

Minute of Meeting Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 24 September 2020	09:30	Teams meeting,

Present

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor, Councillor Tom Begg, Councillor Derek Bibby, Councillor Bill Binks, Councillor Bill Brown, Councillor Stephen Burns, Councillor Jacqueline Cameron, Provost Lorraine 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 Cathy McEwan, Councillor Marie McGurk, Councillor John McIntyre, Councillor John McNaughtan, Councillor Kevin Montgomery, Councillor Will Mylet, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson, Councillor Emma Rodden, Councillor Jim Sharkey, Councillor John Shaw, Councillor James Sheridan, Councillor Andy Steel, Councillor Jane Strang

In Attendance

S Black, Chief Executive; S Quinn, Director of Children's Services; M Crearie, Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services; G McNeil, Director of Environment & Infrastructure; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; L McIntyre, Head of Policy & Commissioning, L Mahon, Head of Marketing and Communications, A Morrison, Head of Regeneration, B Walker, City Deal Project Director and L Adamson, Communications & Public Affairs Manager (all Chief Executive's); G McKinlay, Head of Schools, J Trainer, Head of Child Care & Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer (both Children's Services); O Reid, Head of Communities & Public Protection, (Communities, Housing & Planning Services); D Gillies, Head of Facilities Management, G Hutton, Head of Operations & Infrastructure (both Environment & Infrastructure); K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, J Lynch, Head of Property Services, F Naylor, Head of Finance & Corporate Services, A MacArthur, Head of Finance, L Neary, Head of OD & Transformation, C Doogan, Energy Team Leader, G Dickie, Partnering & Commissioning Manager, S Milligan, Service Desk/Remote Support Team Leader, S Murphy, Performance & Assets Officer, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager and L Belshaw and D Low, both Democratic Services Managers and C MacDonald and T Slater, both Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources); D Leese,

Chief Officer and S Strachan, Acting Head of Health & Social Care (Paisley) (both Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); and V Hollows, Chief Executive (Renfrewshire Leisure Limited).

Intimation

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Provost referred to the procedural rules for the operation of the meeting of the Council by Teams which had already been issued to members. Members confirmed that they were happy with the rules for the operation of the meeting,

The Provost highlighted the impact, both nationally and locally, of the Covid19 pandemic and made specific reference to the lives that had been lost, changes to the way people lived, local acts of kindness and the responses provided by the Council, partner organisations and members of the community. The opportunity was taken to extend condolences, on behalf of the Council, to all those who had lost a loved one as a result of the virus. Appreciation was also expressed to various Council services, partner organisations and members of the community for the support provided to those in need and the resilience displayed in the face of adversity.

Recording of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Provost intimated that this meeting of the Board would be recorded and that the recording would be available to watch on the Council's website.

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Burns declared a financial interest in Item 21 on the agenda as he worked for another local authority Health & Social Care Partnership and indicated that it was his intention to not to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Andy Doig declared a financial interest in item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) of the agenda as he worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was his intention to not take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Audrey Doig declared a financial interest in item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) of the agenda as her spouse worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was her intention to not take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor McCulloch declared a financial interest in item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) of the agenda as his spouse worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was his intention to not take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Rodden declared a financial interest in item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) of the agenda as she worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was her intention to not take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Shaw declared a financial interest in item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) of the agenda as his spouse worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was his

intention to leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Provost Cameron declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) as she had a family member who worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was her intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Campbell declared a non-financial interest in Item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) on the agenda as she was an employee with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde but not in the Council's area and intimated that it was her intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Davidson declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) as she had a family member who worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was her intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Dowling declared a non-financial interest in Item 22 (Notice of Motion 12) as she was a foster carer to a care-experienced young person and indicated that it was her intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Hughes declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) as she had a family member who worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was her intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Nicolson declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) as he had a family member who worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was his intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Paterson declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) as he had family members who worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was his intention not to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Sharkey declared a non-financial interest in respect of item 21 (Notice of Motion 11) as he had a family member who worked within the Social Care Sector and indicated that it was his intention to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

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

There were submitted the Minutes of the following meetings of the Council, Boards and Panels on the dates specified:

Emergencies Board, 19 June 2020

Council, 25 June 2020

Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 29 June 2020

Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 1 July 2020

Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 3 July 2020

Emergencies Board, 3 July 2020

Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 6 July 2020

Emergencies Board, 17 July 2020

Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 18 August 2020

Regulatory Functions Board, 19 August 2020
Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 20 August 2020,
Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 24 August 2020
Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 26 August 2020
Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 27 August 2020
Regulatory Functions Board, 27 August 2020
Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 1 September 2020
Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 2 September 2020
Regulatory Functions Board, 3 September 2020
Emergencies Board, 4 September 2020
Local Review Body, 8 September 2020
Leadership Board, 16 September 2020
Regulatory Functions Board, 17 September 2020
Emergencies Board, 18 September 2020
Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 21 September 2020

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Minutes of the meetings of the Council, Boards and Panels held between 25 June and 21 September 2020, including the Minute of the Emergencies Board held on 18 September 2020, be approved; and
- (b) That the Minutes of the meetings of the Emergencies Board held between 19 June and 4 September 2020 be noted.

2 Financial Outlook 2021-2023

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an update to the financial outlook previously outlined to Council on 26 September 2019, and the updated financial position as presented to Council on 9 March 2020. The report took account of the updated impact of the Covid19 emergency during 2020/21 and the recommended key responses in regard to adjusting the Council's medium-term financial strategy arrangements.

The report advised that the Council faced significant financial disruption as a consequence of the Covid19 pandemic and associated emergency response. It had been reported previously that the financial impact of Covid19 on the Council was extremely fluid and subject to rapid change in line with decisions being taken by national governments in response to the developing management of the emergency response across the UK.

