

Minute of Special Meeting Council

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 04 July 2016	17:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Bibby, B Brown, M Brown, Caldwell, Cameron, E Devine, M Devine, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Gilmour, Provost Hall, Councillors Harte, Henry, Holmes, Hood, Kelly, Lawson, Mack, J MacLaren, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, M Macmillan, McCartin, McGee, McGurk, McQuade, Mullin, Murrin, J Sharkey, M Sharkey and Williams.

CHAIR

Provost Hall presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources, K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, A McNaughton and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officers (all Finance & Resources).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Clark, Glen and I McMillan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 MOTION

There was submitted a motion in the following terms:

“Council notes the current economic and political uncertainty caused by the result of the EU Referendum. Council notes that a report to the Council meeting on 28 April 2016 highlighted that a vote to leave would be economically damaging for the UK and could lead to a reduction in economic growth which would reduce Government fiscal receipts and put additional pressure on public spending. The report further highlighted potential areas of financial and economic risk for the Council and Renfrewshire in relation to access to direct EU funding and foreign inward investment.

In light of the result of the EU Referendum which will see the UK leaving the European Union; Council now offers its full support to the Scottish Government in its efforts to reduce the impact of the EU Referendum result on Scotland.”

Councillor M Macmillan, seconded by Councillor Holmes, then moved the motion.

Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, moved as an amendment that the following be added to the motion:

“Including the potential of calling a referendum on Scottish Independence when appropriate.

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The second paragraph of the amendment was accepted by the mover and seconder of the motion as an addition to the motion. However, the amendment was not withdrawn.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors Lawson, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McGurk, Cameron, McGee, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, M Brown and McQuade.

The following members voted for the motion as amended: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, E Devine, Mack, Henry, M Macmillan, McCartin, Caldwell, Hood, Bibby, Gilmour, Provost Hall, Councillors Holmes, J MacLaren, Harte and Mullin.

21 members having voted for the motion and 10 members having voted for the amendment, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: Council notes the current economic and political uncertainty caused by the result of the EU Referendum. Council notes that a report to the Council meeting on 28 April 2016 highlighted that a vote to leave would be economically damaging for the UK and could lead to a reduction in economic growth which would reduce Government fiscal receipts and put additional pressure on public spending. The report further highlighted potential areas of financial and economic risk for the Council and Renfrewshire in relation to access to direct EU funding and foreign inward investment.

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