

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 27 February 2020	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor: Councillor Tom Begg: Councillor Derek Bibby: Councillor Bill Binks: Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Stephen Burns: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Councillor Michelle Campbell: Councillor Carolann Davidson: Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Natalie Don: Councillor Alison Jean Dowling: Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor Jim Harte: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Karen Kennedy: Councillor Scott Kerr: Councillor Paul Mack: Councillor Alistair Mackay: Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Kenny MacLaren: Councillor Mags MacLaren: Councillor Eileen McCartin: Councillor Colin McCulloch: Councillor Marie McGurk: Councillor John McIntyre: Councillor John McNaughtan: Councillor Kevin Montgomery: Councillor Will Mylet: Councillor Emma Rodden: Councillor Jim Sharkey: Councillor John Shaw: Councillor James Sheridan: Councillor Andy Steel: Councillor Jane Strang: Provost Lorraine Cameron (Convener): Councillor Cathy McEwan (Depute Convener): Councillor Iain Nicolson (Leader): Councillor Jim Paterson (Depute Leader)

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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.

1 Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels

Leadership Board, 4 December 2019, pages 249-260

Council, 5 December 2019, pages 261-274

Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 14 January 2020, pages 275-292

Regulatory Functions Board, 15 January 2020, pages 293-300

Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 16 January 2020, pages 301-308

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 20 January 2020, pages 309-314

Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 22 January 2020, pages 315-326

Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 23 January 2020, pages 327-328

Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 29 January 2020, pages 329-342

Regulatory Functions Board, 30 January 2020, pages 343-350

Leadership Board, 19 February 2020, pages 351-362

2 Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board Review - Maintenance of Multi-occupancy Accommodation (Mixed-tenure Buildings)

Report by Lead Officer

3 Governance Arrangements 17 - 20

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Report by Chief Executive

6 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors J Cameron and Steel

"Council agrees that release of balloons or lanterns clearly pose a risk to wildlife, livestock, humans and property. 20 out of the 32 local authorities in Scotland have introduced a policy banning their release.

Therefore, council agrees that Renfrewshire Council should join the other local authorities in implementing a policy banning the release of

balloons or lanterns on Council property, Council owned land and at Council licensed, endorsed or supported events, including those not on Council owned land."

7 Notice of Motion 2 by Provost Cameron and Councillor

Devine

"John Patrick Byrne - celebrated playwright, painter, printmaker and theatre designer - has bestowed upon the world a treasure that is his art. By doing so, he has put Paisley and Renfrewshire on the map. His ongoing commitment to our local community - the community he grew up in - is to be admired. This commitment continues to be welcomed and treasured by citizens of Ferguslie Park, past and present, as well as the Renfrewshire community and its civic leaders.

Council notes the outstanding achievement that John has made to Renfrewshire, and in recognition of that contribution to his hometown, Renfrewshire Council formally resolves that he be admitted as Honorary Freeman of Renfrewshire.

The Director of Finance and Resources, in consultation with the Provost, is authorised to make the necessary arrangements to bestow this honour on and to include John Patrick Byrne on the roll of names of persons who are admitted as Freemen and Freewomen of Renfrewshire."

8 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Devine and Sheridan

"Derek Mackay, MSP Renfrewshire North and West Constituency

Renfrewshire Council believes that Derek Mackay should resign with immediate effect as MSP for Renfrewshire North and West Constituency. He has shown, by his behaviour with inappropriate texts to a 16 year old boy, that he is unfit to hold the office of MSP."

9 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig

"The Core Duties of Chief Executives in Scottish Local Authorities

This Council believes, in the interests of prudent governance, that the core duties of the Chief Executive of the Council shall include acting as Returning Officer at public elections, and that there shall be no additional payment for these duties. Council further advocates that having adopted this position Renfrewshire Council will seek to persuade CoSLA to adopt that as their national policy."

10 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig

"Green Belt Policy and Protecting the Biodiversity of Paisley

This Council notes that biodiversity is a crucial element in securing the future of our environment for future generations, and further recognises the importance of maintaining the green belt around the existing boundaries of the town of Paisley to maintain and enhance that biodiversity.