Prior to the summer period, and based on the potential full year cost exposure to the Council and the funding announcements made by the Scottish Government, it was recognised that given the possible scale of the net financial impact the Council might be required to manage, that the full deployment of the Council's £6.5 million of unallocated reserves might not be sufficient to address even the immediate financial challenge in 2020/21. It had also been recognised that assessing the financial impact of Covid19 on the Council would be a fast moving and complex process, with limited clarity and significant uncertainty linked to both future costs and funding over the course of 2020/21 and that the Council would require to review its financial strategy to reflect this material change in the Council's strategic and operational context. It was noted that although the initial focus of this work was securing immediate financial and service stability in 2020/21, there was also an urgent requirement to adjust the financial strategy

to provide increased flexibility and maneuverability to support the Council to manage the ongoing impact that Covid19 might have beyond the initial emergency period. The underlying objective in this regard was to ensure the Council's financial strategy was more appropriately positioned to respond to an increasing number of significant risks, uncertainties and new demands arising from Covid19. It was further recognised that Covid19 had significantly disrupted the Council's strategic management of the medium-term financial challenge that was already forecast prior to the emergence of Covid19.

The report highlighted the response to the material changes in key areas of strategic influence and advised that over the Council's medium term outlook through to 2023, the financial strategy required to be repositioned to ensure the Council was better placed to manage the increased downside risk that now existed. It was anticipated that over the course of 2020/21, the Council would be required to fully deploy its unallocated reserves. It was critical that the Council planned to replenish the reserves over the short term in order to restore immediate financial resilience and therefore this would add to the medium-term financial pressures the Council would require to address.

DECIDED:

(a) That for the General Fund revenue account

(i) the update regarding the Council's current financial position and update in respect to the assessment of the net impact of the Covid19 emergency and further funding announcements made by the Scottish Government over the course of 2020/21 be noted;

(ii) the updated financial outlook over the medium-term and the significantly heightened risk outlook for the Council over this period, and the ongoing expectation of the Council being required to continue to plan for further significant budget gaps in the period through to 2023 be noted;

(iii) that it be noted that the Right for Renfrewshire transformation programme was being remobilised and would continue to progress the existing plan of supporting the delivery of £25 million in savings over the period through to 2023, although it was acknowledged the timing was subject to greater risk as a consequence of the Covid19 disruption to date and moving forward;

(iv) the adjustments to the current financial strategy as outlined in section 3.15 of the report and the planned approach for utilising funding flexibilities that were agreed nationally through ongoing negotiations with the Scottish Government be agreed;

(v) the replenishment of unallocated reserves moving into 2021/22 as outlined in the report be agreed and that further application of financial flexibilities moving forward would be outlined for members in future financial updates, recognising the significant uncertainty and risk the Council's general fund might experience over the period through to 2023.

(b) That for the General Fund capital investment programme

(i) the updated assessment and the ongoing work being progressed by officers to proactively engage with the Council's full suite of contractors in regard to the ongoing impact of Covid19 be noted;

(ii) that it be noted that it was anticipated that it would take towards the end of the year

before a clearer assessment of the financial impact might be more clearly understood;

(iv) that the recommendation outlined in section 4 of the report be agreed and that in the interim, a review be undertaken by officers of the existing capital programme and associated recommendations be brought forward for members' consideration as part of future financial updates.

(c) That for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA)

(i) the updated assessment of the impact of Covid19 on the HRA and the proposed use of balances in 2020/21 to absorb this negative financial impact be noted;

(ii) the assessment that moving forward the reduced level of unallocated balances for the HRA were assessed as sufficient in the context of the revised risk profile be noted;

(iii) that it be noted that the HRA long term 30 year business case would continue to be reassessed and updated over the course of this year as matters in relation to Covid19 in particular progressed; and

(iv) that it be noted that the latest update confirmed that significant additional capital investment capacity over the medium to longer term continued to be expected to emerge and that proposals on the deployment of this investment to existing stock and new build projects would be brought back to the December 2020 Council meeting.

3 Impact of COVID-19 on Renfrewshire's Communities

Under reference to Item 3 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2020 there was submitted an update report by the Chief Executive relative to how the Council would move forward from the initial phase of responding to the Covid19 crisis and develop more detailed plans to support economic and social recovery across Renfrewshire's communities.

The report advised that in terms of recovery and renewal across communities, services had been working with partners to better understand the impact that the virus had had to date. Some of the initial data in terms of unemployment and poverty was stark, and there was ongoing concern that levels would increase as businesses made further redundancies or as the furlough scheme wound down. In Renfrewshire, the impact of Covid19 was likely to have exacerbated existing inequalities which had made them much less resilient and able to cope with social isolation or loss of income; whereas for many others the pandemic had impacted their income, employment, housing or health and wellbeing in a new way or for the first time.

The report advised that prior to the pandemic, the Council had demonstrated commitment and ambition in working with partners to tackle these inequalities and to focus on the wellbeing of local people and communities and the strength of this partnership working was a crucial part of the pandemic response in Renfrewshire.

Partners had agreed to undertake a Community Impact Assessment which would continue for a period of at least 12 months. It was anticipated that the first phase would be completed by December 2020 and the information gathered could be used to produce an outline Social Renewal Plan for Renfrewshire. It was anticipated that the plan would set out how partners would use the learning from the pandemic to tackle inequality and wellbeing issues through a more equal relationship between partners and

communities. Partners had however identified a range of immediate priorities that they were taking forward currently, and Section 5 of the report provided an overview of these initial priority areas and associated actions which had been identified were now being progressed.

The report noted that regular updates on the programme of work would continue to be provided to members, and information in relation to local community engagement and listening events would be shared as this became available.

DECIDED:

(a) That the approach being undertaken by the Council and partners to support local people and communities impacted by the ongoing pandemic be noted; and

(b) That it be noted that the initial priority areas and associated actions which had been identified were now being progressed.

4 Renfrewshire Economic Update – September 2020

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the recently published Scottish Programme for Government (PfG) and what this could mean for Renfrewshire. It also outlined the proposed direction of travel towards an Economic Recovery Plan for Renfrewshire which would be submitted to Council in December 2020.

The report outlined the immediate priorities for Renfrewshire; summarised the position in relation to capital investment; highlighted Renfrewshire's Economic Recovery Plan; and reviewed national and local economic impacts.

