

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 29 September 2016	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

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Provost Anne Hall (Convener): Councillor John Caldwell (Depute Convener):

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## **Items of business**

### **Apologies**

Apologies from members.

### **Declarations of Interest**

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels (attached separately).

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Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 27 June 2016, pages 27-30

Council 4 July 2016, pages 31-34

Regulatory Functions Board, 7 July 2016, pages 35-38

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Regulatory Functions Board, 1 September 2016, pages 139-148

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Report by Director of Development and Housing Services

**13 Planning Applications**

Members must deal with planning applications in an objective manner to ensure that they cannot be challenged with accusations of bias or predetermination. Votes on planning applications must be seen to be impartial and not influenced by party political issues.

**13(a) Planning Application - 16/0139/PP - Miller Developments Limited - Erection of residential development with associated remediation/enabling works and formation of vehicular access, Land at 144 Hawkhead Road, Paisley. 201 - 214**

Report by Director of Development and Housing Services

**13(b) Planning Application - 16/0291/PP - Gladman Developments Limited: Erection of residential development including formation of vehicular access, open space and landscaping, provision of Sustainable Urban Drainage (SUDs) and associated engineering works, Land to the North East of Strathgryffe Crescent, Gryffe Castle, Bridge of Weir 215 - 234**

Report by Director of Development and Housing Services

**14 Notice of Motion 1**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Lawson and K MacLaren in the following terms:

"Council agrees to organise a suitable event to commemorate the bicentenary of the Scottish Insurrection of 1820 and to incorporate it, where possible, into the City of Culture bid."

## **15 Notice of Motion 2**

Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and J MacLaren in the following terms:

### "Named Person review

Council recognizes that the Education Secretary is not now going to roll out his "Named Person" policy due to legal judgements, with both legislation and guidance requiring to be revised.

Council calls on the Cabinet Secretary to take this opportunity to commission a wide-ranging and independent review of this policy, given the repeated and growing concerns expressed by public and professionals alike.

The review would be independent and would consider threshold for intervention, the power and duty of the named person, resources, training and data sharing arrangements. The Cabinet Secretary must take this opportunity to commission a review, without which the Government will lose support of councils and the thousands of families this would affect."

## **16 Notice of Motion 3**

Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and Mack in the following terms:

"Council recognizes that the Scottish Government is planning to change the council tax bands from next year, with a planned extra income of £100 million per annum.

Council recognizes that any extra money raised from council taxes should be managed by local councils, in order to maintain accountability of councillors to their communities.

Council is, therefore, appalled with the suggestion that the Scottish Government is going to top slice this £100 million increase and use it for their own policy choices.

Renfrewshire Council will write to the Scottish Finance minister and the First minister demanding that any finances raised through council tax should be administered by the councils in accordance with their policy commitments to their constituents.

Extra funding to be given directly to schools is vital, but should be raised centrally through an extra 1p of general taxes (as agreed by this council on 25th February 2016) and given in the form of a Pupil Premium or similar award.

In this way the Scottish government could meet its own commitments on Education support while acknowledging the "parity of esteem" which they supposedly wish to convey on councils."

## **17 Notice of Motion 4**

Notice of Motion by Councillors J MacLaren and McCartin in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We are lucky to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. We will not allow hate to become acceptable. We will work to ensure all local bodies and programmes have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in Renfrewshire that they are valued members of our community."

## **18 Notice of Motion 5**

Notice of Motion by Councillors J MacLaren and Mack in the following terms:

"Council notes and welcomes the "U" turn on the part closure of the local amenity sites. This debacle has highlighted the lack of any Brown Bin Service for residents living in the outlying properties across the rural communities in Renfrewshire. Some of these residents take their garden waste to the amenity site while many others place their waste into the general waste bin (grey bin), which incurs a landfill charge to the Council.

As these residents receive both the general waste uplift (grey bin) and the recycling uplift (blue bin), there is no reason for not providing a garden waste collection. Given the amount of garden waste generated by these rural communities, with many of the gardens being larger than average, council requests that the Director carry out a consultation to establish the need for a garden waste collection service in the rural communities and bring a report before the Environment Policy Board indicating the net cost."

## **19 Notice of Motion 6**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and Cameron in the following terms:

"After School Care in Johnstone

Renfrewshire Council welcomes the substantial contribution of the SNP Government to funding educational programmes to close the attainment gap in Renfrewshire's schools, and in increased funding for childcare places to help Renfrewshire parents and families.

Council notes with concern the current difficulty experienced by Johnstone parents and families with relation to After School Care, and agrees to continue to provide an interim service, within local school premises, to be funded from council reserves, until a local private provider can fill the gap in provision."

