

**REPORT TO: THE MORAY COUNCIL ON 26 MARCH 2008**

**SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR REGIONAL FACILITIES**

**BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To invite the Council to consider a request from Maureen Watt MSP that the Council, in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council, consider the issue of funding of regional facilities.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Council consider the request from Maureen Watt MSP that the Council, in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council, consider the issue of funding of regional facilities.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Maureen Watt MSP has written to the Chief Executive advising that she has been contacted by a number of constituents who are concerned about the closure of facilities operated by Aberdeen City Council and that a number of these constituents live outwith the city boundaries in Moray.
- 3.2 The letter also states that there are a number of facilities in Aberdeen that are “truly regional facilities”, although these are not listed in the letter. It is further stated that in effect council tax payers in the City are subsidising the use of these facilities to people outwith the local authority area and that there are questions of fairness in relation to the burden of providing these regional facilities falling upon council taxpayers in the city alone.
- 3.3 The letter concludes by asking that the Council, look into this situation, in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council, in order to address this problem of funding for regional resources.

**5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

(a)	Corporate Development Improvement Plan	Plan/Community	Plan/Service
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None

**(b) Policy and Legal**

None

**(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)**

None associated with this report.

**(d) Consultations**

None

**6. CONCLUSION**

- 6.1 That the Council consider the request from Maureen Watt MSP that the Council, in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeenshire Council, consider the issue of funding of regional facilities.**

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Background Papers:

Ref: Letter dated 20 February 2008 from Maureen Watt MSP