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COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION REQUEST DECISION NOTICE

Community participation body: **Mearns Community Council, Stonehaven Community Council**

Public service authority: **Aberdeenshire Council (“the Council”)**

Date of community participation request: **5 November 2018**

Date of decision notice: **10 December 2018**

The Council **agrees** to Mearns Community Council and Stonehaven Community Council’s request to participate in an outcome improvement process.

In the request Mearns Community Council and Stonehaven Community Council stated: *“the outcome that several Community Councils would like considered is increased Community Empowerment and improved and equitable participation in decision making around participatory budgeting policy.”*

A process to develop an outcome improvement process collaboratively with Mearns Community Council and Stonehaven Community Council is being proposed.

The Council would like to invite Mearns Community Council, Stonehaven Community Council and the other Community Councils supporting the request to participate in a facilitated workshop to collectively and collaboratively design an outcome improvement process in respect of the outcome. The Council has the responsibility to design the workshop and will submit the workshop proposal to Mearns Community Council and Stonehaven Community Council no later than 14 working days following agreement of Mearns Community Council and Stonehaven Community Council with this proposal. It is anticipated the workshop will take place in February 2019 and the outcome improvement process as defined by s28 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 will commence following the workshop and no later than 90 days from the date of this notice.

In terms of section 26(3) of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, any written representations on the above proposal may be made by the community participation body no later than 7th January 2019 to:-

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