

**COUNCIL
BUSINESS STATEMENT**

30th JUNE 2010

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1.	Council 16.12.09 Article 19	<p><u>50m Swimming Pool</u></p> <p>The Council approved a number of recommendations regarding design and procurement issues relating to the 50m Pool. The Council agreed that the management of the project be transferred to Aberdeen Sports Village subject to (a) the provision of further legal and financial advice in respect of any potential risks to the Council; and (b) the other partners confirming their financial contribution to the project.</p> <p>The Council requested that Aberdeen Sports Village provide the Council with a report within four months on how they planned to drive the project forward.</p>		<p>Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure</p> <p>(Report to come from Aberdeen Sports Village)</p>	24.03.10	
2.	Council 10.02.10 Article 20	<p><u>Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre (AECC)</u></p> <p>The Council agreed a number of recommendations in relation to the future funding and development of AECC, with particular reference to (1) the restructuring of a loan facility and</p>	Discussions are still ongoing between AECC, Aberdeen City Council and the respective legal advisers (Stronachs/Brodies) with a view to undertaking further due diligence relating to the risks associated with the final terms of (a) the hotel construction contract;	Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure	19.05.10	

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		<p>extension of its repayment date subject to various actions being taken and the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure reporting back on those actions to a future meeting; and (2) the Director of Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure producing a further more detailed report setting out how Phases 2 and 3 of the proposed plan might best be progressed.</p>	<p>(b) the operator contract with the proposed operator; (c) the interposed lease; (d) the structure of the lease vehicles; (e) the procurement processes used with regard to various contracts; (f) the situation with regard to State Aid; (g) the terms of the proposed financing package being provided by the bank; and (h) the potential to minimise tax liabilities.</p> <p>The bank, operator and contractor have all made some attempt to negotiate more favourable terms than originally anticipated, which would require the Council to take on additional risk.</p> <p>We are therefore still working with Brodies in order to safeguard the city's position and ensure that identifiable risks are mitigated as fully as possible.</p> <p>Officers are unable to say, for certain, when this due diligence process will be completed and it now looks unlikely that this will be completed by the end of April. The hotel can now no longer be constructed before Offshore Europe 2011, therefore there is now no longer any imperative to reach a solution.</p>			

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			<p>Officials are therefore prepared to take as long as is required to reach a conclusion that does not increase the Council's risk to exposure.</p> <p>Regarding Phases 2 and 3, the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure has had some discussions regarding future investment opportunities. A report will be presented to committee once a clearer idea is available with respect to both these issues.</p> <p>A further update will be circulated separately.</p>			
3.	Council 11.02.10 Article 2	<p><u>Future Financial Planning</u></p> <p>The Council instructed the Chief Executive, and her Directors, to make all necessary arrangements, including the commencement of a priority based budgeting approach, to achieve a balanced budget for 2011/12 and future years, which would include stakeholder consultation, to bring forward a costed five-year business plan for the Council for the period 2011-2016, and that this plan be brought to the Council in time for it to inform the decisions to be taken on the budget</p>		Chief Executive	10.11.10	

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		proposals for 2011/12 which would be considered in December 2010.				
4.	Council 24.03.10 Article 10	<p><u>Council Meetings - Start Time</u></p> <p>It was agreed that Council meetings continue to start at 10.30am up to and including the meeting on 6th October 2010, and that officers monitor the length of the meetings, reporting to the October meeting, with a view to returning to a 2.00pm start should business appear to be conducted within reasonable timescales.</p>		Head of Legal and Democratic Services	06.10.10	
5.	Council 19.05.10 Article 14	<p><u>Aberdeen City Centre - Developing a Vision for the Future</u></p> <p>The Council resolved to:-</p> <p>(i) approve the key planning and design principles contained in section 5.3 of the City Centre Development Framework and highlighted in the report as the basis for the Framework;</p> <p>(ii) agree that the final draft City Centre Development Framework be reported to the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee for approval for public consultation as Supplementary Planning Guidance to the new Local Development Plan;</p> <p>(iii) approve in principle Sir Ian Wood's offer of £50m based on</p>	A report is on the agenda.	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure</p> <p>Director of Corporate Governance</p>	30.06.10	30.06.10

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		<p>ACSEF proposals, and go to the next steps in the process, subject to the following conditions being met:</p> <p>(a) that the costs of an international design competition be met up to 50% by Sir Ian Wood up to a maximum of £400,000, with the balance of the resource required to be met by the private sector through ACSEF;</p> <p>(b) that the design brief for the competition take account of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • feedback from the consultation process • the engineering feasibility study • be able to deliver a project between £120m - £140m • that the design brief take account of, but not be constrained by, the existing planning permission • include walk on/walk off access from all sides • demonstrate how the project complied with the principles of the City Centre Development Framework <p>(c) that the project provide at least £15m for a new cultural arts centre for</p>				

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		<p>Peacock Visual Arts (including £8.2m from the Project Funding, £4.3m from the Scottish Arts Council and £3m from Aberdeen City Council), to be incorporated as part of the overall development in an iconic building; and</p> <p>(iv) instruct officers that a further report should be brought back to the next Council meeting, clearly setting out the detailed next steps as soon as possible.</p>				