Council therefore, under Scottish Planning Policy 21, call on Renfrewshire Council's Local Development Plan to designate the green belt area around the existing boundaries of the town of Paisley as a green belt area, and therefore, not suitable for housing development."

11 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Mylet and K MacLaren

"Council thanks Renfrewshire Foodbank for supporting those in need across Renfrewshire. Council notes that between 1st April 2019 and 30th September 2019, Renfrewshire Foodbank distributed 4,702 three-day food supplies including 1,388 of them to children. Council further notes that the main reasons cited for people needing emergency food are low benefit income (38%) and delays (19%) or changes (17%) to benefits. Council calls on the UK Government to cease their politically motivated austerity cuts and ensure that benefits are raised so that no one has to rely on foodbanks to feed themselves or their family."

12 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors McNaughtan and Steel

"That this Council notes:-

(a) The TUC 'Dying to Work' Campaign, calling for terminal illness to be made a 'protected characteristic';

(b) The TUC is requesting employers to sign up to a Voluntary Charter which states the following:-

- We recognise that terminal illness requires support and understanding and not additional and avoidable stress and worry.
- Terminally ill workers will be secure in the knowledge that we will support them following their diagnosis and we recognise that safe and reasonable work can help maintain dignity, offer a valuable distraction and can be therapeutic in itself.
- We will provide our employees with the security of work, peace of mind and the right to choose the best course of action for themselves and their families which helps them through this challenging period with dignity and without undue financial loss.
- We will support the TUC's Dying to Work Campaign so that all employees battling terminal illness have adequate employment protection and have their death in service benefits protected for the loved ones they leave behind.

Council, as a responsible employer, agrees to sign the Voluntary Charter so that employees who are battling terminal illness are supported, guided and protected following diagnosis.

Council will work with trade unions to ensure that existing policies are modified to support the principles outlined in the Charter."

13 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors Graham and Begg

"Council notes the result of the EU referendum on 23rd June 2016.

Council further notes that the public voted to leave the EU.

Council agrees to respectfully lower the EU flag from Council buildings on 28 February at 11 am.

Council further agrees that the EU flag will be raised to celebrate Europe Day each year on 5th and 9th of May."

14 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Begg and Graham

"The Scottish Government is expecting us to maintain services on their behalf yet are reducing the resources available to us. Between 2013 and 2020 Local government has been given a disproportionate share of the revenue cuts. Scottish Government reduced their revenue by a low 2% while they reduced our local government revenues by a much larger 7% (Cosla; Invest in Essential Services Jan 2020)

We are being asked to do more and more with less and less.

This council will write to the Scottish Government asking for a reinstatement of at least that 5% deprived from our councils in this next financial round and that they pass on the full Barnett Consequentials."

15 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Dowling and Davidson

"Period Products

This council believes that period products should be free and universally available to Women and Girls.

Council notes that sanitary products were recently made free in schools and colleges across Scotland.

Council further notes the Scottish Government's stated reasons (as of 11th February 2020) for not supporting Monica Lennon's Period Products (Free Provision) Bill onto the next parliamentary stage, in committee.

Reasons given have been the estimated cost of implementing the policy and fears over 'cross-border tampon raids', whereby it has been suggested that people outside Scotland could come and take the free sanitary products and then sell them; also referred to as 'Tampon Tourism' or 'Period Piracy'.

The council believes that the estimated cost of implementing the Bill is a reasonable use of public monies to increase women's dignity and be a stigma smashing country with legal right to free, universally available period products.

Council also notes that following the introduction of minimum pricing for alcohol, previously expressed fears over Scottish people buying cheaper alcohol over the border then selling on in Scotland have not materialised.

The council is confident that cross-border tampon raids are unlikely to occur with such frequency as to endanger the viability of the provision.

The council supports the principle of period dignity for all and therefore commends to the Scottish Government that sanitary products should be made free for all women and girls on a universally available basis."

16 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors Harte and Sheridan

"That this administration explains why a real term cut to local authority funding is a fair deal."

17 Notice of Motion 12 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig

"Former Provost Willie Orr

Renfrewshire Council marks the passing of former Provost Willie Orr with a minutes silence and his portrait hung in the corridor of uncertainty with his peers."