

Minute of Meeting Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 25 February 2016	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors Bibby, B Brown, M Brown, Caldwell, Cameron, Clark, E Devine, M Devine, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Gilmour, Glen, Grady, Provost Hall, Councillors Harte, Henry, Holmes, Hood, Kelly, Lawson, Mack, J MacLaren, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Macmillan, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, I McMillan, McQuade, Mullin, Murrin, Mylet, Nicolson, Noon, Perrie, J Sharkey, M Sharkey and Williams.

CHAIR

Provost Hall presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

S Black, Chief Executive; P Macleod, Director of Children's Services; S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources; M Crearie, Director of Development & Housing Services; A Russell, Director of Finance & Resources; D Leese, Chief Officer (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); and K Graham, Head of Corporate Governance, A MacArthur, Head of Finance, J Lynch, Head of Property Services, M Conaghan, Legal & Democratic Services Manager, E Currie, Senior Committee Services Office and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M Macmillan declared a financial interest in item 10 of the agenda as he was a Director on the Board of NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and indicated that it was his intention to take part in the discussion and vote thereon.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Councillor Lawson intimated that he wished to table an emergency motion which had not been included in the notice calling the meeting and he requested that this be taken as an additional item. Provost Hall ruled that the motion was not competent.

1 MINUTES OF COUNCIL, BOARDS AND PANELS

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

Council, 17 December 2015
Social Work, Health & Well-being Policy Board, 19 January 2016
Regulatory Functions Board, 20 January 2016
Education & Children Policy Board, 21 January 2016
Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board, 25 January 2016
Housing & Community Safety Policy Board, 26 January 2016
Planning & Property Policy Board, 26 January 2016
Environment Policy Board, 27 January 2016
Finance & Resources Policy Board, 27 January 2016
Economy & Jobs Policy Board, 3 February 2016
Regulatory Functions Board, 4 February 2016
Renfrew & Gallowhill Local Area Committee, 9 February 2016
Personnel Appeals and Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 11 February 2016
Paisley North Local Area Committee, 11 February 2016
Audit, Scrutiny & Petitions Board, 15 February 2016
Paisley South Local Area Committee, 16 February 2016
Leadership Board, 17 February 2016
Regulatory Functions Board, 18 February 2016
Johnstone & the Villages Local Area Committee, 18 February 2016

DECIDED: That the Minutes be approved.

2 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET AND RENT LEVELS 2016/17 AND HOUSING CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2016/17 TO 2018/19

There was submitted a joint report by the Directors of Development & Housing Services and Finance & Resources relative to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Rent Levels for 2016/17 and the Housing Capital Investment Plan for 2016/17 - 2018/19.

The report intimated that the UK Government's Welfare Reform policy changes had placed additional financial stress on families, pressure on Council services and presented a significant financial risk to the HRA which included the roll out of Universal Credit. The Council had set aside HRA balances of £5 million for measures to mitigate the impact of welfare reform over the period 2013/14 to 2017/18. This included additional staffing to deal with the increased contact needed with tenants and the establishment of a Council Tenant Assistance Fund (CTAF). During 2014/15 the requirement for the CTAF had been removed as a result of additional Discretionary Housing Payment DHP funding received from the Scottish Government.

The report detailed the proposed HRA budget for financial year 2016/17 and set out the information which allowed consideration of the planned rent increase for 2016/17 and detailed the proposed Housing Capital Investment Plan for the three-year period 2016/17 to 2018/19.

Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor M Devine, moved:

1. To agree to an average weekly rent increase of 2% for 2016/17.
2. To note the outcome of the tenant consultation process.
3. To note this Council's continued commitment to mitigate the impacts of welfare reform on Council tenants through the earmarking of HRA balances over the period to 2017/18 to deliver a programme of measures intended to support tenants to manage the negative impacts of welfare reform.
4. To approve the HRA budget for Financial Year 2016/17 as proposed in the report.
5. To approve the Housing Capital Investment Plan 2016/17 to 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, including the investment of £52.1 million over the three year period.
6. To note the ongoing risk to the Housing Revenue Account including the uncertainty associated with the impact of the roll out of welfare reform particularly in relation to Universal Credit and direct payments.

