

## ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

### WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 22 NOVEMBER, 2018

**Present:** Councillors K Adam, W Agnew, D Aitchison, A Allan, P Argyle, N Baillie, D Beagrie, L Berry, A Bews, G Blackett, R Bruce, C Buchan, M Buchan, S Calder, G Carr, R Cassie, J Cox, I Davidson, S Dickinson, A Duncan, E Durno, A Evison, M Ewenson, A Fakley, M Findlater, M Ford, A Forsyth, P Gibb, J Gifford, V Harper, A Hassan, F Hood, W Howatson, J Hutchison, M Ingleby, J Ingram, P Johnston, A Kloppert, A Kille, J Latham, S Leslie, D Lonchay, R McKail, A McKelvie, D Mair, I Mollison, G Owen, G Petrie, C Pike, G Reid, G Reynolds, D Robertson, A Ross, M Roy, A Simpson, H Smith, N Smith, S Smith, A Stirling, I Sutherland, I Taylor, R Thomson, B Topping, I Walker, A Wallace, J Whyte, L Wilson and R Withey.

**Apologies:** Councillors A Buchan and Partridge.

**Officers:** Chief Executive, Director of Business Services, Director of Education and Children's Services, Director of Infrastructure Services, Chief Officer (Health and Social Care Partnership), Head of Finance, Head of Legal and Governance and Principal Committee Services Officer.

### CHAIR

Councillor W Howatson, Provost of the Council, presided.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Provost congratulated the communities of Inverurie and Turriff following their recent success in a competition to find Scotland's Most Beautiful High Street 2018 with Turriff winning the competition and Inverurie achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The Provost also congratulated Banchory Academy S1 pupil Ava Fettes, from Strachan, who recently achieved 6<sup>th</sup> place in double mini trampoline for Great Britain in the World Championships in St Petersburg.

The Provost also welcomed back Councillors Hassan and Robertson following recent illnesses.

### 1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Provost asked members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct and the following declarations were intimated:-

- (1) Item 5 – Councillor Sutherland, as BID Manager Rediscover Peterhead and, having applied the objective test, considered the interest to be so remote and insignificant would remain and participate in the meeting;
- (2) Items 7 & 10 – Councillor Evison as President of CoSLA and, having applied the objective test, considered the interest to be so remote and insignificant would remain and participate in the meeting; and
- (3) Item 12 – Councillor Findlater given a family member's involvement in the matter and would leave the meeting during consideration and determination thereof.

## 2. STATEMENT OF EQUALITIES

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

## 3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL OF 27 SEPTEMBER, 2018

The Minute of Meeting of Aberdeenshire Council of 27 September, 2018, had been circulated, was **approved** as a correct record subject to the following amendments –

- (1) Announcements – to include the Provost's best wishes to Councillor Hassan for a speedy recovery from a recent illness; and
- (2) Item 4(1) – to delete Councillors Beagrie, Gifford, Ingleby, McKail, Pike and Walker from the list of Councillors who entered their dissent.

## 4. PLANNING APPLICATION APP/2018/1891 - PLANNING PERMISSION IN PRINCIPLE - NATIONAL APPLICATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ONSHORE ELECTRICAL TRANSMISSION CABLES, COMPRISING AN ONSHORE TRANSITION JOINTING PIT, UNDERGROUND CABLES WITHIN A 6KM (APPROXIMATELY) LONG CABLE CORRIDOR ALSO INCLUDING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUNDS, ACCESS TRACKS, LAYDOWN AREAS AND OTHER ASSOCIATED WORKS, LANDING AT SHORELINE WITHIN THE VICINITY OF REDHYTHE POINT, SANDEND, TRAVELLING SOUTH AND EXITING ABERDEENSHIRE AT COTTON HILL, FORDYCE.