DECIDED:

(a) That the content of the Economic Update be noted;

(b) That the continued commitment to the actions and interventions listed in section 3 of the report be agreed;

(c) That it be agreed that officers work alongside Renfrewshire's Economic Leadership Panel to develop and agree a two-year Economic Recovery Plan which would be brought back to a future Council meeting for approval; and

(d) That it be agreed that such a Recovery Plan could provide the basis for commencing dialogue with the Scottish Government on a specific case for supporting a Renfrewshire economic recovery.

5 Update on Audited Annual Accounts 2019/20

Under reference to Item 6 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2020 there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an update on the audited Annual Accounts 2019/20.

The report advised that the Council's unaudited Annual Accounts for 2019/20 had been presented to the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2020 and submitted for audit by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2020. The June report to Council highlighted that

flexibility in terms of the timescales for approval of the audited annual accounts had been provided under the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

Scottish Ministers had indicated their expectation that the audited annual accounts be published by 30 November 2020 and it was anticipated by the appointed auditors, Audit Scotland, that this would be achieved.

The report indicated that under the Council's Delegated Functions the audited accounts were normally presented to the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board prior to being presented to Council. In order to allow the Council to comply with the revised dates permissible under Finance Circular 10/2020, it was proposed that the meeting of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board to be held on 2 November 2020 be rescheduled to 23 November 2020 in order to allow sufficient time for completion of the audit process. Thereafter, it was proposed that a special meeting of the Council be called on an appropriate date, but no later than 30 November 2020, for the purpose of approving the audited accounts. It was proposed that, in the event the audit process was not complete within the timescales outlined that the audited accounts would be presented for approval to the Council meeting to be held on 17 December 2020.

DECIDED:

(a) That the revised deadline for the Council to approve and publish its audited accounts be noted, and the arrangements being put in place to meet that deadline be agreed;

(b) That it be agreed that the meeting of the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board to be held on 2 November 2020 be rescheduled to 23 November 2020; and

(c) That it be noted that a special meeting of the Council would be called on or before 30 November 2020 to approve the audited accounts; or in the event the audited accounts were not available, it be noted that the audited accounts would be submitted to the Council meeting to be held on 17 December 2020.

6 Governance Arrangements until 17 December 2020

Under reference to Item 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2020 there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the arrangements for the next cycle of Board meetings up to and including the next full Council meeting on 17 December 2020. A copy of the timetable was appended to the report.

The report indicated that at the meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2020 the governance arrangements over the summer recess and to cover the cycle of Board meetings up to and including today's meeting were approved, including a temporary change in remit and increase in the membership of the Emergencies Board. The purpose of those arrangements was to provide a decision-making framework for the Council as it continued to respond to the Covid19 pandemic and the phased removal of lockdown restrictions. The report recommended that these same arrangements, which were set out in the report, be used to facilitate the next cycle of Board and Council meetings to take place as efficiently as possible in the current circumstances as well as enabling the Council to continue to respond to any urgent issues arising from the continuing Covid19 pandemic and to address any changes in guidance or legislation

relating to the Covid19 emergency.

The change to the timetable appended to the report, as detailed at item 5 of this Minute relative to the next meeting of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board was noted.

DECIDED:

(a) That the arrangements for the next cycle of Council and Board meetings set out within the report be approved;

(b) That it be noted that the arrangements for subsequent Board cycles would be the subject of a report to Council on 17 December 2020; and

(c) That the temporary changes to the membership and remit of the Emergencies Board approved by Council on 25 June 2020 be continued.

7 Timetable of Meetings

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to a proposed timetable of meetings of the Council and its Boards covering the period August 2021 to May 2022; a copy of which was appended to the report, to a proposed date for the statutory meeting following the Local Government elections in May 2022 and a proposed change to the date of the Council meeting in May 2021.

The timetable was based on the current governance arrangements and incorporated recess periods at summer, October, Christmas/New Year and spring. Whilst meetings of the Appeals Board and Local Review Body had been included in the timetable the report intimated that there could be occasions when these meetings were not required and would be cancelled in consultation with the respective Convener.

It was highlighted that the meeting of the Council scheduled to be held on 6 May 2021 was on the same day as the Scottish Parliamentary Election. It was proposed that this meeting be rescheduled to 9.30 am on Thursday 13 May 2021. The report further proposed that the statutory meeting of the Council be held on Thursday, 19 May 2022.

DECIDED:

(a) That the timetable of meetings of the Council and its Boards to May 2022, including the dates during which there were to be recesses, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved;

(b) That it be agreed that meetings of the Appeals Panel and Local Review Body, although timetabled, be cancelled if there was no substantive business;

(c) That the Council meeting scheduled to be held on 6 May 2021 be rescheduled to 9.30 am on Thursday 13 May 2021; and

(d) That it be agreed that the statutory meeting of the Council be held on Thursday 19 May 2022.

8 Annual Report of Chief Social Work Officer

There was submitted a report by the Chief Social Work Officer relative to the 2019/20 annual report by the Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO). In Renfrewshire this role was held by the Head of Child Care and Criminal Justice.

The report provided an overview of the role of the CSWO, outlined local arrangements for the discharge of the functions of the post, highlighted key areas of activity of the CSWO locally, detailed the issues and challenges encountered during 2019/20 and provided an overview of activities undertaken by social work services together with how the service responded to the Covid19 crisis.

A copy of the annual report by the CSWO was appended to the report. The report intimated that the scope of the CSWO role covered all social work and social care services, whether provided directly by the local authority, or in partnership with others. Where these services were purchased or commissioned from external providers, the CSWO had responsibility to advise on the specification, quality and standards of services commissioned.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the key activities outlined in the CSWO Annual Report be noted; and
- (b) That it be noted that the CSWO Annual Report would be submitted to the Office of the Chief Social Work Advisor at the Scottish Government.

9 Annual Report of Community Protection Chief Officers' Group

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive relative to the Renfrewshire Community Protection Chief Officers Group Annual Report 2019/20, a copy of which was appended to the report, highlighting the key activities; outlining the benefits of partnership working and providing an overview of the main elements of work delivered by those involved in public protection during 2019/20.

