

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

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| Thursday, 26 September 2019 | 09:30 | Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN |

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

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

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

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

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| | Report by Director of Finance & Resources | |
| 10 | Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig | |
| | "Grass cutting | |
| | <p>At a previous Council meeting we were told that the council would re-examine the policy of leaving certain areas to natural growth to encourage wildlife, as some of these areas, particularly those in front of residential areas, were now totally overgrown and unsightly. Council asks that the results of this re-examination are now made public, that the areas are listed, and that the report identifies those areas which will now revert to full cutting and landscaping."</p> | |
| 11 | Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin | |
| | "Waste Services | |
| | <p>Renfrewshire Council re-affirms the principles behind the current Waste Service strategy in terms of the imperative to recycle. However, the current collection practice requires a comprehensive review, as there are some very poor services in some areas of Renfrewshire which require root and branch re-examination to bring the standards up to the expectation of the public. There is an attitude of complacency that the system is now working well, which it is not."</p> | |
| 12 | Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin | |
| | "Democracy in Hong Kong | |
| | <p>Renfrewshire Council believes that Hong Kong is an integral part of the Peoples Republic of China, but views with great concern the denial of fundamental rights and freedoms: of assembly, of association, and of belief, by the Peking Government to the people of Hong Kong."</p> | |
| | <p>"Council further declares that such an attack on human rights by the Chinese Government is unacceptable, at odds with the UN Declaration of Human Rights, and seeks to write to the Chinese Consulate in Edinburgh reminding them of their international treaty obligations as a</p> | |

UN member of the Security Council."

13 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors Andy Doig and Mack

"Renfrewshire Local Development Plan

Renfrewshire Council declares that all Elected Members of the Council shall be able to propose amendments to the Local Development Plan when the Plan is out to consultation with the public in terms of its proposals and therefore is, by definition, provisional in its nature."

14 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig

"Webcasting of the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board

In order to prevent a further obnoxious smell of mendacity emanating from the Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board further meetings will be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site - at the start of the meeting the Convener will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed.

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15 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig

"Staff Parking at Renfrewshire House

The Council should reconsider introducing parking fees for staff earning under £30,000 per annum at Renfrewshire House."

16 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Sheridan and Kennedy

"Councils for fair tax declaration (Scotland)

Council agrees to adopt the declaration (below) entitled Councils for Fair Tax Declaration (Scotland)

We pledge to:

Pass a resolution approving the Councils for Fair Tax Declaration.

Lead by example and demonstrate good practice in our tax conduct, right across our activities. Including:

- Ensuring contractors implement IR35 robustly and a fair share of employment taxes are paid.
- Shunning the use of offshore vehicles for the purchase of land and property, especially where this leads to reduced payments of stamp duty.
- Undertaking due diligence to ensure that not-for-profit structures are not being used inappropriately as an artificial device to reduce the payment of tax and business rates.
- Ensuring that there is clarity on the ultimate beneficial ownership

of suppliers and their consolidated profit and loss position, given lack of clarity could be strong indicators of poor financial probity and weak financial standing.

Promote Fair Tax Mark certification for any business in which we have a significant stake and where corporation tax is due.

Join in and support Fair Tax Week events in the area, and celebrate the tax contribution made by responsible businesses who say what they pay with pride.

Support calls for urgent reform of EU, UK and Scots law to enable municipalities to revise their procurement policies and better penalise poor tax conduct and reward good tax conduct."

17 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors Andy Doig and Paterson

"Centre for Social Justice and Proposal to Raise Pension Age to 75 years

Renfrewshire Council condemns proposals from the Right Wing Think Tank, the self-styled Centre for Social Justice, to raise the state pension age to 75yrs."

"Council believes this idea to be discriminatory, financially incompetent, socially divisive, and an attack on the basic concept of the Welfare State. Council further views with approval the fact that the DWP has rejected the CSJ initiative."

18 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Harte and Brown

"Fair Work and the new Renfrew swing bridge

This Council notes the concerns which have been expressed by the joint engineering construction industry trades unions, GMB Scotland and Unite the Union, regarding the tendering process for the planned swing road bridge crossing the Clyde at Renfrew.

The Council supports the Scottish Government's position outlined in the Scottish Government Statutory Procurement Guidance: Addressing Fair Work Practices (2015) which states that "We expect contractors who deliver public contracts to adopt policies which demonstrate how they comply with relevant employment, equality and health and safety law, human rights standards and adhere to relevant collective agreements." and considers that the relevant collective agreements in relation to the Renfrew swing bridge project are the NAECI and CJIC agreements which provide for fair and safe working conditions in the engineering construction industry.

The Council therefore calls on the Administration to re-examine the tendering process for the new bridge, liaising with city region partners as may be necessary, to ensure that the agreed industry minimums are adhered to on this project, and to provide a report to the Council confirming the steps that have been taken in support of this object. "

19 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Harte and Sharkey

"Support for an Undercover Policing Inquiry for Scotland

This Council notes with concern the undercover infiltration of political, activist and justice campaign groups in Scotland by, it understands, the Special Demonstration Squad and the National Public Order Intelligence Unit; firmly opposes this type of political undercover policing and believes that infiltrations of this kind have no place in a democratic society; understands that one tactic of these infiltrations was for officers to form long-term intimate relationships with women activists; notes that the Metropolitan Police Service has admitted these practices and apologised for the behaviour of its undercover officers, which, in its own words, was "abusive, deceitful, manipulative and wrong", and were a "gross violation"; considers that, while the existing Undercover Policing Inquiry covers England and Wales, to date the victims of related undercover operations in Scotland continue to be excluded from justice, and calls on the inquiry to be extended to Scotland without further delay or alternatively that the Scottish Government initiates its own independent inquiry."

20 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors Harte and Hood

"Building Services

Council instructs the Director of housing etc to bring back a report on the operation of building services and specifically on:

- Current capacity to deliver projects.
- The types of projects that building services operate on.
- The lack of tenders that Building services apply for.
- Future of Building Services.
- Possible potential for growth."

21 Notice of Motion 12 by Councillors Harte and Hood

"Procurement

Council instructs the Chief Executive to bring back a report on procurement, especially on construction projects. In particular on:

- Capacity to procure small, medium and large contracts.
- Robustness of our pre-questionnaire in relation to Public Contracts (Scotland) regulations 2015.
- Capacity to project manage a particular construction project and monitoring the progress.
- Possible potential for growth."

22 Notice of Motion 13 by Councillors Steel and J Cameron

"Council notes an ongoing process by Asda stores to change the terms & conditions of employees.

Council notes with concern that the GMB union reports that workers have now been told that they have until November 2 to agree to the

new terms or face losing their jobs.

Council agrees that any employer wishing to alter terms and conditions of employees should engage positively with staff and unions and that threats of sackings does not demonstrate good faith or best practice."

23 Notice of Motion 14 by Councillors Brown and Sharkey

"Household Survey

That this Council acknowledges the findings of the recent Scottish Government's household survey which identifies increased dissatisfaction in our public services, in particular schools, healthcare and public transport. Calls on the Leader of Renfrewshire Council to explain the impact on Renfrewshire and asks for the Chief Executive to report back to next full Council on what contingency plans she has in place to improve the public perception of Local Government."

24 Notice of Motion 15 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig

"Name Change

The area which spans Grahamston Road in the South East of the County of Renfrewshire to Caplethill Road in the West encompassing the area dispassionately referred to hitherto as 'P6' in Ordinance Survey Map No. 100023417 (Printed 14/01/13) be from this day forth, in keeping with the scientific principles of nomenclature, known as '**The Lungs of Paisley**'."