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Banff and Buchan Area Committee of 2 October 2018 (Item 8, Appendix A) a report dated 4 October 2018 seeking consideration of a national application for construction of onshore electrical transmission cables, comprising an onshore transition jointing pit, underground cables within a 6km (approximately) long cable corridor also including temporary construction compounds, access tracks, laydown areas and other associated works, landing at shoreline within the vicinity of Redhythe Point, Sandend, travelling south and exiting Aberdeenshire at Cotton Hill, Fordyce.

The Planning Manager introduced the report and explained that, following a pre determination hearing, the Banff and Buchan Area Committee had made a number of comments on the application as detailed in paragraph 5.1 of the report and supported the recommendation of approval. Reference was made to the Aberdeenshire element of the application, the Environmental Impact Assessment Report submitted, mitigation aspects and the proposal to extend the period over which the permission would be valid from 3 years to 5 years which was also being applied by Moray Council. The application was recommended for approval subject to the conditions detailed in the report.

The Council **agreed**:-

- (1) to GRANT Planning Permission in Principle, subject to:-

(a) The following conditions:

- (i) Details of the specified matters listed below shall be submitted for consideration by the Planning Authority, in accordance with the timescales and other limitations in Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended). No work along the cable route site shall begin until the written approval of the Planning Authority has been given and the development shall be carried out in accordance with that approval.

Specified matters:

- (a) Full details of the final route of the cables, with proposed micro-siting limits. The proposed route shall demonstrate how impacts on the following have been avoided, or where avoidance is not possible, mitigated:
- Wetlands, especially groundwater-dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTEs), which are types of wetlands protected by the Water Framework Directive;
  - Peatland;
  - Private water supplies;
  - Field drains;
  - Groundwater;
  - Engineering works in the water environment, including watercourse crossings;
  - Flood risk;
  - Listed Buildings;
  - Assessment of potentially contaminated sites identified in EIAR (for the finalised cable route) including investigations carried out in accordance with *BS 10175:2011+A2:2017 – “Investigation of Potentially Contaminated Sites – Code of Practice”*, an appropriate remedial scheme, validation report and treatments of areas of hardstanding, clean cover or other such barriers;
  - Recreational receptors, including walking or cycling routes and details of advance notice to users of any potential disruption;
  - Noise and vibration disturbance;
  - Coastal processes and costal profile.
- (b) Full details of all existing and proposed landscape features, including trees, shrubs or hedging to be retained and proposed throughout the cable route. Replacement and additional planting shall be locally native species of local provenance appropriate to the Banff and Buchan area. Details shall be provided on the reinstatement of walls, woodland, hedges, recreation routes and water courses.
- (c) A full pre-construction survey of protected mammals, within and adjacent to the site. This shall include any otter resting places within the corridor.
- (d) Full details of any temporary access tracks required along the cable route. This shall include a detailed scheme for the reinstatement of the tracks.
- (e) A Full Construction and Temporary Works Schedule, including plans showing all construction and temporary works, including any borrow pits. The Schedule shall take into account the following issues:

- Wetlands
  - Peatlands
  - Private Water Supplies
  - Engineering works in the water environment
  - Flood risk, including that in association with existing field drains
- (f) A full site specific Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP). The CEMP shall address the following issues:
- Schedule of Mitigation formed from the “Schedule of best practice and mitigation commitments” contained in the Environmental Impact Assessment Report for those elements that are not covered by a Construction Site Licence obtained from SEPA
  - Site Waste Management Plan, including the disposal of any surplus material
  - Pollution Prevention measures, including those for the development once operational
  - Schedule of Environmental Commitments
  - Sediment management
  - Environmental incidents
  - Water management plan (terrestrial and freshwater)
  - Wet weather management plan
  - Drainage plan for SUDS
  - Appropriate training in the CEMP and PPGs
  - References to relevant Method Statements
- (g) Full details of a programme of archaeological works in accordance with a written scheme of investigation.
- (h) A Phasing Plan outlining details of the phasing of all construction works of the cable route development. Thereafter, development shall be undertaken in accordance with this approved Phasing Plan.
- (i) Full details of the proposed construction access route(s), including the following:
- Vehicle swept paths for any abnormal load requirements;
  - Phasing plan(s) for the cable works which confirms road improvement works required prior to commencement;
  - Details of the construction access route to determine the locations of structures (e.g. bridges) and street furniture affected by any construction and/or abnormal load vehicle movements;
  - Road improvements/strengthening (either temporary or permanent) required;
  - Details confirming locations of cable road crossings and proposed works.
  - Trunk road interactions including relevant consenting processes.
  - Details of the access visibility splays for any temporary construction access junctions onto the public highway;
  - Measures taken to safeguard public access and safety where the construction corridor crosses any public footpaths, cycle ways or bridal paths.
- (j) A Full Mitigation Statement summarising all mitigation measures proposed at the cable route site.

