

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 18 March 2016. Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Laing, Convener; and Councillors Boulton, Cameron, Cooney, Dickson, Jackie Dunbar, Flynn, Graham (substituting for Councillor Thomson), Greig (substituting for Councillor Yuill), Lawrence (substituting for Councillor Crockett), Taylor, Townson and Young.

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DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. In terms of Standing Order 28(6)(vi), and in accordance with Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Committee was informed that it had to determine (1) that the item of business on the agenda was of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the item and take a decision thereon.

The Committee resolved:-

to agree that the item was of an urgent nature, and required to be considered this day, due to the circumstances explained by the Head of Finance.

DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT BUSINESS

2. The Committee was requested to determine that the item of business on the agenda, which contained exempt information as described in Schedule 7(A) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, be taken in private:-

The Committee resolved:-

in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the item so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in paragraphs 6 and 9 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

In accordance with the decision recorded under Article 2 of this minute, the following item was considered with the press and public excluded.

ABERDEEN RENEWABLE ENERGY GROUP (AREG)

3. There was circulated a report by the Director of Communities, Housing and Infrastructure which presented information and options in relation to AREG.

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The report recommended:-

that the Committee -

- (a) agree that the Council provide a guarantee as outlined in the report;
- (b) agree that the terms of giving such a guarantee shall be subject to agreeing certain obligations and paying agreed consideration in the future, and to direct the Head of Finance to negotiate the terms of the guarantee;
- (c) note the terms of the separate report into the options; and
- (d) note that negotiations were ongoing.

The Council resolved:-

to approve the recommendations.

- **JENNIFER LAING, Convener.**