

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 30 June 2022	09:30	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

MARK CONAGHAN
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Jennifer Adam: Councillor Fiona Airlie-Nicolson: Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling:
Councillor Stephen Burns: Councillor Jacqueline Cameron: Provost Lorraine Cameron:
Councillor Michelle Campbell: Councillor Graeme Clark: Councillor Carolann Davidson:
Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Chris
Gilmour: Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor Gillian Graham: Councillor Neill Graham:
Councillor John Gray: Councillor Anne Hannigan: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Lisa-Marie
Hughes: Councillor Robert Innes: Councillor Alec Leishman: Councillor Bruce MacFarlane:
Councillor James MacLaren: Councillor Kenny MacLaren: Councillor Mags MacLaren:
Councillor Colin McCulloch: Councillor Janis McDonald: Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor
David McGonigle: Councillor Jamie McGuire: Councillor Marie McGurk: Councillor Iain
McMillan: Councillor John McNaughtan: Councillor Kevin Montgomery: Councillor Sam Mullin:
Councillor Will Mylet: Councillor Iain Nicolson: Councillor Jim Paterson: Councillor Emma
Rodden: Councillor John Shaw: Councillor Ben Smith: Councillor Andy Steel:

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Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

Items of business

1 Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels

(attached separately)

Council, 19 May 2022, pages 1-44

Communities and Housing Policy Board, 7 June 2022, pages 45-56

Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 8 June 2022, pages 57-60

Regulatory Functions Board, 8 June 2022, pages 61-68

Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 9 June 2022, pages 69-74

Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 9 June 2022, pages 75-76

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 13 June 2022, pages 77-82

Economy and Regeneration Policy Board, 14 June 2022, pages 83-90

Planning and Climate Change Policy Board, 14 June 2022, pages 91-102

Infrastructure Land and Environment Policy Board, 15 June 2022, pages 103-108

Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 15 June 2022, pages 109-123

Leadership Board, 22 June 2022 (copy to follow)

Appointments Board, 23 June 2022 (copy to follow)

Local Review Body, 28 June 2022 (copy to follow)

2 Provost's Update

Verbal update by Provost Cameron

3 Financial Sustainability and General Fund Financial Outlook

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Report by Director of Finance and Resources

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7 Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Ann-Dowling and Graham

"Threat to Renfrewshire Public Services

Renfrewshire is facing a real-time threat to its public services. In light of the Scottish Government Spending Review revealing a £3.5bn hole in the SNP's spending plans, it's clear that the people of Renfrewshire have been let down and could be facing years of SNP-led austerity.

After more than a decade of real terms cuts, increasing pressure on core council services and the workforce who deliver the services, the SNP/Green Government has put our quality of life at risk with the potential of substantial job losses of vital workers and an eight percent cash cut across local government.

Council notes that the Resource Spending Review covers the years 2023-24 to 2026-27. It is not a Budget and final spending plans will be presented to the Scottish Parliament in respective annual Budgets.

Therefore, Council agrees to write to Kate Forbes, the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy to demand that non-essential Scottish government spending included in the Resource Spending Review forecast be re-allocated and made available to the council grant settlement fund. Examples include the £20m indyref2, and £370m recently allocated for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture portfolio."

8 Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors G Graham and Smith

"Cuts to Renfrewshire Attainment Challenge Funding

This Council is appalled by the Scottish Government's planned cuts to the Council's allocation of Scottish Attainment funding.

The Scottish Attainment fund is a targeted fund which aims to support educational services to address the poverty-related attainment gap. As one of 9 targeted authorities for Scottish Attainment funding, Renfrewshire has made steady progress in improving the outcomes for learners and narrowing the gap, despite the exceptional circumstances of the last 2 years.

In 21/22 Renfrewshire was allocated £4.5 million. However, the Scottish Government has decided to cut the funding by 71%. This means Renfrewshire will lose out on £3.2 million over the next four years.

These SNP cuts are entirely unacceptable and will damage the learning outcomes for many of our school pupils, which our hard-working teachers and educational staff work so hard to improve.

In its report of December 2021 Scottish Government published data on literacy and numeracy levels which confirmed that the attainment gap between primary pupils from the most and least deprived areas of Scotland has widened. While national Attainment figures have reduced overall, those pupils from the poorest areas of Scotland have seen the biggest decrease. The timing of these cuts is therefore astonishing, as the Council's Educational Services strives to recover from the impact of covid. It is clear from performance statistics that more, not less, funding is required to sustain progress in narrowing the poverty related attainment gap.

