

## Minute of Meeting Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 26 September 2023	15:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

**Present:** Councillor Jennifer Adam, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor Chris Gilmour, Councillor John Gray, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Robert Innes, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Janis McDonald

### Chair

Councillor Andy Doig, Convener, presided.

### In Attendance

A MacArthur, Director of Finance & Resources; L McGuiness, Communications Business Lead (Transformation) (Chief Executive's); C McCourt, Head of Finance & Business Services, M Conaghan, Head of Corporate Governance, J Kilpatrick, Finance Business Partner and Lead Officer, J Skinner, End User Technician, C McDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer, J Barron, Committee Services Officer, D Cunningham, Committee & Licensing Services Officer and E Graham, Administrative Assistant (Licensing) (all Finance & Resources).

### Also in Attendance

G Devlin, Partner & National Head of Internal Audit, Azets.

### Apology

Councillor Montgomery.

### Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Board would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

## **Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements**

There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### **1 Risk Update Report**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an update on actions outlined in response to recommendations of the Dargavel Primary School independent review which was approved by Council on 22 June 2023.

The report set out the latest position and the appendix outlined a new risk that was being added to the corporate risk register to ensure that the independent review recommendation in relation to risk management and related actions was being monitored.

**DECIDED:** That the report be noted.

### **2 Charges for Bulk Items Uplift for the Elderly - Lead Officer John Kilpatrick**

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 22 August 2022, there was submitted a report by the Lead Officer relative to an update on progress of the Board's review of bulk uplifts.

The report advised that the review was progressing well and research had continued across all areas within the scope. The report looked at existing and potential options which were available to the elderly through partner organisations such as the third sector within Renfrewshire.

After discussion it was agreed that the final report should include: factoring in fairer calculation for affordability; the need to examine both people and the Council when assessing financial impact; reassessing the third sector element to include community groups; considering if there could be a degree of flexibility for third sector organisations; and conducting an impact assessment on how things would develop in the long term in terms of the ageing impact.

**DECIDED:**

(a) That it be agreed the final report should include: factoring in fairer calculation for affordability; the need to examine both people and the Council when assessing financial impact; reassessing the third sector element to include community groups; considering if there could be a degree of flexibility for third sector organisations; and conducting an impact assessment on how things would develop in the long term in terms of the ageing impact; and

(b) That the progress of the review be noted.

## Minute of Meeting Director of Children's Services

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 27 September 2023	09:30	Corporate Meeting Room 1, Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

**Present:** Councillor Anne Hannigan, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor David McGonigle, Councillor Iain McMillan, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor Emma Rodden

### Chair

Councillor Nicolson, Convener, presided.

### In Attendance

A Russell, Chief Executive; and R Laouadi, HR Manager (Finance & Resources).

### Apologies

Councillors J Cameron and G Graham.

### Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

### EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the press and public were present, there could be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

1 **Director of Children's Services - Interviews**

The Board interviewed candidates for the post of Director of Children's Services.

**DECIDED**: That J O'Neill be appointed to the post of Director of Children's Services.