The report focused on activity over the 12 months to March 2020 and covered the period immediately prior to the emergence of the Covid19 pandemic. It was noted that the Chief Officers Group had increased the frequency of meetings since the emergence of the pandemic, to ensure regular oversight and scrutiny of key issues.

The annual report reflected the key priorities identified by the Chief Officers Group for 2020/21 in light of the information available, but also recognised the need for flexibility to ensure that partners worked together to adapt to the changing needs of local people and communities as they continued to live with the presence of Covid19.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the key activities progressed during 2019/20 by the Community Protection Chief Officers Group be noted; and;
- (b) That the identified priorities to be taken forward in partnership during 2019/20, with a specific focus on responding to the impact of Covid19 in Renfrewshire be noted.

10 Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board review of The Effectiveness of Fair Trade (Lead Officer Craig Doogan) in Renfrewshire

Under reference to Item 14 of the Minute of the Meeting of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board held on 16 March 2020, there was submitted a report by the Lead Officer relative to the review of the Effectiveness of Fair-Trade in Renfrewshire.

The report stated that the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board at its meeting held on 27 August 2018, agreed as part of the annual programme of activity for 2019/20 to undertake a review which looked at the effectiveness of fair-trade within Renfrewshire, the aim and scope of which was outlined within the report.

At the meeting of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board held on 16 March 2020, the Board considered the final report which summarised the evidence, findings and recommendations of the review and agreed that it be submitted to a future meeting of the Council for consideration.

DECIDED: That the findings of the final report on the review of Effectiveness of Fair Trade in Renfrewshire approved at the meeting of the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board held on 16 March 2020, be noted and that the key recommendations contained therein be approved.

11 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Devine and Sharkey

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Devine and Sharkey in the following terms:

"Webcasting of Policy Board Meetings

Council in recognising that it should meet the needs of communities into the future agrees to extend the current arrangements for webcasting Council meetings to the following Boards and their successors, from the next cycle of Boards:

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board
Cross Party Sounding Board
Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board
Petitions Board
Community, Housing and Planning Policy Board
Education and Children's Service Board
Infrastructure, Land and Environment Board
Leadership Board
Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-committee"

Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Sharkey, then moved the motion.

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved as an amendment that notwithstanding the current temporary measures in place, Council agrees that all the meetings as listed be live streamed/recorded from the Council chamber when physical meetings are once again permissible, and guidance allows. Council also instructs officers in the duration to investigate the options and costs and to report to the next full Council for consideration.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Audrey Doig, Don, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw and Steel.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, Mack, Mackay, J MacLaren, , McCulloch, McIntyre, Montgomery, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

20 members having voted for the amendment and 23 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: That Council in recognising that it should meet the needs of communities into the future agrees to extend the current arrangements for webcasting Council meetings to the following Boards and their successors, from the next cycle of Boards:

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board
Cross Party Sounding Board
Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board
Petitions Board
Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board
Education and Children's Services Policy Board
Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board
Leadership Board
Police and Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Sub-committee

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 am and reconvened at 11.55 am.

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Councillor Montgomery left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

12 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Binks and J MacLaren

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Binks and J MacLaren in the following terms:

"In view of the suggestion that Howwood might lose the two school crossing patrollers, has yet again highlighted the very dangers that the children and residents of Howwood encounter every day in trying to cross the B787 that runs straight through the village and the B776 Bowfield Road.

Council should give strong consideration to erecting a pedestrian controlled crossing close to the junction of these two roads within the Village. Argument has been put forward before with regard to this possibility but rebuffed as being not feasible because of the site lines. This problem surely can be mitigated by the installation of highly visible warning signs at both entrances to the village stating that there is a pedestrian controlled

crossing ahead.

I would ask the Council, as a matter of priority and the safety of our children, to arrange a public meeting in the village to discuss this issue."

Councillor Binks, seconded by Councillor J MacLaren, then moved the motion.

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor Nicolson, moved as an amendment:

Delete from paragraph 2 and replace with:

"Council asks that following the speed survey completion at this location (postponed from April 2020 and due to be rearranged in the coming weeks), results are shared with ward members and used to inform Officers recommendations for the installation of any pedestrian crossing facilities necessary.

Council agrees that a "public meeting" as normally understood cannot be held due to current restrictions. Council therefore agrees that Officers from the relevant department engage using the appropriate methods under prevailing guidance."

In terms of Standing Order 27 Councillors Binks and J MacLaren, being the mover and seconder of the motion, agreed to the amendment and the motion as amended was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

(a) That in view of the suggestion that Howwood might lose the two school crossing patrollers, has yet again highlighted the very dangers that the children and residents of Howwood encounter every day in trying to cross the B787 that runs straight through the village and the B776 Bowfield Road. Council asks that following the speed survey completion at this location (postponed from April 2020 and due to be rearranged in the coming weeks), results are shared with ward members and used to inform officers' recommendations for the installation of any pedestrian crossing facilities necessary; and

(b) That Council agrees that a "public meeting" as normally understood cannot be held due to current restrictions. Council therefore agrees that officers from the relevant department engage using the appropriate methods under prevailing guidance.

13 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Binks and J MacLaren

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Binks and J MacLaren in the following terms:

"A number of schools including Howwood PS and Bridge of Weir PS are missing or recently have had the threat of losing their school crossing patroller. Council notes the concerns of parents about potentially losing their school's crossing patroller and believes that the allocation of school crossing patrollers should be based primarily on child safety. Council has, for a number of years, been short of these crossing patrollers. Council must do more to recruit and retain patrollers and have additional staff trained to step in when one becomes unavailable. Council must bring a report to the next Education Policy Board on the steps being taken to fill missing positions or suggest alternative measures such as installing pedestrian crossings."

Councillor Binks, seconded by Councillor J MacLaren, then moved the motion.