The SNP Government states that tackling inequity in order that every child can succeed in school and gain life skills is at the heart of its agenda. These cuts to Renfrewshire's Attainment funding fly in the face of this.

Given the above, this Council rejects the proposed Scottish Attainment fund cuts and calls upon the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition to sign a joint letter to the Scottish Government to this effect, requesting a meeting with the relevant ministers to discuss the impact this reduction in funding will have on educational services in Renfrewshire."

9 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hannigan

"Cyber connectivity for Renfrewshire's Villages and Community Halls

"Council appreciates the importance of cyber connectivity for all of Renfrewshire's towns, villages, and housing schemes, both from a social inclusion, leisure, and business perspective. Thus allowing equal access to a wide range of social, leisure, and employment opportunities for our residents.

Council accordingly advocates the installation of Wi-Fi for all Renfrewshire Council owned village and community halls, to be undertaken on a agreed rolling programme over a specified budgetary period".

10 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hannigan

"Lead Piping in Public and Private Housing in Renfrewshire

"Council notes with concern the presence of lead piping in the fresh water supply to some council and private housing in the Braehead area of Lochwinnoch. Council resolves, given the known public health risks this poses to public health, to initiate an investigation into the risk of lead piping across Renfrewshire and to refer the matter to the Audit, Risk, and Scrutiny Board. Such an investigation to have a wide-ranging remit to consult public health authorities, all relevant utilities, and other interested parties, with a view to eradicating this risk to public health".

11 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Andy Doig and Hannigan

"Kilbarchan Pipe Band

"Council sends its heartfelt congratulations to Kilbarchan Pipe Band for winning the Grade 4B Category in the recent UK Pipe Band Championships, their first major championship win since the Band reformed just over twenty years ago. Council further wishes them every success at the World Pipe Band Championships later this year.

Council recognises the local renaissance in recent years in traditional Scottish music, culture, and the arts, across Renfrewshire, and looks forward to this trend developing following the return of the National Mod to Paisley in 2023”.

12 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Innes and Steel

“Active Travel For Linwood Community Between Linwood and Pheonix Retail Park

Council notes that there is a lack of connectivity, active travel routes and accessibility for pedestrians walking or wheeling between Linwood and the Pheonix Retail Park.

Further that council will explore options to implement safer access for people travelling between Linwood and the Pheonix Retail park.”

13 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Innes and Campbell

“Scottish Independence

Council recognises the results of the 2022 local government election delivered a majority of pro Scottish independence councillors in Renfrewshire.

Further, that council welcomes a referendum on Scotland’s independence in the first half of the Scottish Parliament term 2021 - 2026.”

14 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors Ann-Dowling and Audrey Doig

“Renfrewshire Water Safety

‘In memory of all those who have lost their lives in Renfrewshire waterways, Council commends the work of the Renfrewshire Water Safety Working Group in developing a comprehensive water safety strategy for Renfrewshire waterways. The Renfrewshire Water Safety Working Group was formed in response to the tragic loss of Linwood High School pupil William McNally. William passed away on June 5 last year after getting into trouble in the water at the Clay Pits, part of the River Gryffe, while swimming with friends.

Water safety measures include new GPS signs at potentially dangerous areas along the River Gryffe, that make it easier for people to tell emergency services exactly where they are so they can respond as quickly as possible. The GPS signage also includes a life buoy, a throw-line rope and a reminder that people shouldn’t swim in the river.

An educational safety video to raise awareness of the dangers of open water swimming has also been produced. Council pays tribute and sincere thanks to the family of William McNally for their participation in the safety video.”

15 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors N Graham and Leishman

"Congratulations Motion

That this Council congratulates Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee; expresses its gratitude for Her Majesty's exceptional public service and dedication to duty over 70 years; affirms the deep respect that is held for Her Majesty in Scotland, and sends good wishes for her continued service."

16 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors MacFarlane and Innes

"Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund:

Council recognises the effort and success in Renfrewshire in facilitating participatory budgeting for young people through the Celebrating Renfrewshire Fund.

That council will continue to work with young people going forward to remove barriers to all of Renfrewshire's young people participating in local initiatives and actively encourage and explore options for more youth engagement and collaboration with Renfrewshire Council and the democratic and decision making process."