- (k) Full details on proposed measures and mitigation to protect the Cullen to Stake Ness Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), to be prepared in consultation with Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and thereafter agreed by the Planning Authority. These will include coverage of the following matters:
- Where practicable, the preferred technique for the installation of infrastructure is assumed to be horizontal directional drilling (HDD), as long as this reduces the overall impacts on all features (biological and geological). A HDD method statement for works within the zone of influence (Zol) of the SSSI will be drawn up in consultation with SNH;
  - Should it prove necessary to use installation techniques other than HDD (e.g. open cut trenching), consultation will be undertaken with SNH throughout the detailed design process regarding the most appropriate approach, as well as to agree siting of infrastructure and temporary works areas;
  - A botanical assessment (National Vegetation Classification [NVC]) will be undertaken within the Zol along with surveys of the designated geological features and used to refine the exact construction methods and locations (both temporary and permanent) to avoid the best representative locations of the designated features. The potential to focus on areas where scrub encroachment (and / or other factors) is compromising the Favourable Conservation Status (FCS) of the SSSI will be considered along with a suite of bespoke mitigation and compensation measures if required; and
  - If works are required within the intertidal areas of the SSSI, further Phase 1 / Phase 2 intertidal surveys will be undertaken to ensure there are no effects upon SSSI features or other sensitive habitats and communities.

Reason: Permission for the development has been granted in principle only and subsequent approval is required for these matters in accordance with Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended).

- (ii) That the construction operations are limited to 07.00 - 19.00 Monday to Friday and 07.00 - 13.00 on Saturdays only and on Public Holidays. Any night-time operations shall be subject to written details of the work times and any noise mitigation measures purposed to be installed being approved by the Planning Department prior to the works commencing.

Reason: In order to protect the amenity of nearby and adjoining residents.

- (iii) That within a period not less than 6 months prior to the ultimate cessation of operation, or an alternative timeframe as agreed in writing by the Planning Authority, a Decommissioning Plan is to be prepared in line with best practice at the time of preparation and submitted for the written approval of the Planning Authority in consultation with SEPA.

Reason: To ensure provision is in place to facilitate a move towards a "Circular Economy" and futureproof the development against future environmental requirements or considerations in the interests of the protection of the natural environment.

- (b) the following Direction Under Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997:-

That subsection (2)(a)(i) of section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) shall apply as respects the permission with the substitution for the period of 3 years referred to in that subsection of 5 years, as is considered

appropriate by the Planning Authority in this instance on the basis of the scale of the development. The provisions of section 59(2) shall therefore be read as follows:

That this planning permission in principle shall lapse unless a further application or applications for approval of the matters specified in all condition(s) attached to this grant of planning permission in principle across the entire site has been made before whichever is the latest of the following:

- (i) The expiration of 5 years from the date of this grant of planning permission in principle;
- (ii) The expiration of 6 months from the date on which an earlier application for the requisite approval of matters specified in conditions was refused;
- (iii) The expiration of 6 months from the date on which an appeal against such refusal was dismissed.

Pursuant to Section 59 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended by the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.