Councillor Paterson advised that this matter was not within the remit of the Education & Children's Services Policy Board. In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Binks and J MacLaren, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the change in the wording to "Council must bring a report to the next appropriate Board"

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor Don, moved as a first amendment:

Delete from "Council must" and replace with:

"Council recognises that existing pressures on school support staff resource have been further exacerbated by the Covid19 Emergency.

Council notes that high-turnover and difficult to fill posts will now be recruited for on an ongoing basis and agrees that a report be brought to the next appropriate board regarding the recruitment and retention of School Crossing Patrollers.

Council agrees that if any changes are necessary in future, Officers engage with schools, parent councils and local elected members giving adequate time for temporary arrangements to be made."

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved as a second amendment:

In addition, add "Council therefore also agrees to retain the School Crossing Patrollers in Lochwinnoch, on the primacy of child safety, as well as at Howwood and Bridge of Weir."

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Binks and J MacLaren, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the addition to their motion of the second amendment by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood.

The motion and the first amendment (amendment) by Councillors Rodden and Don then remained.

On the roll being called between the motion and the amendment the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Audrey Doig, Don, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw and Steel.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, J MacLaren, Mack, Mackay, McCartin, McCulloch, McIntyre, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

20 members having voted for the amendment and 22 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

It was proposed that ward members be provided with information in relation to the school crossing patroller(s) at Lochfield Primary School. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That a number of schools including Howwood PS and Bridge of Weir PS are missing or recently have had the threat of losing their school crossing patroller. Council notes the concerns of parents about potentially losing their school's crossing patroller and

believes that the allocation of school crossing patrollers should be based primarily on child safety;

(b) That Council has, for a number of years, been short of these crossing patrollers. Council must do more to recruit and retain patrollers and have additional staff trained to step in when one becomes unavailable;

(d) That Council must bring a report to the next appropriate Policy Board on the steps being taken to fill missing positions or suggest alternative measures such as installing pedestrian crossings;

(e) That Council therefore also agrees to retain the School Crossing Patrollers in Lochwinnoch, on the primacy of child safety, as well as at Howwood and Bridge of Weir; and

(f) That ward members be provided with information in relation to the school crossing patroller(s) at Lochfield Primary School.

14 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors Burns and K MacLaren

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Burns and K MacLaren in the following terms:

"Council contacts the UK Government to request they work with the BBC to offer free TV licence to all over 75 during Covid19 and moving forward."

Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, then moved the motion.

Councillor MacKay, seconded by Councillor Strang, moved as a first amendment that Council to contact the Director General of the BBC, to request the BBC to offer a free TV licence to those over the age of 75.

Councillor Devine, seconded by Councillor Sharkey, then moved as a second amendment

To remove "during Covid19 and moving forward" to read "Council contacts the UK Government to request they work with the BBC to offer free TV licence to all over 75s,"

Councillors MacKay and Strang then withdrew their amendment

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Burns and K MacLaren, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the second amendment which was approved unanimously.

DECIDED: That Council contacts the UK Government to request they work with the BBC to offer free TV licence to all over 75s.

15 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood in the following terms:

"Commemorative Plaque for Mr John Fraser, Founder of the Co-Operative Society in Johnstone

This Council recognizes, in this the 200th anniversary of the 1820 Radical Uprising, the legacy of peaceful reform and belief in social justice, which the Radicals left to the people of Renfrewshire.

In particular, Council wishes to honour the memory of 1820 Radical, and Johnstone Schoolmaster, Mr John Fraser, who became Editor of the Scottish Chartist newspaper, the True Scotsman, and founded the Johnstone Co-Operative Society in 1866.

Council, accordingly, agrees to erect a plaque to his memory in Johnstone town hall".

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, then moved the motion.

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor McGurk, moved as an amendment that Council notes, as agreed in May 2018, criteria and procedures have been developed for Community Applications for Commemorative Events and Memorials.

Council would therefore welcome any community proposals for this, or any other commemoration.

Council agrees to perform due diligence checks of any proposals, in particular for historical and reputational acceptance.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Audrey Doig, Don, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw and Steel.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, J MacLaren, Mack, Mackay, McCartin, McCulloch, McIntyre, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

19 members having voted for the amendment and 23 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That Renfrewshire Council recognises, in this the 200th anniversary of the 1820 Radical Uprising, the legacy of peaceful reform and belief in social justice, which the Radicals left to the people of Renfrewshire;

(b) That Renfrewshire Council wishes to honour the memory of 1820 Radical, and Johnstone Schoolmaster, Mr John Fraser, who became Editor of the Scottish Chartist newspaper, the True Scotsman, and founded the Johnstone Co-Operative Society in 1866. Council agrees to erect a plaque to his memory in Johnstone Town Hall.

16 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood in the following terms:

"Road Crossing and Upgrade of Lochwinnoch Railway Station"

Council reiterates its demand for Network Rail/Scotrail to review the parking provisions and lack of access, for both able bodied and disabled users, at Lochwinnoch Train Station.

Council calls on Renfrewshire's MP's to lobby the Westminster Government to deliver UK infrastructure investment, and calls on Renfrewshire's MSP's to lobby the Transport Secretary in Holyrood to nominate Lochwinnoch for improved access and car parking space.

Council resolves to honour its previous pledge to upgrade both the footpath at the bridge on the A761 to the Train Station, and provide a suitable crossing to the Train Station to ensure it is fully accessible, within the next two financial years".

Councillor Andy Doig advised that there was an error in his motion and that reference to the "A761" should read "A760".

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, then moved the motion.

Councillor Rodden, seconded by Councillor McGurk moved as an amendment:

After paragraph 1 insert:

"As Lochwinnoch Station has been assessed and found not to meet established criteria for such investment and adaptations, Council agrees to write to the Cabinet Secretary and ask that the criteria be reviewed. Council understands how vital rail links are to rural villages in Renfrewshire and beyond and therefore believes that criteria should reflect the importance of accessibility for all to rural stations."

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Audrey Doig, Don, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mack, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw and Steel.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Davidson, Devine, Andy Doig, Dowling, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Kerr, J MacLaren, Mackay, McCulloch, McIntyre, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

21 members voted for the motion and 21 members voted for the amendment. There being an equality of votes cast, the Provost used her second and casting vote in favour of the amendment.

