment of Board Member</u></b></p> <p>The Council delegated authority to the selection panel to select their preferred candidate, and instructed that a report be submitted to the Council meeting on 13 May 2015 for approval.</p>	A report is expected to be submitted to the Council meeting on 24 June 2015.	Director of Education and Children's Services	13.05.15
8.	Council 31.10.13 Article 17	<p><b><u>Community Planning Aberdeen - Development Plan</u></b></p> <p>The Council agreed to receive six monthly updates on progress with the implementation of the Development Plan.</p>	The Council received the last six month progress report on 17 December 2014.	Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	24.06.15
9.	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>	The Council received the last six month progress report on 17 December 2014.	Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure	24.06.15

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10.	Council 08.10.14 Article 16	<p><b><u>Bon Accord Care Annual Report</u></b></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>		Director of Social Care and Wellbeing	October 2015
11.	Council 08.10.14 Article 13	<p><b><u>Standing Orders on Contracts and Procurement</u></b></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
12.	Council 06.03.13 Article 16	<p><b><u>Welfare Reform</u></b></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>	<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.</p>	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>		