

## **Aberdeen City Council Budget 2021/22 – General Fund**

### **Revenue Items Referred to the Budget Process**

The following items have been referred to the budget process which the Council is asked to provide a decision on whether they wish to take these projects further:

#### **Climate / Energy Agenda**

Two posts in relation to leading the Council's approach to sustainable energy and climate change across the city and organisation. This includes, but is not exclusively, the City Net Zero Vision and Infrastructure Plan as committed to in the May urgent business committee report. Total full year resource required **£127k**

#### **Prevention Agenda**

##### **Flooding Prevention Work (Gully Emptying) – Full year resource £470k**

In recent years the prevalence of flooding has been increasing, with the risk arising during all seasons. Preventing road / surface water flooding through a more regular and sustained gully emptying programme will assist in the prevention of crisis and or emergency costs when flooding occurs and also reduces the risk of insurance claims by householders, where the flooding has been as a direct result of surface water.

##### **Roads Inspection Regime – Full year resource £100k**

Three roads inspectors. A small issue, quickly resolved through normal maintenance is much less likely to result in additional spend and fewer insurance claims. This has the potential to improve our spend on additional work and improves our insurance premiums and associated costs.

#### **Contingent Liabilities**

##### **Aberdeen Science Centre (formerly Satrosphere)**

The Council has agreed to provide a guarantee to the Bank of Scotland for the sum of £127,654 in support of an overdraft facility and card guarantee facility until 31 March 2021. **A request from ASC has been made for a continuation of this facility for a further period. Following examination of the background and supporting financial information provided by the organisation it is recommended that an 18-month extension is approved.**

##### **Transition Extreme Sports Ltd**

The Council has agreed to provide a guarantee to the Bank of Scotland in respect of a maximum overdraft facility of £250,000, as approved at City Growth and Resources Committee on 5 December 2019. Exercising the delegated authority provided by the Committee, the Chief Officer put in place a guarantee that ends on 31 March 2021. **A request from Transition Extreme has been made for a continuation of this facility for a further period. Following examination of the background and supporting financial information provided by the organisation it is recommended that an 18-month extension is approved.**

## Procurement Business Cases

Several procurement business cases require to be approved to enable the delivery of services continuing under new contractual terms, these are summarised and listed below. The financial implications of all of the contracts have been considered in preparing the draft budget for 2021/22 and are affordable to the Council. There are contracts where call off will be required and actual costs will depend on need and demand, these will be subject to regular monitoring and reporting as necessary through the financial performance quarterly reports.

Commissioning Procurement Work Plan Council - 10 March 2021							
<b>Reference</b>	000-KVAL6278	000-UXFF6825	000-EVEX3131	000-CKTQ2511	TBC	000-XABK2426	TBC
<b>Function</b>	Operations	Operations	Operations	Operations	Resources	Operations	Commissioning
<b>Cluster</b>	Integrated Children & Family Services	Integrated Children and Family Services	Integrated Children and Family Services	Integrated Children and Family Services	People & Organisation	Integrated Children and Family Services	City Growth
<b>Description</b>	Additional Supports Needs Advisory Project (ASNAP)	Engagement and Participation Capacity Building for Care Experienced Young People	Provision of Childminding Support Service in Aberdeen City	Fostering & Continuing Care Framework	Occupational Health Service	Residential School Service for Children	Economic Policy Panel
<b>Type of Budget</b>	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
<b>Est Start Date</b>	01/04/2021	01/04/2021	01/04/2021	01/04/2021	03/08/2021	01/04/2021	01/04/2021
<b>Est End Date</b>	31/03/2022	31/03/2024	31/03/2022	30/06/2024	02/08/2024	31/03/2024	31/03/2024
<b>Max Extension Period (Years)</b>	0	2	0	1	2	0	0
<b>Est End Date (inc Extension)</b>	31/03/2022	31/03/2026	31/03/2022	30/06/2025	02/08/2026	31/03/2024	31/03/2024
<b>Summary</b>	Provision of an Additional Support Needs Advisory Project (ASNAP) to support local Funded Early Learning and Childcare providers and Out of School Care services to facilitate the inclusion of children with additional support needs, in Early Learning and Childcare settings and in Out of School Care settings throughout Aberdeen.	Provision of an Engagement and Participation service developed with and for Care Experienced Young People (CEYP)	Continue to deliver the provision of a Childminding Support Service in the city. The service will comprise of multiple elements: Development Officer and Training; Community Childminding Service; and Start Up Grants.	This framework enables local authorities to purchase fostering placements and continuing care placements from independent and voluntary providers as a supplement to their internal provision. It covers both core-type services ("Standard") and enhanced or specialist ("Enhanced") services and also short breaks.	Entering into of a call off agreement from ESPO Framework 985 Issue 8, Occupational Health Services for the provision of occupational health services	Provision of Residential School Service for Children	Provision of specialist independent individuals to form the Economic Policy Panel and report their findings annually.