DECIDED:

(a) That Council reiterates its demand for Network Rail/Scotrail to review the parking provisions and lack of access, for both able bodied and disabled users, at Lochwinnoch Train Station; and

(b) That as Lochwinnoch Station has been assessed and found not to meet established criteria for such investment and adaptations, Council agrees to write to the Cabinet Secretary and ask that the criteria be reviewed. Council understands how vital rail links

are to rural villages in Renfrewshire and beyond and therefore believes that criteria should reflect the importance of accessibility for all to rural stations.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2.10pm and reconvened at 2.40pm.

Order of Business

Provost Cameron intimated that she proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 20 – Notice of Motion 10 prior to Item 17 – Notice of Motion 7 on the agenda.

17 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin in the following terms:

"Reform of Hate Crime Bill

This Council agrees with the sentiment behind the proposed Hate Crime Bill, which the SNP Government is currently promoting through Holyrood, but calls for radical amendment of the Bill to ensure it does not undermine free speech.

In particular, Council demands that the intention to commit hate crime should be enshrined in the Bill as a core principle, as should a clause which defends satire under Scots law as protected speech in order to defend the rights of artists, comedians, and writers".

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor McCartin, then moved the motion.

Councillor Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Devine, moved as an amendment:

"This Council has serious concerns about Part Two of the Bill as currently drafted and considers that it will require substantial revision if it is to be fit for purpose, and urges the Scottish Government to work with stakeholders and the Parliament throughout the legislative process to amend the Bill so that it does deal robustly with hate crime, protect individuals while protecting the privileges that people enjoy with regard to free speech and builds consensus that prejudice and hatred have no place in Scotland".

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the amendment which was approved unanimously.

RECORDING OF DISSENT

Councillor Mack being the mover of an amendment which failed to find a seconder requested that his dissent be recorded in terms of Standing Order 24.

DECIDED: That this Council has serious concerns about Part Two of the Bill as currently drafted and considers that it would require substantial revision if it is to be fit for purpose and urges the Scottish Government to work with stakeholders and the Parliament throughout the legislative process to amend the Bill so that it does deal robustly with hate crime, protect individuals while protecting the privileges that people enjoy with regard to free speech and builds consensus that prejudice and hatred have no place in Scotland.

Sederunt

Councillors Davidson and Dowling left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

18 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood in the following terms:

"Upgrade and Dualling of the A737

"This Council notes the long-standing campaign by residents of Howwood, Kilbarchan, and Lochwinnoch, to get the A737 upgraded and dualled between the Roadhead Roundabout, outside Lochwinnoch, and Kilbarchan. Council further recognizes the compelling case from a health and safety and economic development perspective for this to happen.

Council accordingly calls for the Scottish Government to agree to the upgrade and dualling of the A737 as intimated above, and to give a timescale and budget for this completion".

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

DECIDED: Upgrade and Dualling of the A737

(a) That Renfrewshire Council notes the long-standing campaign by residents of Howwood, Kilbarchan, and Lochwinnoch, to get the A737 upgraded and dualled between the Roadhead Roundabout, outside Lochwinnoch, and Kilbarchan;

(b) That this Council further recognises the compelling case from a health and safety and economic development perspective for this to happen; and

(c) That this Council accordingly calls for the Scottish Government to agree to the upgrade and dualling of the A737 as intimated above, and to give a timescale and budget for this completion.

Sederunt

Councillor Mack left the meeting prior to and Councillor Kerr left the meeting during consideration of the following item of business.

19 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors Campbell and Paterson

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Campbell and Paterson in the following terms:

This council calls on the Chief Executive and the Director of Children's Services to work with the Scottish Government, Education Scotland, COSLA and teaching unions to produce and implement anti-racist teaching resources into the school syllabus. Further, to include education on Britain's use of its people from across the British Colonies in the great wars, to recognise the longstanding effects of colonialism around the world and to teach the facts in their entirety on the regrettable and significant part Britain played in the slave trade economy.

Council also calls upon the Director of Children's Services to provide training and guidance to educators to discuss sensitive topics around racism, the role of Britain and its imperialist influence and equipping them with the confidence and support needed to teach this necessary education."

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Paterson, then moved the motion.

Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved as a first amendment that the council calls on the Chief Executive and the Director of Children's Services to work with the Scottish Government, Education Scotland, COSLA and teaching unions to produce and implement anti-racist teaching resources into the school syllabus. Further, to include education on Britain's use of its people from across the British Colonies in the great wars.

Council also calls upon the Director of Children's Services to provide training and guidance to educators to discuss sensitive topics around racism.

The council also calls on the Chief Executive to ensure that the sacrifice of those from Britain's Colonies, Overseas Territories and Self Governing Dominions who have served in our armed forces are recognised and included in the acts of remembrance organised by Renfrewshire Council.

The council recognises the positive and significant contribution by people immigrating to the United Kingdom from former British Colonies making the United Kingdom the modern multi-cultural country that it is today.

Particular recognition should be given to the high number of people from black and ethnic minorities, many from former British Colonies, working in our NHS and other frontline services during the Covid19 19 Pandemic.

Councillor Sharkey, seconded by Councillor Devine, moved as a second amendment that in recognising the sins of Britain's imperialist past and, in particular, their role in the slave trade, this council acknowledges the work of anti-slavery campaigners such as, Thomas Clarkson, Olaudah Equiano, Elizabeth Heyrick and Granville Sharp to name but a few. The work of these campaigners and, many others, should be included in any educational resources and materials.

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Campbell and Paterson, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the second amendment as an addition to the motion and the to change the wording in paragraph 1 to " Further, to include education on Britain's use of the British Colonies in the great wars forward".

The motion and the first amendment (amendment) by Councillors Graham and McIntyre then remained.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Begg, Binks, Graham, J MacLaren, McIntyre and Strang.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Bibby Brown, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, and Councillors Campbell, Devine, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Don, Grady, Harte, Hood, Hughes, Kennedy, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McCartin, McCulloch, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Sharkey, Shaw, Sheridan and Steel.