- (2) the reason for the decision as follows:-

The proposal and mitigation measures set out and contained therein are considered to be acceptable in terms of the relevant Policies contained within the Aberdeenshire Local Development Plan 2017. The proposal is consistent with the Development Plan's aims of reducing carbon emissions and adapting to climate change. It also contributes to the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework's aim to move Scotland towards creating a low carbon place.

## **5. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING TO 30 SEPTEMBER, 2018**

A report dated 7 November, 2018 by the Director of Business Services was circulated explaining the financial position of the Council as at 30 September, 2018. The report stated that the forecast to the end of the financial year was expected to be in excess of budget, that Services were aware of a number of risks facing the Council, and that those risks were subject to ongoing review and would continue to be reported to the relevant policy committees, along with actions being taken to mitigate those risks. The report contained a number of proposed budget virements, together with an update on usable reserves.

The Council **agreed**:-

- (1) to note the Revenue Budget position as at 30 September, 2018;
- (2) to note the forecast position and the actions taken to address the current situation; and
- (3) to approve the budget virements as set out in Appendix 2.

## **6. NON-HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2018/2019 AND CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE 2018-2033**

There had been circulated a report dated 1 October, 2018 by the Director of Business Services which (1) detailed expected expenditure and income on projects contained within the Council's Non-Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Budget; (2) highlighted projects which showed variations requiring amendments to be made to the Capital Plan; (3) sought approval for additional capital funding of £358,000 for upgrading the Greenbanks Traveller Site to meet Scottish Government standards, which was anticipated to be self-funding as the forecast income streams were expected to meet the additional borrowing costs and new operating costs.

The Council **agreed** to approve:-

- (1) the revisions to the Capital Budget for 2018/19 referred to at Appendix 4 of the report and the resulting expenditure of £115,142,000;
- (2) the revisions to the Capital Budget for future years, as detailed in Appendices 1, 2, and 4 of the report;
- (3) the inclusion of Greenbanks Traveller Site in the Capital Plan, as detailed in paragraph 2.5 of the report;
- (4) the revenue financing costs set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report.

## **7. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Council of 8 February, 2018 (Item 3), there was circulated a report by the Head of Finance which provided an update on the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS). The report explained the background to the Council's MTFS which drew together the Revenue Budget, Capital Plan, Reserves, Housing Revenue Account and the Carbon Budget and the Strategy's development as a more strategic and integrated financial plan as well as being a financial representation of the Council's Priorities and proposed that the Council note the current position, agree the budget engagement arrangements detailed in Appendix 1 and receive budget proposals for years 2019 – 24 on 14 February 2019.

Councillor Gifford moved, seconded by Councillor Argyle, that Council approve the recommendations contained in the report namely to note the current position in relation to the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) process; agree the budget engagement proposals detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and agree to receive budget proposals for years 2019 – 24 on 14 February 2019.

Councillor Evison moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Thomson, that Council approve the recommendations contained in the report and a further recommendation namely to note the draft revenue budget figures for 2019/2020 as presented at the meeting by the Partnership Group.

Councillor Ford moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor Johnston, that Council approve the recommendations contained in the report and a further recommendation namely to note draft budget proposals from the different political groups, including the Democratic Independent and Green Group draft revenue budget proposal as presented at the meeting.

On a vote between Councillor Evison's amendment and Councillor Ford's amendment, members of the Council voted as follows –

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| for Councillor Evison's amendment | (24) | Councillors Adam, Aitchison, Allan, Baillie, Bews, Blackett, C Buchan, Calder, Cassie, Duncan, Durno, Evison, Forsyth, Harper, Ingram, Kloppert, Petrie, Reid, Reynolds, Robertson, S Smith, Topping, Thomson and Wilson |
| for Councillor Ford's amendment   | (2)  | Councillors Ford and Johnston  |

declined to vote (41) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Beagrie, Berry, Bruce, M Buchan, Carr, Cox, Davidson, Dickinson, Ewenson, Fakley, Findlater, Gibb, Gifford, Hassan, Hood, Howatson, Hutchison, Ingleby, Kille, Latham, Leslie, Lonchay, Mair, McKail, McKelvie, Mollison, Owen, Ross, Roy, Simpson, H Smith, Stirling, N Smith, Sutherland, Taylor, Walker, Wallace, Whyte and Withey

absent from the vote (1) Councillor Pike

Councillor Evison's amendment was carried.