Councillor M MacLaren, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, moved as an amendment:

1. To agree to a rent freeze in 2016/17. This is an average weekly rent increase of 0% and that £922,000 be utilised from unallocated resources leaving a balance of £5.878 million and amends Appendix 1 accordingly.
2. To note the Council's commitment to mitigate financial pressures on Council tenants especially low paid working families and those on fixed retirement incomes by the use of reserves to allow for a rent freeze in 2016/17.
3. To note the outcome of the tenant consultation process showed a preference for a 2% increase from those that responded and to note that a rent freeze was not provided as an option in this consultation, noting also that only 1% of tenants responded to the consultation.
4. To note the Council's continued commitment to mitigate the impacts of welfare reform on Council tenants through the earmarking of HRA balances over the period to 2017/18 to deliver a programme of measures intended to support tenants to manage the negative impacts of welfare reform.
5. To approve the HRA budget for Financial Year 2016/17 as amended by the above changes.
6. To approve the Housing Capital Investment Plan 2016/17 to 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.

7. To note the continuing risk to the Housing Revenue Account including the uncertainty associated with the impact of the roll out of welfare reform particularly in relation to Universal Credit and direct payments.

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

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

The following member abstained: Councillor Mack.

14 members having voted for the amendment, 24 members having voted for the motion and 1 member having abstained, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That an average weekly rent increase of 2% for 2016/17 be agreed;

(b) That the outcome of the tenant consultation process be noted;

(c) That this Council's continued commitment to mitigate the impacts of welfare reform on Council tenants through the earmarking of HRA balances over the period to 2017/18 to deliver a programme of measures intended to support tenants to manage the negative impacts of welfare reform be noted;

(d) That the HRA budget for Financial Year 2016/17 as proposed in the report be approved;

(e) That the Housing Capital Investment Plan 2016/17 to 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report, including the investment of £52.1 million over the three year period be approved; and

(f) That the ongoing risk to the Housing Revenue Account including the uncertainty associated with the impact of the roll out of welfare reform particularly in relation to Universal Credit and direct payments be noted.

3 THE PROCUREMENT REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014 AND THE REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO CONTRACTS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the need to review the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts in light of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, the Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016, the Concessions Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and statutory guidance made under and in terms of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014.

The report intimated that although the requirements under the regulations and guidance would largely come into effect on 18 April 2016, some of these had yet to be published and it was proposed that authority be delegated to the Procurement Sub-committee to approve the changes required to the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts as a result of the review.

DECIDED:

(a) That the need to review the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts in light of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015, the Procurement (Scotland) Regulations 2016, the Concession Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 and statutory guidance made under and in terms of the Procurement Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 be noted; and

(b) That authority be delegated to the Procurement Sub-committee to approve the changes required to the Standing Orders Relating to Contracts as a result of the review.

4 LIVING WAGE ACCREDITATION

There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive seeking approval to apply for Scottish Living Wage Accreditation under the scheme organised by the Poverty Alliance in partnership with the Living Wage Foundation.

The report detailed the activities across the Council that supported the payment of the Living Wage across Renfrewshire, including the promotion of a Living Wage Campaign to promote the benefits of the Living Wage to employers in Renfrewshire; encouraging tenderers to pay the Living Wage; and applying for Living Wage accreditation.

DECIDED:

(a) That the Chief Executive be authorised to submit an application on the Council's behalf for accreditation as a Living Wage employer in terms of the Scottish Living Wage Accreditation Scheme;

(b) That the progress of a range of activities to support the payment of Living Wage across Renfrewshire be noted; and

(c) That the conditions related to the payment of the Living Wage to the Social Care sector arising from the Local Government Finance Settlement 2016/17 be noted.

5 RECORDS MANAGEMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to the creation and implementation of a Records Management Plan, as required by the Public Records (Scotland) Act 2011, outlining how the authority currently managed its records and the actions it was taking to further improve the management of its records.

