FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

7 June 2016

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Vice Convener and Councillor Dickson declared an interest in relation to the following item of business by virtue of their position as a Council appointed Directors to the Board of Sport Aberdeen, and considered that the nature of their interests required them to leave the meeting and they took no part in the Council's deliberations thereon. The Vice Convener was substituted by Councillor Grant and Councillor Dickson was substituted by Councillor Copland for this item of business only.

NOTICE OF JOINT MOTION BY COUNCILLORS GREIG AND JENNIFER STEWART - KINCORTH AND HAZLEHEAD SWIMMING POOLS

3. The Committee had before it the following joint notice of motion by Councillors Greig and Jennifer Stewart:

That the Committee:-

- (1) express concern at the manner in which Sport Aberdeen had decided to close Hazlehead and Kincorth swimming pools, both of which were much valued community amenities, without any public consultation;
- (2) request Sport Aberdeen an ALEO to keep these swimming pools open, carry out a full public consultation on their publish the results of that consultation before making any final decision on the future use of Hazlehead and Kincorth swimming pools; and
- (3) provide funding of £405,000 from contingency in 2016/2017 to offset the saving approved in setting the budget and future years funding be considered as part of the budget setting process to allow an assessment of the South of the City school build which included a swimming pool facility.

Councillor Greig moved, seconded by Councillor Jennifer Stewart:-That the Committee approve the terms of the motion.

The Convener moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Allan:-

That the Committee -

- (a) agree to note the position adopted by the Liberal Democrats at the Council budget meeting in February 2016 to reduce funding to Sport Aberdeen by £250,000;
- (b) note the decision taken by the SNP/Liberal Democrats administration in 2010 to outsource sport in Aberdeen, to Sport Aberdeen;
- (c) agree that Sport Aberdeen had reserves of around £2million, which would allow Sport Aberdeen to keep both Kincorth and Hazlehead swimming pools open until the new South of the City School was open, and until any assessment Sport Aberdeen intended to take in relation to the future viability of Hazlehead swimming pool; and
- (d) agree that the Council having passed control over sport to Sport Aberdeen it was for Sport Aberdeen to determine how it ran its business.

On a division, there voted:- <u>for the motion</u> (9) – Councillors Cameron, Copland, Corall, Flynn, Greig, Nicoll, Noble, Jennifer Stewart and Yuill; <u>for the amendment</u> (9) – the Convener, and Councillors Allan, Cooney, Crockett, Grant, Ironside, Laing, Milne, and Taylor.

There being an equality of votes, in terms of Standing Order 15(5), the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the amendment.

The Committee resolved:

to adopt the amendment.

In terms of Standing Order 36(3), Councillor Yuill intimated he would like this matter to be referred to full Council in order for a final decision to be taken. Councillor Yuill was supported by Councillors Cameron, Copland, Corall, Flynn, Greig, Nicoll, Noble and Jennifer Stewart.