

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE

GORDON HOUSE, INVERURIE ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Councillors D Lonchay (Chair), N Baillie, L Berry, M Ewenson, M Ford, R McKail, G Reid, H Smith and J Whyte.

Apologies: Councillors D Aitchison, V Harper, F Hood, S Leslie, A McKelvie and I Walker.

Officers: M J Cardno (Garioch Area Manager), A Overton, (Senior Solicitor), G Steel (Principal Engineer), E McDonald (Engineer), D Rennie (Business Development Executive), M Davis (Waste Team Manager), L Dougall (Affordable Housing Officer) and K Macleod (Marr Area Committee Officer).

1. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Chair asked Members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct. No interests were declared.

2. RESOLUTION - EQUALITIES

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010:-

1. to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

2B. EXEMPT ITEMS

"That, under Sections 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting for certain items of business on account of the likely disclosure of exempt information of the classes described in the relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act".

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3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF 28 AUGUST 2018

In accordance with Standing Order 7.1.1 the Committee **agreed** that the minute was a correct record of proceedings and it was duly signed by the Councillor presiding over the meeting.

**4. HOUSING SERVICE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE – EXCEPTION REPORTING
APRIL - JUNE 2018 (ABERDEENSHIRE PERFORMS)**

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services was circulated presenting the exceptional performance information for the Housing Service for the period from April to June 2018.

The Committee **agreed**:-

1. to acknowledge the positive performance achieved from April to June 2018 (Quarter 1);
2. to note those measures where performance was below expectations from April to June 2018;
3. to acknowledge the publication on Ward Pages of the complete April to June Performance Report along with a reporting rationale document for all indicators; and
4. to request further information on:-
 - (a) why the average number of days to complete non-emergency repairs had increased;
 - (b) issues letting sheltered housing and consideration of changing the criteria for tenants;
 - (c) the number of void properties in Garioch; and
 - (d) the reasons that the target for average re-let time in Garioch had been missed when this had previously been consistent.

5. ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN GARIOCH – APRIL 2017 TO MARCH 2018

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services was circulated providing information on economic development related activity in Garioch in 2017/18.

The Business Development Executive introduced the report and responded to questions from Members in relation to the Positive Procurement programme, the inward investment hub, broadband, and support for farmers' markets.

The Committee **agreed** to note the content of the report and to seek further information as follows:-

1. details of any follow up with new business start-ups assisted by Business Gateway;
2. a breakdown of the economic development budget being provided as loans and grants to different bodies;
3. information on managing transfer of expertise from the oil and gas sector to the renewables sector;
4. clearer differentiation in future reports between oil and gas exploration and decommissioning activity; and
5. an update on progress of community action plans.

6. KINELLAR PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLACKBURN – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ORDER 2018

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services was circulated seeking authorisation to commence the statutory procedures for the making of a road traffic order relating to the

introduction of waiting restrictions and extension of the part time 20mph speed limit at Kinellar Primary School.

The Committee **agreed** to:-

1. authorise the commencement of the statutory procedures for the making of the Aberdeenshire Council (Kinellar Primary School, Blackburn) (Traffic Management) Order 2018;
2. authorise the subsequent making of the Aberdeenshire Council (Kinellar Primary School, Blackburn) (Traffic Management) Order 2018, in the event that no valid objections were received or any received were resolved and withdrawn; and
3. instruct the submission of a further report to Committee in the event that any valid objections received were not resolved and not withdrawn, or the proposals were amended following consideration of valid objections.

7. WASTE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services was circulated seeking consideration of the draft Waste Strategy 2019-2023.

The Waste Team Manager spoke on the strategy and responded to questions in relation to the practice of other local authorities; garden waste; support for community composting; education and public engagement; the timeline for improving household waste recycling centres; Zero Waste Scotland funding; what happened to recycling once collected; calculation of carbon impact; and the criteria for seasonal garden waste collection points.

Councillor Ford moved to recommend to the Infrastructure Services Committee that the Council not proceed as a partner in the proposed Energy from Waste facility in Aberdeen. The motion was not seconded and Councillor Ford requested that it be recorded in the Minutes in accordance with Standing Order 5.2.4.

The Committee **agreed** to note the draft Waste Strategy 2019-2023 and make the following recommendations to Infrastructure Services Committee:-

1. That an evaluation of the consequences, both financial and environmental, of a self-funded garden waste collection vs. continuing with bring-to sites, home composting, and supporting community composting be provided.
2. That a comparative evaluation of the practices of the most successful local authorities in the UK, in terms of recycling, be provided.
3. That there be an additional objective to work with third sector organisations and community groups to enable reuse and community composting.
4. That Option 4 be the preferred option.
5. That consideration be given to extending the seasonal garden waste collection points to include Kintore.

8. STREET NAMING – INVERURIE COMMUNITY CAMPUS

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services was circulated seeking agreement for the naming of a street at Inverurie Community Campus.

The Committee **agreed** to authorise the use of the name 'Dixon Way' for the new street at Inverurie Community Campus.

9. NEW BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT AT CONGLASS, INVERURIE (PHASE 2) – LAND ACQUISITION AND PROCUREMENT APPROVAL

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services was circulated seeking approval for procurement and land acquisition in relation to the new build affordable housing project at Conglass.

The Committee **agreed** to:-

1. approve the acquisition of the land at Conglass at a purchase cost as detailed in the report;
2. note the Infrastructure Services (Housing) Supplementary Work Plan as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
3. approve the item on the Supplementary Work Plan and note that the item would be added to the Infrastructure Services (Housing) Work Plan that was approved by Communities Committee on 15 February, 2018;
4. approve the Business Case for the project in Appendix 3 of the report; and
5. note that the Head of Housing had the delegated authority to award the final contract.