## **20 Notice of Motion 7**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Nicolson and McEwan in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council aims to ensure that play parks and play facilities, whether provided by Renfrewshire Council, community groups or developers should, as far as reasonably practicable, be equally accessible to children of all abilities and those who care for them. This should apply equally to facilities in either the private or public realm and to indoor or outdoor facilities.

Accordingly, Renfrewshire Council agrees to undertake an audit of its play parks and play facilities and assess their suitability for all children of all abilities. Where there is a shortfall in provision, it will seek to rectify that when the opportunity to replace or supplement play equipment arises. The same requirement will apply if play parks or play areas are refurbished or replaced. The Council further resolves that, where a new play park or play facility is to be constructed as part of a new housing development or as a standalone provision, the planning consent will include a condition requiring that an appropriate number of inclusive pieces of play equipment be provided."

## **21 Notice of Motion 8**

Notice of Motion by Councillors M MacLaren and K MacLaren in the following terms:

"Council supports the Scottish Mental Health Arts and Film Festival (10th-31st October) which aims to support the arts and challenge preconceived ideas about mental health.

Council notes that one in four people in Scotland will experience a mental health problem at some point in their lives and that nearly nine out of 10 people with mental health problems have been affected by stigma and discrimination, with two thirds saying they have stopped doing things because of the stigma they face.

Council also congratulates the work of Recovery Across Mental Health (RAMH) who promote recovery from mental ill health, and empower people to build independent, fulfilled lives and the work of the Neighbourhood Challenge Renfrewshire in their recent Breaking Barriers event which aims to help end stigma and discrimination surrounding mental illness."



## **22 Notice of Motion 9**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Mylet and Cameron in the following terms:

"Bus Stops

Council recognises that in attempting to attract more visitors to Paisley it is important that such visitors are not put off by the lack of clean public spaces, including all bus stops in Paisley Town Centre. Council notes that since their installation, the ground around these bus stops have not been adequately cleaned and that this, along with the poor general level of cleanliness within Paisley, may make visitors think again about coming back to Paisley.

Council calls for immediate action to clean up the town centre bus stops."

## **23 Notice of Motion 10**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Nicolson and Lawson in the following terms:

"Building Repairs Task Group

Council agrees that a comprehensive report be brought to the next meeting of the Planning and Property board regarding the activities and actions of the Building Repairs Task Group since its inception. The report should focus on the effectiveness of the group, and its use of legal powers. This report may form the basis of widening the task group activities to other parts of Renfrewshire."

## **24 Notice of Motion 11**

Notice of Motion by Councillors K MacLaren and M MacLaren in the following terms:

"Detention Centre

Council welcomes the proposed closure of the Dungaval detention centre.

Council expresses its concern about the treatment of detainees within Dungavel and notes the complaints regarding the treatment of detainees from various organisations including the STUC and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Prisons.

Council notes the plan to build a new rapid removal detention centre in Renfrewshire and expresses its concern that moving detainees to Renfrewshire doesn't address the concerns of many campaigners about the treatment that detainees have received at Dungavel.

Council highlights its concerns that in introducing a rapid removal facility in Renfrewshire there is a real risk that people who have been living in Scotland will either have their opportunities to challenge their deportation restricted or be taken to immigration removal centres far away from their families, friends and legal representation."

## **25 Notice of Motion 12**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Nicolson and Perrie in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council agrees that allotments contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities in a number of ways, not least in maintaining a community link to food production. Council therefore agrees to bring forward a comprehensive policy document which will clearly identify demand, geographical deficits and identify land which may be suitable for allotment development and be reserved for such purposes in all relevant council policies.

Council also agrees that an appropriate policy be formed where developer contributions should be sought from relevant developments to a fund which would develop a comprehensive network of allotments across Renfrewshire and in particular areas where there is a potential loss of green space."

## **26 Notice of Motion 13**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and Audrey Doig in the following terms:

"TIE

Renfrewshire Council resolves to work closely with the Time for Inclusive Education campaign, and with equalities organisations and the SNP Government, to ensure that homophobic bullying in Renfrewshire's schools is effectively tackled and that Renfrewshire's classrooms actively promote equality and inclusivity for young people of LGBTI identities."

## **27 Notice of Motion 14**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Nicolson and Paterson in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council notes with concern the well advanced proposals to locate a replacement detention facility for Dungavel in Renfrewshire. Council requires the leader of the council to make a statement on what discussions have taken place with the Westminster Government and or its agencies regarding this matter and what representations he has made on behalf of the people of Renfrewshire."

## **28 Notice of Motion 15**

Notice of Motion by Councillors M MacLaren and Audrey Doig in the following terms:

"Women Against State Pension Inequality

Council calls upon the UK Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6 April 1951 who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed upon them by the Pensions Act of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only 2 years of notice of a 6 year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market - caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren or struggling to find employment after having suffered discrimination in the workplace.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute, it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same age.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to those affected. This has left women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

Council also supports the recently formed WASPI Renfrewshire group who are campaigning for the rights of Renfrewshire residents affected by these pension changes."

