

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee
<b>DATE</b>	16 May 2023
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Piper Alpha Memorial
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	RES/23/151
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Steve Whyte
<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.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 In August 2022, Council instructed the Chief Officer, Operations and Protective Services to report back to the relevant committee in the next committee cycle with an update on the Piper Alpha Memorial and the North Sea Memorial Rose Gardens at Hazlehead Park.
- 3.2 Environmental Services have continued to contact all relevant parties connected to the Piper Alpha Memorial and the North Sea Memorial Rose Gardens. Discussion is ongoing as to next steps and agreeing a way forward for the gardens.
- 3.3. The Pound for Piper Memorial Trust continues to be in regular contact with Environmental Services and the Trust has allocated funding towards the gardens for 2023. This funding is very welcome and will allow for the park's team to undertake additional maintenance work and make improvements to the memorial and the gardens in time for the 35-anniversary service on the 6th of July 2023. The work includes the replacement of roses, work to the garden hedges and flower beds, improvements to the garden's entrance area, and general repairs and cleaning to the memorial and garden infrastructure.

- 3.4 Historic Environment Scotland's work on the designation of the Piper Alpha Memorial and the North Sea Memorial Rose Gardens continues. Regular communication has been held with Environmental Services as their work continues. Environmental Services has met with the Historic Environment Scotland team and shared information relating to the memorial and gardens. Historic Environment Scotland decision on the designation is expected during 2023.
- 3.5 Following Historic Environment Scotland's decision on the designation of the memorial and the gardens a wider, public consultation event will be undertaken to look at the options for the future and long-term sustainability of the memorial and gardens.
- 3.6 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.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no 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

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Not required.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required.
Other	None

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NA

## 11. APPENDICES

NA

## 12. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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