The report intimated that the Council was required to submit its Records Management Plan to the Keeper of the Records of Scotland for assessment by the deadline date of 31 March 2016. The Renfrewshire Licensing Board was also required to submit a Records Management Plan and the Council and Licensing Board were submitting a joint plan to the Keeper of the Records of Scotland.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Records Management Plan as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (b) That the Business Classification Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved;
- (c) That approval of the Retention Schedules referred to in the Records Management Plan be delegated to the relevant Director or Head of Service for the service to which each of the schedules related;
- (d) That it be agreed that further amendments to the Records Management Plan be approved by Alan Russell as the Director of Finance & Resources and Senior Information Risk Owner for the Council, in order that it may be kept relevant and up to date; and
- (e) That further amendments to both the Business Classification Scheme and Records Retention Schedules be approved by the Records Management Group chaired by the Council's Records Manager in order that they may be kept relevant and up to date.

6 NOTICE OF MOTION (1)

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors Lawson and Mylet in the following terms:

"Renfrewshire Council opposes the franchising of Paisley Crown Post Office. We believe this proposal will severely damage the provision of services and call upon the Post Office to withdraw their plans and retain the Crown Post Office in Paisley."

Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor Mylet, then moved the motion.

Councillor Harte, seconded by Councillor J Sharkey, moved as an amendment that Council calls on the Scottish Government to do more to stop the franchising of Paisley Crown Post Office. We believe all options for the retention of this facility should be explored, including investing in Paisley Town Centre to support the retail industry. To this end, we will write to the Scottish Government to ask that they intervene and make representation to the Government at Westminster to ensure that the proper support is put in place to safeguard this important asset to the town centre. Council will also write to Post Office Ltd and to the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills to emphasise the importance of the Crown Post Office to the economic well being of Paisley Town Centre. Renfrewshire Council also pledges its support to the campaign to retain this important service.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, Grady, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, E Devine, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, McCartin, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Clark, Provost Hall, Councillors Holmes, Harte and Mullin.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mack, McGurk, Cameron, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, M Brown, J MacLaren, McQuade and Nicolson.

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

DECIDED: That Council calls on the Scottish Government to do more to stop the franchising of Paisley Crown Post Office. We believe all options for the retention of this facility should be explored, including investing in Paisley Town Centre to support the retail industry. To this end, we will write to the Scottish Government to ask that they intervene and make representation to the Government at Westminster to ensure that the proper support is put in place to safeguard this important asset to the town centre. Council will also write to Post Office Ltd and to the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills to emphasise the importance of the Crown Post Office to the economic well being of Paisley Town Centre. Renfrewshire Council also pledges its support to the campaign to retain this important service.

7 **NOTICE OF MOTION (2)**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillors M MacLaren and K MacLaren which was withdrawn in terms of Standing Order 27.

DECIDED: That it be noted that the Notice of Motion had been withdrawn.

8 **NOTICE OF MOTION (3)**

There was submitted a Notice of Motion by Provost Hall and Councillor Lawson in the following terms:

"Council notes the outstanding contribution which Corinne Hutton, a resident of Renfrewshire, has made in respect of her involvement in charity work for the benefit of the people of Renfrewshire and beyond. In recognition of that contribution, Renfrewshire Council formally resolves that Corinne Hutton be admitted as an honorary freewoman of Renfrewshire.

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

Provost Hall, seconded by Councillor Lawson, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: Council notes the outstanding contribution which Corinne Hutton, a resident of Renfrewshire, has made in respect of her involvement in charity work for the benefit of the people of Renfrewshire and beyond. In recognition of that contribution, Renfrewshire Council formally resolves that Corinne Hutton be admitted as an honorary freewoman of Renfrewshire.

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

9 NOTICE OF MOTION (4)

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

"Street Lighting in Renfrewshire

Council instructs the Director of Community Resources to report to the Environment Policy Board on 16 March 2016 on the progress achieved in addressing the large backlog of street lamp repairs. The report to include the financial implications resulting from the Council's use of alternative contractors."