On a vote between the substantive motion and Councillor Evison's amendment, members of the Council voted as follows -

for the motion (42) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Beagrie, Berry, Bruce, M Buchan, Carr, Cox, Davidson, Dickinson, Ewenson, Fakley, Findlater, Gibb, Gifford, Hassan, Hood, Howatson, Hutchison, Ingleby, Kille, Latham, Leslie, Lonchay, Mair, McKail, McKelvie, Mollison, Owen, Pike, Ross, Roy, Simpson, H Smith, Stirling, N Smith, Sutherland, Taylor, Walker, Wallace, Whyte and Withey

for Councillor Evison's amendment (24) Councillors Adam, Aitchison, Allan, Baillie, Bews, Blackett, C Buchan, Calder, Cassie, Duncan, Durno, Evison, Forsyth, Harper, Ingram, Kloppert, Petrie, Reid, Reynolds, Robertson, S Smith, Topping, Thomson and Wilson

declined to vote (2) Councillors Ford and Johnston

The motion was carried and the Council **agreed**:-

- (1) to note the current position in relation to the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) process;
- (2) the budget engagement proposals detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (3) to receive budget proposals for years 2019 – 24 on 14 February 2019.

## 8. SCHEME OF GOVERNANCE

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Council of 27 September, 2018 (Item 13), there had been circulated a report dated 8 November, 2018 by the Director of Business Services seeking approval of (1) the previously reported amendments to Parts 2A and 2C of the Scheme of Governance relating to (a) Area Committees' role in agreeing masterplans; (b) the



delegation to Policy Committees to approve members' attendance at conferences and events to reflect that a councillor who is not a member of the Committee may be nominated to attend; and (c) revised delegated powers for Area Committees for road traffic orders to clarify what Area Committees have the delegated power to determine in relation to those orders; and (2) additions to the Glossary to provide definitions in respect of Procurement and Relevant Service Management Team (for the purpose of Financial Regulations).

The Council **agreed** to approve:-

- (1) the proposed additions and amendments to Parts 2A and 2C of the Scheme of Governance which were reported to Full Council on 27 September, 2018;
- (2) the insertion of definitions for "procurement" and "relevant service management team" into the Glossary at Part 4H of the Scheme of Governance; and
- (3) the implementation of the revised Scheme of Governance on 23 November, 2018.

#### **9. USE OF DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICERS BY REASON OF SPECIAL URGENCY**

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of 28 November, 2013 (Item 7), a report dated 22 October, 2018, by the Director of Business Services had been circulated providing a list of the occasions when officers had used delegated powers (as provided for in paragraph B1 of Part 2B of the Scheme of Governance) between March 2017 and September 2018, to take decisions by reason of special urgency.

The Council **agreed** to note the occasions when officers had used delegated powers, (as provided for in paragraph B1 of Part 2B of the Scheme of Governance) between March 2017 and September 2018, to take decisions by reason of special urgency.

#### **10. APPOINTMENT TO CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES THEMED BOARD**

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of 18 May, 2018 (Item 9), there was circulated a report dated 5 November, 2018 by the Director of Business Services advising that Councillor Wallace wished to stand down from his position as the Council's representative to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' (CoSLA) Environment and Economy Board and seeking the nomination of a replacement member to the Board.

Councillor Gifford moved, seconded by Councillor Argyle, that Councillor Hutchison be appointed as the Council representative to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' (CoSLA) Environment and Economy Board.

Councillor Johnston moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Ford, that Councillor Ford be appointed as the Council representative to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' (CoSLA) Environment and Economy Board.

Councillor Thomson moved as a further amendment, seconded by Councillor S Smith, that Councillor Aitchison be appointed as the Council representative to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' (CoSLA) Environment and Economy Board.

