

Formartine Area Committee
Statement of Outstanding Business 7 February 2017

Item No.	Date	Subject Matter	Present Position	Responsible Service/Officer	Date to be completed by
1.	09/06/2015 07/06/2016 25/10/2016	Statement of Outstanding Business	<p>Members requested that the identification of a new site for a school for Balmedie be added to the statement of outstanding business, in order to progress this matter.</p> <p>Members requested that an update be provided.</p> <p><i>Member briefing session held on 30 August. Work is now ongoing to consider future provision in this area.</i></p> <p>Members requested that the Area Manager seek an update in relation to investigations into a new site for a school for Balmedie.</p> <p><i>Update emailed to members on 16 November. Further update to be provided in mid 2017.</i></p>	Formartine Area Manager	Mid 2017
2.	01/09/2015	Planning Applications for Determination	<p>Members requested that the Planning department provide to members, general guidelines for future use, in relation to design and what is considered to be appropriate.</p> <p><i>Consideration is being given to this being included as part of the upcoming post election Induction Training being developed</i></p>	Director of Infrastructure Services (Attn: Darren Ross, Planning Team Manager)	Completed

		(Aberdeenshire Performs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As the majority of indicators are Aberdeenshire figures rather than Area figures, the Area Committee is currently unable to fulfil its monitoring role, In considering the 'percentage calendar days lost to sickness per quarter' for Formartine, could officers explain why the target has increased, when surely this is a target that should be decreased, and In terms of reducing inequalities for young people and families, is there an action plan in place to tackle current issues and can the service demonstrate that it is reducing inequalities. <p>The Committee asked the Area Manager to relay their concerns to the Director of Education and Children's Services.</p> <p><i>A response to the first three comments was emailed to members on 25 November, 2016. Officers are awaiting further clarification from members in relation to the fourth point.</i></p>	Research Officer/Gordon Lennon, QIO)	
7.	15/11/2016	Former Cemetery Lodge, Castle Road, Ellon – Update on Review	<p>The Committee:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> agreed the recommendations contained within the report, Requested that officers take action to secure the Ellon Cemetery Lodge to prevent any further deterioration, pending a further report in the first quarter of 2017, and, Provided the following comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be helpful to have an update on the new approved cemetery for Ellon and the deadline for the 	Director of Business Studies (Attn: Andy Moir, Principal Asset Management Officer)	As available

			<p>conclusion for any related discussions, and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be useful to explore options for the potential sale of the Ellon Cemetery Lodge, but retaining the land to the back of the plot for a possible extension of the current cemetery. 		
8.	06/12/2016	Police Scotland – Performance Monitoring and Operational Update	<p>The Committee requested that Police Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an update to members in relation to the recent livestock thefts in Aberdeenshire, Give due consideration to their engagement with the local Community Councils, and Provide further detail to members in relation to the significant increase in detection and reduction in Motor Vehicle Crime within the Ellon and District area. 	Director of Business Services (Attn: Police Scotland)	As available
9.	17/01/2017	Planning Appeal Decision Notice and Claim for an Award of Expenses Decision Notice – APP/2016/0760 – Land at Former Aberdeen Equestrian Centre, Middlemuir, Whitecairns	It was suggested that members would find it helpful to have better guidance in relation to Policy 3 Development in the countryside, SG Rural Development1: Housing and business development in the countryside.	Director of Infrastructure Services (Attn: Darren Ross)	As available
10.	17/01/2017	Planning Appeal Decision Notice – APP/2015/2658 – Land at Hassiewells,	It was suggested that it would be useful for the Environmental Health Service to provide an update in terms of monitoring and the ability to evidence information for submitting in respect of appeals.	Director of Infrastructure Services (Attn: Graham Robertson)	As available

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11.	17/01/2017	Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership Performance and Outcomes Framework, Quarter 2 Reporting – 2016/17	<p>The Committee:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requested that officers provide an explanation in relation the low percentage of carers who feel supported to continue in their caring role, 2. Requested that officers arrange a half-day session for members with the local HSCP team, to provide an understanding of what the team are delivering in Formartine and how this fits with the strategic plan, and 3. Instructed officers to provide members with email contacts for the local HSCP team. 	Chief Officer of Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership (Attn: Susie Downie, Service Improvement Manager)	As available
12.	17/01/2017	Education and Children's Service Quarterly Performance Exception Reporting, July – September 2016, including Update on Service Plan (Aberdeenshire Performs)	<p>The Committee agreed the recommendations contained within the report and provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would be helpful to have an explanation of why performance has fallen and what is being done to resolve this, in relation to: percentage satisfaction with libraries; percentage satisfaction with museums and galleries; and percentage satisfaction with local schools, • Could officers please provide an explanation of why the percentage of half day truancy / unexplained absences of Looked After Children is below target, when the percentage of half day truancy / unexplained absences of all pupils has improved, • Could officers advise whether the satisfaction questionnaires being used can be improved and be consistent, to allow figures to be compared year on year. <p><i>Response emailed to members on 27 January 2017.</i></p>	Director of Education and Children's Services (Attn: Imogen Fitzgerald, Analysis and Research Officer, Gillian Milne, Workforce Planning and Staffing Manager)	As available

			<p>The Committee also requested that the Area Manager write to the Director of Education & Children's Services to highlight that the narrative being provided within these reports is insufficient to explain what is being done to improve matters when there is a downward trend; the service needs to provide figures as well as percentages in order for the information to be meaningful; and it would be useful to explore opportunities for separate sessions with both officers and Head Teachers, to discuss the issues being reported.</p>	Elaine Brown, Formartine Area Manager	Completed
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