The following member abstained: Councillor Mackay.

6 members having voted for the amendment, 31 members having voted for the motion and 1 member having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That Council calls on the Chief Executive and the Director of Children's Services to work with the Scottish Government, Education Scotland, COSLA and teaching unions to produce and implement anti-racist teaching resources into the school syllabus.

Further, to include education on Britain's use of the British Colonies in the great wars forward, to recognise the longstanding effects of colonialism around the world and to teach the facts in their entirety on the regrettable and significant part Britain played in the slave trade economy;

(b) That this Council calls upon the Director of Children's Services to provide training and guidance to educators to discuss sensitive topics around racism, the role of Britain and its imperialist influence and equipping them with the confidence and support needed to teach this necessary education; and

(c) That in recognising the sins of Britain's imperialist past and, in particular, their role in the slave trade, this council acknowledges the work of anti-slavery campaigners such as, Thomas Clarkson, Olaudah Equiano, Elizabeth Heyrick and Granville Sharp to name but a few. The work of these campaigners and, many others, should be included in any educational resources and materials.

29 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin in the following terms:

"City Deal Cabinet Reform

This Council:

- Recognises that clarity and transparency are crucial in the delivery of the City Deal projects for Renfrewshire.
- Notes the concerns of The Accounts Commission's report Scotland's City Region and Growth Deals on City Deal governance.
- Believes that the Convenership of the Glasgow Region City Deal Cabinet should rotate on an equal basis between the Glasgow City Deal Local Authorities.
- Believes that the Chief Executive Officers of the Glasgow City Deal Local Authorities should convene the Chief Executives Group on a rotational basis, in conjunction with the rotation of the City Deal Cabinet Convenership.
- Calls for reform of the City Deal Cabinet's Protocols to ensure that agreed City Deal projects can be changed with the approval of the relevant local authority."

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor McCartin, then moved the motion.

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Paterson, moved as an amendment Council notes that there is currently underway a review of all the areas highlighted in the motion.

Council also notes that the Assurance Framework which determines the processes for decision making is an agreed process between all the member authorities and the Scottish and UK Governments. None of the projects or the finance associated belongs to any one local authority member but collectively. All projects require to undergo various checks and assessments by the Scottish and UK Governments as part of the Gateway review process.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Audrey Doig, Don, Hughes, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McEwan, McGurk, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw and Steel.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Begg, Bibby, Binks, Brown, Devine, Andy Doig, Grady, Graham, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, J MacLaren, Mackay, McCartin, McCulloch, McIntyre, Sharkey, Sheridan and Strang.

19 members having voted for the amendment and 19 members having voted for the motion There being an equality of votes cast, the Provost used her second and casting vote in favour of the amendment.

[At the meeting the vote was intimated as 20 for the motion and 19 for the amendment. This error was subsequently recognised and the Provost indicated that she would have used her second and casting vote in favour of the amendment.]

DECIDED: Council notes that there is currently underway a review of all the areas highlighted in the motion.

Council also notes that the Assurance Framework which determines the processes for decision making is an agreed process between all the member authorities and the Scottish and UK Governments. None of the projects or the finance associated belongs to any one local authority member but collectively. All projects require to undergo

various checks and assessments by the Scottish and UK Governments as part of the Gateway review process.

Declarations of Interest

Councillors Burns, Audrey Doig, McCulloch, Rodden and Shaw having declared an interest in the following item left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Andy Doig having declared an interest in the following item remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Provost Cameron and Councillors Campbell, Dowling, Hughes, Nicolson Paterson and Sharkey having declared an interest in the following item remained in the meeting.

Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig in the following terms:

"Realistic Wage for Social Care Workers

Council declares its deep-felt appreciation and gratitude to social care workers in Renfrewshire who, since the beginning of the Covid19 crisis, are supporting the most vulnerable in society.

Council believes it is vital that social care workers are given a realistic wage commensurate to their responsibilities, and rising to that comparable with junior nurses. Council calls on both private and public sector providers of social care to work collectively to deliver that aim as soon as possible.

Council welcomes the decision by the Scottish Government to review adult social care in Scotland with a view to establishing a National Care Service."

Councillor McCartin, seconded by Councillor Devine, then moved the motion.

Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor J Cameron, moved as an amendment

Paragraph 2.

"Renfrewshire Council believes that there should be parity of salaries across all sectors where social care roles deliver vital services to our communities.

The social care sector covers a wide variety of settings and services and this is also reflected in the differing level of roles undertaken by social care staff. Council therefore calls on the Scottish Government and Cosla to work collectively to deliver a review of all social care roles including salary structures similar to that of Adult social care review"

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors McCartin and Devine, being the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to accept the amendment which was approved unanimously.

DECIDED: Realistic Wage for Social Care Workers

(a) That this Council declares its deep-felt appreciation and gratitude to social care workers in Renfrewshire who, since the beginning of the Covid19 crisis, are supporting the most vulnerable in society;

(b) That Renfrewshire Council believes that there should be parity of salaries across all sectors where social care roles deliver vital services to our communities;

(c) That the social care sector covers a wide variety of settings and services and this is also reflected in the differing level of roles undertaken by social care staff. Council therefore calls on the Scottish Government and Cosla to work collectively to deliver a review of all social care roles including salary structures similar to that of Adult social care review; and

(d) That this Council welcomes the decision by the Scottish Government to review adult social care in Scotland with a view to establishing a National Care Service.

Sederunt

Councillors Burns, Audrey Doig, McCulloch, Rodden and Shaw re-entered the meeting.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Dowling having declared an interest in the following item remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

22 Notice of Motion 12 by Councillors Paterson and J Cameron

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Paterson and J Cameron in the following terms:

"Independent Care Review

Council welcomes the publication of the final report of the Independent Care Review and acknowledges the findings; Commits to engaging with all relevant stakeholders and most importantly Care Experience young people, including the Renfrewshire Children's Champions Board to discuss necessary changes to ensure that 'The Promise' is kept and that our children and young people grow up to be loved, safe and respected and that they realise their full potential; Agrees that following engagement a delivery plan be brought to a future Education and Children's Service Policy Board for the consideration of elected members."