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

Councillor E Devine, seconded by Councillor Gilmour, moved as an amendment that Council regrets the actions of the contractor awarded the street lighting maintenance contract which resulted in a build up of a backlog of dark lamps. Council regrets the disruption this caused to communities across Renfrewshire. Council welcomes the appointment of four emergency contractors to deal with the backlog and recognises the action they have taken to address the backlog. Council further welcomes the termination of the contract and bringing this service 'in-house' with no loss of employment for those involved in this service through honouring our responsibilities under TUPE regulations.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, Grady, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, E Devine, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Clark, Provost Hall, Councillors Holmes, Harte and Mullin.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mack, McGurk, Cameron, McCartin, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, M Brown, J MacLaren, McQuade and Nicolson.

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

DECIDED: That Council regrets the actions of the contractor awarded the street lighting maintenance contract which resulted in a build up of a backlog of dark lamps. Council regrets the disruption this caused to communities across Renfrewshire. Council welcomes the appointment of four emergency contractors to deal with the backlog and recognises the action they have taken to address the backlog. Council further welcomes the termination of the contract and bringing this service 'in-house' with no loss of employment for those involved in this service through honouring our responsibilities under TUPE regulations.

10 NOTICE OF MOTION (5)

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

"Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board

Council nominates a member from the main opposition group as the Council's representative on Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board. Council notes that the current representative has failed in his duty to support health services within Paisley and Renfrewshire and even participated in a protest against the health board."

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

Councillor I McMillan, seconded by Councillor Holmes, moved as an amendment that Council notes the National Health Service in Scotland lies within the direct control of the Minister for Health in the Scottish Government. Council believes it is a disgrace that relative spending in health in England rose faster under a UK Tory Government between 2010-15 compared to the SNP Scottish Government. Council would like to record its thanks to our representative for protesting against cuts to local health services and putting the interests of patients first.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, Grady, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, E Devine, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Clark, Provost Hall, Councillors Holmes, J MacLaren, Harte and Mullin.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mack, McGurk, Cameron, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, M Brown, McQuade and Nicolson.

The following member abstained: Councillor McCartin.

15 members having voted for the motion, 23 members having voted for the amendment and 1 member having abstained, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: Council notes the National Health Service in Scotland lies within the direct control of the Minister for Health in the Scottish Government. Council believes it is a disgrace that relative spending in health in England rose faster under a UK Tory Government between 2010-15 compared to the SNP Scottish Government. Council would like to record its thanks to our representative for protesting against cuts to local health services and putting the interests of patients first.

11 NOTICE OF MOTION (6)

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

"Financial Implications for Renfrewshire Council

Council instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a report for the Council meeting on 28 April 2016 on the financial implications for Renfrewshire Council and, where possible, the wider Renfrewshire economy on a UK exit from the European Union."

Councillor Lawson, seconded by Councillor K MacLaren, then moved the motion which was agreed unanimously.

DECIDED: Council instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a report for the Council meeting on 28 April 2016 on the financial implications for Renfrewshire Council and, where possible, the wider Renfrewshire economy on a UK exit from the European Union.

12 NOTICE OF MOTION (7)

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

"Council notes that The Scottish Government has announced that 5 million pounds will be made available to Council for flood prevention. Council recognises the need to apply for funding to solve the repeated issue of flooding in Langbank. Council also calls on the Director of Community Resources to improve the maintenance of gullies, culverts and other field drains in the village."

Councillor J MacLaren, seconded by Councillor M Brown, then moved the motion.

Councillor E Devine, seconded by Councillor Gilmour moved as an amendment that Council calls on the Scottish Government to increase and open up the £5m scheme for flood damaged infrastructure in order that areas such as Langbank can benefit from flood prevention measures. Council further calls on the Scottish Government to reverse the cuts to local authorities that inevitably impact on public services.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, Grady, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, E Devine, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Clark, Provost Hall, Councillors Holmes, Harte and Mullin.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mack, McGurk, Cameron, McCartin, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, M Brown, J MacLaren, McQuade and Nicolson.

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

DECIDED: That Council calls on the Scottish Government to increase and open up the £5m scheme for flood damaged infrastructure in order that areas such as Langbank can benefit from flood prevention measures. Council further calls on the Scottish Government to reverse the cuts to local authorities that inevitably impact on public services.

13 NOTICE OF MOTION (8)

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

"Resignation of Chairman of Paisley First

Council notes with concern the recent resignations of both the Manager and the Chairman of Paisley First. Council recognises the importance of a thriving Paisley town centre to the wider Renfrewshire economy and calls for a full report on the actions of Paisley First to the next full Council meeting."

