

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 04 May 2023	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

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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.

Items of business

1 **Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels**

(attached separately)

Council, 2 March 2023, pages 571-598

Appointment Board, 3 March 2023, pages 599-600

Communities and Housing Services Policy Board, 7 March 2023, pages 601-610

Regulatory Functions Board, 8 March 2023, pages 611-618

Education & Children's Services Policy Board, 9 March 2023, pages 619-626

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 13 March 2023, pages 627-632

Economy and Regeneration Policy Board, 14 March 2023, pages 633-638

Planning and Climate Change Policy Board, 14 March 2023 pages 639-642

Appointment Board 14 March 2023, pages 643-644

Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 15 March 2023, pages 645-658

Regulatory Functions Board, 23 March 2023, pages 659-664

Special Regulatory Functions Board, 23 March 2023, pages 665-666

Local Review Body, 28 March 2023, pages 667-670

Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 30 March 2023, pages 671-686

Appointment Board, 18 April 2023, pages 687-688

Leadership Board, 26 April 2023, pages 689-699

2 **Equality Outcomes and Mainstreaming Progress Report** 9 - 80

Report by Chief Executive

3 **Appointment of Advanced Manufacturing Innovation** 81 - 90

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Joint Report by the Chief Executive and the Director of Finance & Resources

4 **Elected Member Appointments** 91 - 94

Report by Director of Finance & Resources

5 **Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Devine and Hood**

"Zero Hours Justice

Council notes the use of zero hour contracts has risen over the last decade, meaning there is an increasing number of workers who do not have a guaranteed number of working hours each week.

This Council does not accept the rhetoric that zero hour contracts provide 'flexibility' both for the worker and the employer, and instead

notes that such contracts nearly always provide on-sided flexibility in favour of the employer.

Workers on zero hour contracts face financial insecurity as a result of :

(a) The insecurity of not knowing how many hours they are working from week to week and, sometimes, from day to day.

(b) Getting too few hours to financially make ends meet.

(c) Spending money to be able to work and then being out of pocket when hours are cancelled – travel costs, childcare costs etc.

(d) Getting hours at the last minute have having to make urgent arrangements for childcare or other caring responsibilities or cancel social plans.

(e) The fear of refusing hours lest it results in fewer hours being offered, or bullying and harassment, from the employer.

Any of these issues can result in the interference and employer control of the worker's life outside working time. This can result in debt, health issues because of household poverty and mental anguish and anxiety. This can not only affect the worker themselves, but the whole family unit.

Council further notes that despite the government promising on numerous occasions new legislation to provide better security for worker on zero hour contracts, it has failed to do so.

Zero hour contracts are not only used in the private sector and some local authorities directly employ workers on zero hour contracts. This Council is proud to be a local authority that does not and will not use zero hour contracts.

This Council supports the work of zero hours justice, an organisation which seeks to end exploitative zero hour contracts by providing help for workers on such contracts, and supporting businesses and other organisations that either do not use zero hour contracts or only do so in accordance to minimal criteria.

This Council resolves to lead by example and to reaffirm our commitment to providing security to our workers by applying to the Zero Hours Justice Accreditation Scheme, and thus to become an employer that does not both directly employ our workers on zero hour contracts via agency or any other third party contractor."

6 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood

"Reduction of Bus Services in Renfrewshire and Bus Re-regulation

Council deeply regrets cuts in bus services across Renfrewshire and laments the economic cost to residents who may now struggle to commute to employment, as well as the environmental cost by a potential increase in car traffic. Council further believes this situation to be a long-term consequence of the regressive 1985 Transport Act.

Council welcomes the measures within the 2019 Transport Act (Scotland) which allow local authorities to re-regulate bus services and believes that Renfrewshire, East Renfrewshire, and Inverclyde Councils could form the basis for a re-regulated bus consortium.

Council therefore calls on COSLA representatives to meet with the Scottish Government at the earliest opportunity, to identify potential funding streams, so local authorities can re-regulate bus services if they choose."

7 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood

"Energy UK and a Mandatory Vulnerability Commitment

Council recognises that UK energy utilities, under the umbrella of Energy UK, maintain a Vulnerability Commitment for consumers who may be struggling due to the current cost of living crisis, which includes the provision of a customer service phone line.

Council reiterates its concern about the severe challenges which consumers face in effectively contacting energy utilities, and therefore calls on Energy UK to contact its constituent affiliates with a view to making the Vulnerability Commitment mandatory, and that it should also contain guarantees for utilities to call back consumers within a specified timescale."

8 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood

"Closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland Branch in Johnstone

Council expresses its deep concern that with the closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland in Johnstone, in August of this year, that the town will only have one bank whereas less than a decade ago it had four in operation.

