

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Operational Delivery
<b>DATE</b>	31 August 2022
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Piper Alpha Memorial
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	OPE/22/175
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Rob Polkinghorne
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b>	Mark Reilly
<b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>	Steven Shaw
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	1.1.1

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update on the current situation regarding the Piper Alpha Memorial and the North Sea Memorial Rose Gardens at Hazlehead Park.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee: -

- 2.1 Note the contents of the report;
- 2.2 Notes the cost of replanting the empty rose beds and that there is currently no budget allocated to this work; and
- 2.3 Instructs the Chief Officer – Operations and Protective Services to report back to the relevant committee in the next committee cycle with a further update.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 In June 2022, Council instructed the Chief Officer, Operations and Protective Services to connect with, meet with, and agree next steps with, all relevant parties, including survivors of and families affected by the Piper Alpha disaster and trade unions.
- 3.2 Environmental Services have been in contact with groups connected to the Piper Alpha Memorial and the North Sea Memorial Rose Gardens at Hazlehead Park. Meetings are being arranged and discussion will be held to agree a way forward and next steps.
- 3.3 The outcome of the meetings will be reported back to the relevant committee in the next committee cycle.
- 3.4 In due course a full report will be brought to a Council Committee to discuss the future of the gardens. As part of the formal process any proposed changes to the gardens will be subject to consultation and all relevant planning approvals.

The final decision on the future of the memorial and the gardens will be made by Council.

- 3.5 A further instruction was issued to the Chief Officer, Operations and Protective Services to prepare a cost estimate for the planting of the rose beds as an interim measure and report this back to the Operational Delivery Committee in August 2022 including the options on how this could be funded.
- 3.6 The cost of replanting the empty rose beds is estimated at £16,400. The price for roses and materials is increasing all the time so the cost is likely to go up. The roses would only be available through winter months and planting is undertaken between the months of November and March.
- 3.7. The service has no revenue budget currently set aside for replanting any area of the garden. Budget could be sought through grant funding and sponsorship, but this is not guaranteed.
- 3.8 Communication was received from Historic Environment Scotland who have received an application to designate the Piper Alpha Memorial and the North Sea Memorial Rose Gardens on the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes. [www.historicenvironment.scot/inventory-gardens-landscapes](http://www.historicenvironment.scot/inventory-gardens-landscapes).
- 3.9 The Environmental Manager met with Historic Environment Scotland officers at Hazlehead Park on the 14 July and introduced the memorial, the gardens, and the wider park.
- 3.10 Historic Environment Scotland took notes and photographs during their visit, as part of the process of assessment for the Inventory, and to inform any further recording of the site for the National Record of the Historic Environment on Canmore.
- 3.11 Canmore contains more than 320,000 records and 1.3 million catalogue entries for archaeological sites, buildings, industry, and maritime heritage across Scotland. Compiled and managed by Historic Environment Scotland, Canmore contains information and collections from all its survey and recording work, as well as from a wide range of other organisations, communities and individuals who are helping to enhance this national resource.
- 3.12 Historic Environment Scotland will report back on their progress and next steps in due course. This information will be reported back to committee.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Should a decision be made to replant the empty rose beds over the next planting season then a budget of at least £16,400 will be required.
- 4.2 There are no further financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 7. RISK

7.1 The assessment of risk contained within the table below is considered to be consistent with the Council's Risk Appetite Statement.

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H)  *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA
<b>Compliance</b>	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA
<b>Operational</b>	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA
<b>Financial</b>	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA
<b>Reputational</b>	Communication and consultation does not include everyone with a connection to the garden.	Communication with all groups and decision-making being led by the council in all aspects of the project.	M	Yes
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	No significant risks.	NA	NA	NA

## 8. OUTCOMES

<b><u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u></b>	
	<b>Impact of Report</b>
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>	Supports the delivery of Aberdeen City Council Policy through the Council's commissioning intentions, aligned to the LOIP key drivers, and stretch outcomes.

<b>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</b>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The project would have had minimal impact on the stretch outcomes and the recommendations will have no negative impact.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	The project would have had minimal impact on the stretch outcomes and the recommendations will have no negative impact.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The project would have had minimal impact on the stretch outcomes and the recommendations will have no negative impact.
<b>Regional and City Strategies</b>	No impact identified
<b>UK and Scottish Legislative and Policy Programmes</b>	No impact identified

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>	Not required.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required.
<b>Other</b>	None

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NA

## 11. APPENDICES

NA

## 12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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