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

Councillor M Macmillan, seconded by Councillor J Sharkey, moved as an amendment that Council recognises that Paisley First is an independent organisation with a vision to create a thriving town centre. Council welcomes Ian Henderson as the new Chairman and Ronnie Saez as the Vice Chairman of Paisley First. Council commits itself to work in partnership with Paisley First to deliver our shared vision for Paisley as a great place to live, do business and to visit.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, Grady, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, E Devine, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, McCartin, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Clark, Provost Hall, Councillors Holmes, J MacLaren, Harte and Mullin.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, Mack, McGurk, Cameron, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, M Brown, McQuade and Nicolson.

15 members having voted for the motion and 24 members having voted for the amendment, the amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: Council recognises that Paisley First is an independent organisation with a vision to create a thriving town centre. Council welcomes Ian Henderson as the new Chairman and Ronnie Saez as the Vice Chairman of Paisley First. Council commits itself to work in partnership with Paisley First to deliver our shared vision for Paisley as a great place to live, do business and to visit.

14 NOTICE OF MOTION (9)

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

"This Council agrees to press the Scottish Government to raise Income Tax by 1p to provide an additional £475 M for Education services. This money would be used to pay for:

- A Scottish Pupil Premium
- Expanded Nursery Provision
- Support for our colleges
- To reverse Education cuts

The Council recognises that this is a progressive means of increasing contributions from the highest earners without placing any further burden on the lowest earners in our community.

The Council recognises that the Scottish Government's unwillingness to provide additional funding to education will result in declining standards and attainment."

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

Councillor Andy Doig, seconded by Councillor Mylet, moved as an amendment that this Council welcomes the substantial extra investment which the SNP Government has made to all Scottish local authorities, including Renfrewshire, in recent years, towards the expansion of nursery provision.

Council recognises that the SNP Government will produce its taxation proposals in due course, and unequivocally rejects the concept of a 1p flat rate increase in income tax as being regressive, and unfair to the lowest earners in Renfrewshire.

Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Clark, moved as a second amendment that as an addition to the motion, after 'Education cuts' add:

Council agrees that those income taxpayers who earn less than £20,000 should receive a rebate of £100.

Continue with the motion.

On the roll being called between the motion and the first amendment, the following members voted for the first amendment: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McGurk, Cameron, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, McQuade and Nicolson.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors Mack and McCartin.

The following members abstained: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, Grady, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, E Devine, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Clark, Provost Hall, Councillors Holmes, J MacLaren, Harte and Mullin.

2 members having voted for the motion, 13 members having voted for the amendment and 23 members having abstained, a vote was then taken between the first amendment and the second amendment.

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Councillor M Brown left the meeting prior to the roll being called.

On the roll being called the following members voted for the second amendment: Councillors B Brown, Murrin, M Devine, Grady, J Sharkey, M Sharkey, Kelly, Williams, E Devine, Glen, Henry, M Macmillan, Caldwell, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour, Clark, Provost Hall, Councillors Holmes, J MacLaren, Harte and Mullin.

The following members voted for the first amendment: Councillors Perrie, McEwan, Lawson, Mylet, K MacLaren, M MacLaren, McGurk, Cameron, Andy Doig, Audrey Doig, Noon, McQuade and Nicolson.

The following members abstained: Councillors Mack, McCartin and J MacLaren.

22 members having voted for the second amendment, 13 members having voted for the first amendment and 3 members having abstained, the second amendment was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED: This Council agrees to press the Scottish Government to raise Income Tax by 1p to provide an additional £475 M for Education services. This money would be used to pay for:

- A Scottish Pupil Premium
- Expanded Nursery Provision
- Support for our colleges
- To reverse Education cuts

Council agrees that those income taxpayers who earn less than £20,000 should receive a rebate of £100.

The Council recognises that this is a progressive means of increasing contributions from the highest earners without placing any further burden on the lowest earners in our community.

The Council recognises that the Scottish Government's unwillingness to provide additional funding to education will result in declining standards and attainment.