Council demands that Royal Bank management reconsider their decision to close the Johnstone branch, which will remove accessible banking from the elderly, those on low and fixed incomes, and the digitally excluded, and to stop their policy of corporate flight from Renfrewshire's towns and villages."

9 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Davidson and Clark

"Anchor Bowling Club – Ladies Section – 100th Anniversary
Abercorn Bowling Club – Ladies Section – 25th Anniversary

Council sends their congratulations to the Anchor Bowling Club Ladies Section on celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. Council recognises this enormous achievement and wishes them continued success for the next 100 years.

Council recognises the 25th anniversary of Abercorn Bowling Club Ladies Section congratulating the Ladies on this special anniversary and wishing them many more successful years at the historic club."

10 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors McGuire and McMillan

"Coronation of King Charles III

Renfrewshire Council congratulates Charles III on his coronation as King of the United Kingdom on Saturday, the 6th of May. Council also notes his longstanding connections to Renfrewshire. The Council also congratulates him on his lifetime of public duty and service."

11 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Clark and Ann-Dowling

"Foodbanks and Food Pantries

Renfrewshire Council notes with regret the closure of the RAMH REstore & Community Pantry in Causeyside Street and recommits to Fairer Renfrewshire's vital work of supporting all agencies across Renfrewshire who are seeking to alleviate food poverty at a time when food inflation continues to be stubbornly high.

Council notes that Foodbanks and Food Pantries are facing high levels of demand from adults and children in need of vital help at this time.

Council therefore agrees to facilitate a regular food donation collection within the Council building to help Foodbanks and Food Pantries meet the increased need."

12 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors McMillan and G Graham

"Spateston Bowling Club Awards

Council recognises the achievement of Spateston Bowling Club members John Fox and his guide Alistair Pratt in winning a gold medal at the recent International Blind Bowls Association World Championships held in Australia.

Council agrees that the Provost will write to both John and Alistair to offer her congratulations to both of them on behalf of all Council members."

13 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors G Graham and Gilmour

"300th Anniversary – Kilbarchan Weavers Cottage

Council recognises the 300th anniversary of Kilbarchan's Weavers Cottage. In the heart of the village's conservation area, the Weaver's Cottage is a traditional loom weavers cottage built in 1723. At the time it was one of hundreds of weavers homes when Kilbarchan was at the heart of the Scottish textile industry.

Restored by the National Trust the Weavers Cottage is now a popular museum which recreates the living and working conditions of a typical handloom weaver.

Council congratulates the Weavers Cottage staff and volunteers on its tercentenary and looks forward to many more successful years for this historic venue."

14 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Ann-Dowling and G Graham

"ASN Provision

Council believes that ASN support requires further investment with increased staffing and resources for pupils and parents to receive the support and services they need.

Council calls for the Scottish Government to increase funding and long-term planning with local government to increase ASN support to pupils, and to improve the professional support given to classroom teachers teaching pupils with ASN.

Council further calls on the Scottish Government to develop a ring-fenced funding strategy for Additional Support Needs provision."

15 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors J MacLaren and N Graham

"Scottish Power and Street Lights Repairs

Renfrewshire Council objects to the lack of urgency by Scottish Power to repair street lights once the repair has been passed to them by our Street Lighting Team. Council will write to the chief executive of Scottish Power to express our concern and seeks an improvement in the time taken for repairs."

16 Notice of Motion 12 by Councillors J MacLaren and Gray

"Exhaust Systems

Renfrewshire Council is concerned about the increase in road illegal vehicle exhaust systems and excessive exhaust noise and instructs the Director of Environment and Infrastructure to investigate options to clamp down on this practice and bring a report back to a future ILE Board on proposals to stop this practice."

17 Notice of Motion 13 by Councillors McGonigle and Gray

"Following many calls from concerned parents. This Council agrees that an urgent review of ASN provision across Renfrewshire is required, following concerns raised by parents across the local authority area in relation to support, training of staff, placement and funding for ASN; notes the education and skills committee report of 2017 that states 'how is additional support learning working in practice' and its conclusion that children within ASN attending mainstream schools did not feel included or that it was the correct setting for them; supports the "Getting It Right For Every Child" (GIRFEC) model and believes that by reviewing ASN provision throughout the education estate will provide this Council with a

deeper understanding of what is required to ensure every child receives the best possible education and, therefore, agrees the following actions:

1. The Council establishes a cross-party working group to review and scrutinise current ASN provision.
2. The cross-party working group will establish recommendations that will report to the Education and Children's Services Policy Board.
3. That the cross-party working group will take evidence from parents, third party organisations and teaching staff, to ensure that any changes suggested match the needs of families and staff."