

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: City of Inverness Area Committee

Date: 19 November 2020

Report Title: Financial Impact Statements – Notices of Motion

Report By: Executive Chief Officer, Resources & Finance

The following Notices of Motion have been received by the Head of Corporate Governance –

(i) The City of Inverness Area Committee agrees to undertake a ‘re-imagining of the City of Inverness’

To create a programme of works to include:

- i. to investigate the possible pedestrianisation of Union Street and Queensgate;
- ii. to undertake a ‘deep clean’ of all streets within the curtilage of the City, to plant trees and shrubs within the City, to make the City a cleaner, greener, fresher place to live, work and visit; and
- iii. to ensure that all stakeholders are participants in this Programme.

This Programme of Re-Imagining the City of Inverness will encourage more people into the City, support existing City Centre businesses, and create a café/restaurant culture within the square of Union Street, Queensgate and the Victorian Market.

Signed: Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair Mr R MacWilliam

There is a financial impact if this motion is approved. At this stage I cannot determine the value as it would be dependent upon agreeing what was required as part of a “deep clean”. The service have no flexibility within current budget to provision to deliver this.

(ii) That the CIAC notes with concern the as yet unknown impact of Covid-19 on businesses operating within the Inverness Common Good Fund estate. The committee resolves to consult with those businesses with a view to providing appropriate additional supports in order to promote the mutual long-term interests of both commercial tenants and the ICGF

Signed: Mr R MacWilliam Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair

Resources would be required to carry out the consultation work with businesses that could have a financial impact if additional resource is required.

(iii) This council undertakes to achieve “Living Wage” designation status for Inverness to provide benefit and support for lower paid employees, while improving the reputation of businesses. This will be prioritised to enhance our COVID-19 recovery. The CIAC undertakes to bring a report to the next meeting of CIAC to take this forward.

Signed: Mr K Gowans Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair

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