## **29 Notice of Motion 16**

Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and K MacLaren in the following terms:

"Violation of Sepulchre

This Council shall have regard to the need to respect the rights of sepulchre, the violation of which is a criminal offense under Scots law."

## 30 Notice of Motion 17

Notice of Motion by Councillors M Macmillan and Holmes in the following terms:

"Council notes the intention of the UK Government to open an Immigration Detention Facility in Renfrewshire. Council further notes there was no consultation with this authority prior to the announcement. Council will take cognisance of human rights and other relevant issues and will seek the views of a wide range of stakeholders before consideration of any planning application related to this facility."

## 31 Notice of Motion 18

Notice of Motion by Councillors Mack and McCartin in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council condemns the Labour run administration for displaying a singular inability to address the poverty in Ferguslie Park despite having almost fifty years of uninterrupted rule of local governance of that area."

## 32 Notice of Motion 19

Notice of Motion by Councillors Harte and J Sharkey in the following terms:

"This Council adopts the Construction Charter outlined in Appendix A"

### "APPENDIX A

#### **RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL'S CONSTRUCTION CHARTER**

As a Local Authority we either directly procure, or are the planning authority, for a multitude of construction projects. It is our intention to promote and support positive workforce practices involving **"Direct Employment"** on all construction projects where we procure on behalf of the residents under this authority. We expect all construction companies who secure contracts on these projects within our boundaries to fully comply with this charter.

#### **Health and Safety**

The health and safety of all workers is paramount. Construction is a dangerous industry. We expect all contractors to ensure that:

- Health and safety regulations and standards are rigorously implemented and adhered to,
- Welfare facilities for construction workers are appropriate for the 21st Century, including reasonable standards for toilets, amenities and drying facilities in accordance with the Construction, Design and Management Regulations 2015.

The Scottish Future Trust's Non Profit Distributing (NPD) programme alternatively known as HUBCO's was developed to deliver infrastructure projects for the Scottish Government. As such, they must include proper local community benefits, in particular local jobs and apprenticeships and help local SME's develop the capacity to take on those infrastructural projects. The Scottish Government should work with Renfrewshire Council to produce strong and clear guidelines on Community Benefit Clauses for externally awarded contracts through HUBCOs and that those contracts uphold the working practices contained herein.

### **Employment and skills**

We require the highest standards of project delivery in order to ensure that Renfrewshire people's aspirations are met and the projects serve our communities well in the years to come. We are also mindful of the projected skills shortage across the sector and wish to work with the industry to train the next generation of skilled workers for the future. We therefore encourage, and will require where appropriate, all contractors to:

- Be able to demonstrate the skill level of their employees on the project by ensuring appropriate checks are carried out by contractors,
- Comply with the employment and skills requirements set out in our tender documents, promoting and encouraging full apprenticeships,
- Prioritise hard to reach and underrepresented groups in employment, training and skills initiatives,
- Work with us to support initiatives aimed at promoting and improving opportunities in education and training of employers and employees engaged on all construction projects within our authority.

### **Pay and benefits**

This Council is also a Living Wage employer and will encourage that all construction companies working on their contracts will adhere to that policy where workers are not directly connected to industry collective agreements then the living wage is a minimum standard and we will promote and encourage that those companies are registered with the Scottish Living Wage Accreditation Initiative.

We also expect that all employees, and encourage that all workers, should have access to:

- Paid holiday,
- A sickness benefit scheme,
- A pension scheme,
- Accident compensation,
- Death in service benefits.

## **Employment rights**

This Council expects direct employment by contractors and sub contractors on a PAYE Class 1 National Insurance basis. We believe that Trade Unions play an important role in creating a safe and productive worksite and developing good industrial relations. We therefore expect our contractors, within the context of the contract let, to:

- Employ workers under recognised industry collective agreements as set out in SJIB, SNIJIB, BESA, CIJC, NAECI and TICA or other EU equivalent,
- Promote the benefits of belonging to a recognised Trade Union,
- Recognise on-site Shop Stewards as having an important role to play in achieving and promoting good industrial relations,
- Ensure that the Trade Union has input into the development of Health and Safety policy (to ensure members' priorities are reflected),
- Actively promote the election of Health and Safety Representatives and support their role in helping to ensure a safe site,
- Provide equality and opportunity for all,
- Be able to certify that they have not engaged in the practice of blacklisting workers for any reason.

This Council also supports the Get Britain Building campaign which is aimed at supporting and sustaining the construction the construction industry in Great Britain. Consequently, we seek to maximise the building materials used on council construction projects that are covered by BES6001 Responsible Sourcing of Construction Products Certificate or equivalent.

Renfrewshire Council looks forward to working with contractors to help them support the aims set out in this Charter.