Councillor Paterson, seconded by Councillor J Cameron, then moved the motion which was approved unanimously.

DECIDED: Independent Care Review

(a) That Council welcomes the publication of the final report of the Independent re Review and acknowledged the findings;

(b) That Council commits to engaging with all relevant stakeholders and most importantly Care Experience young people, including the Renfrewshire Children's Champions Board to discuss necessary changes to ensure that 'The Promise' was kept and that our children and young people grow up to be loved, safe and respected and that they realise their full potential; and

(c) That Council agrees that following engagement, a delivery plan be brought to a future Education and Children's Service Policy Board for the consideration of elected members.

23 Notice of Motion 13 by Councillors Don and McEwan

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Don and McEwan in the following terms:

"Council notes the support and engagement of our local communities in the continued success of the Team Up to Clean Up campaign.

Council thanks the many local volunteers who have continued to litter pick throughout the period of lockdown. These dedicated and committed litter picking heroes while adhering to social distancing guidelines have played their part in not only raising the profile of community volunteering but in sending a clear message that everyone has a role and a responsibility in keeping Renfrewshire's environment clean."

Councillor Don, seconded by Councillor McEwan, then moved the motion.

Councillor Sheridan, seconded by Councillor Devine, moved an amendment that this Council acknowledges that under Section 89 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the subsequent Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018, it is the responsibility of the council to ensure that their land, and the land that they are responsible for, is kept clear of litter and refuse and that roads are kept clean.

This council respects people's choice to volunteer within their communities. However, it rejects the direction of travel, currently being pursued by this SNP administration, to replace council employees with volunteers, thereby placing the burden of keeping communities clear of litter, onto the residents.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Bibby, Brown, Devine, Andy Doig, Grady, Harte, Hood, Kennedy, Sharkey and Sheridan.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Begg, Binks, Burns, J Cameron, Provost L Cameron, Councillors Campbell, Audrey Doig, Don, Graham, Hughes, J MacLaren, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mackay, McEwan, McGurk, McIntyre, McNaughtan, Mylet, Nicolson, Paterson, Rodden, Shaw, Steel and Strang.

The following member abstained: Councillor McCulloch.

10 members having voted for the amendment, 26 members having voted for the motion and 1 member having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That Council notes the support and engagement of our local communities in the continued success of the Team Up to Clean Up campaign; and

(b) That Council thanks the many local volunteers who have continued to litter pick throughout the period of lockdown. These dedicated and committed litter picking heroes while adhering to social distancing guidelines have played their part in not only raising the profile of community volunteering but in sending a clear message that everyone has a role and a responsibility in keeping Renfrewshire's environment clean.

Sederunt

Councillor McCartin left the meeting during the following item of business.

24 Notice of Motion 14 by Councillors Kennedy and Sharkey

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Kennedy and Sharkey in the following terms:

"Pedestrian Barriers - Well Street/Wellmeadow Street/Glasgow Road, Paisley

Council regrets the disruption to the Community and, in particular, the business owners who have been inconvenienced by the pedestrian barriers placed in Well Street, Wellmeadow Street and Glasgow Road. Council agrees that reasonable compensation should be paid to those businesses affected."

Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor Sharkey, then moved the motion.

Councillor McEwan, seconded by Councillor Don, moved as a first amendment that:

"Council agrees that there should be a review of the process regarding the implementation of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs) in the Well Street, Wellmeadow Street, and Glasgow Road vicinities, as a response to providing social distancing measures.

Council also notes that there is a recognised legal process for the payment of compensation, and that any individual or business should seek advice, on pursuing loss or damages from the Council through that process."

Councillor Adam-McGregor, proposed as an addition to the first amendment that the barriers be removed from Glasgow Road starting from Lacy Street & continuing along to Crossflat Crescent with immediate effect & that we continue to monitor the situation given the close proximity of Paisley Grammar. In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors McEwan and Don being the mover and seconder of the amendment agreed to accept Councillor Adam-McGregor's addition to their amendment.

Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor McIntyre, moved as a second amendment that Council further calls for the removal of barriers on Glasgow Road.

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved as a third amendment that the following be included as an addition to the motion:

"Council further agrees that reasonable compensation should also be paid to business owners in Johnstone High Street, in view of similar disruption to retail activity."

In terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Kennedy and Sharkey, being the mover and seconder of the motion accepted Councillor Adam-McGregor's addition to the first amendment, and the second amendment by Councillors Graham and McIntyre and the third amendment by Councillors Andy Doig and Hood.

The motion and the first amendment (amendment) by Councillors McEwan and Don (amendment) then remained.

On the roll being called between the motion and the amendment, the following members voted for the motion: Councillors Adam-McGregor, Begg, Bibby and Binks.

Prior to the vote being concluded, in terms of Standing Order 27, Councillors Kennedy and Sharkey, being the mover and seconder of the motion, then also accepted the first amendment by Councillors McEwan and Don and the motion as amended by all three amendments, was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED:

(a) That Council regrets the disruption to the Community and, in particular, the business owners who have been inconvenienced by the pedestrian barriers placed in Well Street, Wellmeadow Street and Glasgow Road. Council agrees that reasonable compensation should be paid to those businesses affected;

(b) That Council agrees that there should be a review of the process regarding the implementation of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs) in the Well Street, Wellmeadow Street, and Glasgow Road vicinities, as a response to providing social distancing measures;

(c) That Council also notes that there is a recognised legal process for the payment of compensation, and that any individual or business should seek advice, on pursuing loss or damages from the Council through that process;

(d) That the barriers be removed from Glasgow Road starting from Lacy Street and continuing along to Crossflat Crescent with immediate effect and that the Council continue to monitor the situation given the close proximity of Paisley Grammar;

(e) That Council further calls for the removal of barriers on Glasgow Road; and

(f) That Council further agrees that reasonable compensation should also be paid to business owners in Johnstone High Street, in view of similar disruption to retail activity.