Members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Hutchison	(42)	Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Beagrie, Berry, Bruce, M Buchan, Carr, Cox, Davidson, Dickinson, Ewenson, Fakley, Findlater, Gibb, Gifford, Hassan, Hood, Howatson, Hutchison, Ingleby, Kille, Latham, Leslie, Lonchay, Mair, McKail, McKelvie, Mollison, Owen, Pike, Ross, Roy, Simpson, H Smith, Stirling, N Smith, Sutherland, Taylor, Walker, Wallace, Whyte and Withey
for Councillor Aitchison	(24)	Councillors Adam, Aitchison, Allan, Baillie, Bews, Blackett, C Buchan, Calder, Cassie, Duncan, Durno, Evison, Forsyth, Harper, Ingram, Kloppert, Petrie, Reid, Reynolds, Robertson, S Smith, Topping, Thomson and Wilson
for Councillor Ford	(2)	Councillors Ford and Johnston

Councillor Hutchison was duly appointed as the Council representative to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities' (CoSLA) Environment and Economy Board.

#### **11. AREA WORKING ARRANGEMENTS – ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP**

There had been circulated a report dated 8 November, 2018 by the Chief Executive (1) explaining that the Council had had a devolved area structure in place since 1996 when the Council was formed; (2) advising that the six administrative areas formed a core aspect of the Council's structure and that effective working arrangements at area level were fundamental for the Council to be fully effective and successful; and (3) proposing that the Council undertake a review of its working arrangements at area level to ensure that those arrangements continued to be as effective as possible. It was proposed that a Working Group be established to lead on that work with a remit, as detailed in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of the report, to consider the cultural and behavioural aspects of area working; engage and consult with relevant stakeholders and partners; and make recommendations to Full Council on proposed improvements.

The Council **agreed**:-

- (1) to establish a short-life Working Group to be known as the Area Improvement Working Group,
- (2) the amended remit of the Working Group as follows –

To consider the cultural and behavioural aspects of area working; engage and consult with relevant stakeholders and partners; and make recommendations to Full Council on proposed improvements to include but not be limited to consideration of the following:

- The ethos of community-based decision making
- Effective communication between Services, Areas and Councillors
- Co-ordination of cross-service Area Plans
- Inclusive cross-working practices
- Effective consultation with the Area Committees

- Optimum line management of Area Managers
  - Ambassadors and Leaders at a local level
- (3) whilst working within its remit, that the Working Group be authorised to set its own terms of reference, meeting schedules, appoint a Chair from within its membership and set its own detailed Plan of Work;
  - (4) that 12 Elected Members be appointed to the Area Improvement Working Group comprising administration members (7), Partnership members (4) and amalgamated small groups and independent members (1), with nominations to be notified to the Chief Executive within 7 days;
  - (5) to note Councillor Ford's appointment as the representative of the amalgamated small groups and independents on the Working Group; and
  - (6) that the Area Improvement Working Group report its findings and recommendations to a future meeting of Full Council.

## **12. REGENERATION PROJECT, THE FAITHLIE CENTRE, 1-3 SALTOUN SQUARE, FRASERBURGH**

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of the Banff and Buchan Area Committee of 21 March 2017 (Item 3), there had been circulated a report by the Director of Infrastructure Services advising that the appointed contractor in respect of the regeneration project at the Faithlie Centre, 1-3 Saltoun Square, Fraserburgh had gone in to Administration and outlining the current status of the project together with options available to conclude the work.

The Council **agreed**:-

- (1) to note the current status of the project and the implications of the main contractor going into Administration;
- (2) to approve the updated and estimated financial implications required to complete the works, as described in Section 4 of the report;
- (3) to delegate authority to the Director of Infrastructure Services, following consultation with the Council Leader, Depute Leader and Leader of the Opposition to complete the project and report back to Council if necessary; and
- (4) that regular update reports on the matter be presented to Banff and Buchan Area Committee and Business Services Committee.

