

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE

VIA SKYPE – 9TH NOVEMBER 2021

Present: Councillors N Smith (Chair), D Beagrie (Vice Chair), A Allan, M Buchan, S Calder, A Fakley, A Simpson, S Smith and I Sutherland

Apologies: Councillors J Ingram and A Buchan

Officers: Amanda Roe, Buchan Area Manager (Business Services); Lauren Cowie, Principal Solicitor (Business Services); Neil Shirran, Project Co-ordinator (Infrastructure Services); and Theresa Wood, Area Committee Officer (Business Services)

COUNCILLOR JIM INGRAM

The Chairman advised that Councillor Ingram was recovering well from his recent operation, and extended the Committee's good wishes to him.

1. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

There were no declarations of Members interests intimated.

2(a) STATEMENT ON EQUALITIES

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Committee **noted** the requirement, 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
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching their decision

2(b) RESOLUTION

The Committee **agreed** in terms of Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the items specified below so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the undernoted paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Item No
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Paragraph No of Schedule 7A
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3. DRAFT MINUTE OF 5TH OCTOBER 2021

The Draft Minute of the Meeting of 5th October 2021 had been circulated and was **approved**.

4. STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

Having heard from the Area Manager, the Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) Action 1 – delete,
- (2) Action 2(1) – to note that the meeting is now provisionally scheduled for 7th December,
- (3) Action 2(3) – to note that a further site visit has taken place and cleaning of the gulley's; awaiting a further update from Scottish Water. Agreed that this issue should be placed on the Agenda for 7th December with Scottish Water and SEPA,
- (4) Action 3 – delete,
- (5) Action 6(1) – to note that the Area Manager has requested that the interactive map on core paths be updated and re-issued as soon as possible,
- (6) Action 9 – to note that the issues raised will be placed on the Agenda for 7th December with Scottish Water and SEPA, and
- (7) Action 10 – to note that the Area Manager confirmed that a report will be made available at the Buchan Area Committee Meeting of 30th November

5. REVISED ADEN RTIF PROJECT – TOILET PROVISION AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADES CONTRACT

A report by the Director of Infrastructure Services had been circulated advising that at the Buchan Area Committee Meeting on 22nd June 2021 the Committee approved the Aden RTIF Project Supplementary Directorate Procurement Plan. Following the results of the Aden RTIF Project “Aden Country Park – New Changing Places Toilet Provision & Electrical Upgrades” competitive tender exercise, the project value has increased, and, as a result, the Committee is now being asked to acknowledge the revised Aden RTIF Project Procurement Plan.

The Committee **agreed**:-

- (1) to acknowledge the overall increase in the Aden RTIF Project costs as detailed in Appendix 1,
- (2) to recommend the use of the increased budget and funding support for the Aden RTIF Project, and
- (3) to approve Appendix 3 - Aden Toilet Provision & Electrical Upgrades Award Report to enable the award of the contract to the specified contractor for the total value as detailed