

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 03 March 2022	09:30	Teams meeting,

KENNETH GRAHAM  
Head of Corporate Governance

### Membership

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor: Councillor Alison Ann-Dowling: 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 Karen Devine-Kennedy: Councillor Andy Doig: Councillor Audrey Doig: Councillor Natalie Don: Councillor Edward Grady: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor Jim Harte: Councillor John Hood: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Scott Kerr: 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**

### **Section 112 Statement**

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Members' attention is drawn to the enclosed statement regarding declarations in terms of Section 112 of the Local Government Finance Act, 1992.

### **Procedures for Budget Meeting**

Copies of the notes of the procedures to be followed in respect of consideration of (i) the Revenue Estimates and Council Tax; and (ii) the Housing Revenue Account Budgets, Rent Levels and Capital Investment Plans are attached to the relevant reports.

### **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.

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

Council, 16 December 2021, pages 270-283  
Appointments Board, 18 January 2022, pages 284-285  
Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board, 18 January 2022, pages 286-301  
Regulatory Functions Board, 19 January 2022, pages 302-311  
Education & Children's Services, 20 January 2022, pages 312-319  
Appointment Board, 21 January 2022, pages 320-321  
Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board, 24 January 2022, pages 322-327  
Infrastructure, Land & Environment Policy Board, 26 January 2022, pages 328-333  
Personnel Appeals & Applied Conditions of Service Appeals Panel, 27 January 2022, pages 334-335  
Petitions Board, 31 January 2022, pages 336-337  
Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board, 2 February 2022, pages 338-355  
Regulatory Functions Board, 3 February 2022, pages 356-365  
Appointments Board, 7 February 2022, pages 367-368  
Appointments Board, 15 February 2022, pages 369-370  
Leadership Board, 23 February 2022 (to follow)

## **2 Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2022/23**

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Report by Director of Finance & Resources

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| <b>3</b> | <b>Non Housing Capital Investment Programme, Prudential Framework and Treasury Management Strategy, and Capital Strategy 2022/23 – 2026/27</b><br>Report by Director of Finance & Resources   | <b>45 - 94</b>   |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Housing Revenue Account Budget &amp; Rent Levels 2022/23 and Housing Capital Investment Plan 2022/23 to 2024/25</b><br>Joint Report by Directors of Communities & Housing and Finance & Resources  | <b>95 - 112</b>  |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Installation of Neurodivergent Community Approved Communication Boards in all Renfrewshire Parks</b><br>Report by Director of Environment & Infrastructure   | <b>113 - 116</b> |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Governance Arrangements</b><br>Report by Director of Finance & Resources   | <b>117 - 120</b> |
| <b>7</b> | <b>Disasters Emergency Committee – Afghanistan Crisis Appeal</b><br>Report by Chief Executive   | <b>121 - 124</b> |
| <b>8</b> | <b>Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Graham and Sharkey</b><br>"Crash Barriers<br><br>Council agrees to install crash barriers at the Glasgow/Hawkhead/Arkleston road junction as a matter of urgency. In the last two months there has been two crashes at the same junction where vehicles have mounted the pavement and damaged residential property.<br><br>Council is thankful there has not been any serious injury to any of the drivers or pedestrians so far.<br><br>Council instructs our council officers to arrange the installation of crash barriers immediately to protect pedestrians.<br><br>Council further instructs officers to carry out a site visit with local ward Councillors along with representatives of Ralston and Paisley East and Whitehaugh Community Councils to hear and listen to concerns regarding the safety of the junction." |                  |
| <b>9</b> | <b>Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Steel and J Cameron</b><br>"Council notes that during the lengthy trial of a temporary cycle lane on Beith Road, Johnstone, material changes have arisen since this council last considered this issue, specifically:  |                  |

Ongoing difficulties in maintaining the lane free of debris and/or water, forcing cyclists out into the flow of traffic; road safety concerns regarding road users and pedestrians at the junction of Beith Road and Linn Brae; traffic going the wrong way on Beith Road due to uncertainty over road markings, and the impact on business along the route due to changes in parking layout.

Council also notes that public disquiet has remained regarding the installation and operation of this section of the cycle route. A requirement of the temporary cycleway was to gain and maintain public support during the trial period. This particular installation is not demonstrating that it is achieving that aim.

Council therefore agrees to the decommission/removal of the Beith Road section of the cycle lane with immediate effect and to examine alternative plans which would provide safe, off-road cycling provision for this area."

**10 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors Hood and Devine**

"Refuse dump in Johnstone

Council instructs the Chief Executive to investigate the reported refuse dump operated in Johnstone. Council believes that this investigation should report back to full council, on the actions, and where appropriate take the advice of those public sector bodies concerned including SEPA, KSB and our own departments with a view to reassuring residents that contamination from the site has not reached them and that it will not in the future."

**11 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors K MacLaren and M MacLaren**

"Tackling Fuel Poverty

Council calls on the UK Government to bring forward policies to tackle the massive increase in energy prices which has resulted in the energy regulator announcing the new energy bill price cap will rise by 54 per cent per cent from April. This rise will have a serious impact on all Renfrewshire residents, especially since recent information from Energy Action Scotland estimates that 22% of local households are suffering from fuel poverty. It's time that the UK Government put the public ahead of the greed of the fuel companies and their shareholders."

**12 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig**

"Council agreed the following motion in it's December 2020 meeting:

"DECIDED: Council recognises that new child and adolescent mental health waiting times statistics for April to June 2020 show a record 1,520 children waiting more than a year for treatment. Council further recognises that the Scottish Government's old strategy already wasn't

working, because three years in, it had led to record numbers of children waiting over a year for the help they need. Council demands therefore that the Scottish government brings forward a recovery plan to meet existing and heightened demand for CAMHS services, including immediate new steps to seriously expand the workforce."

Council thereafter wrote to the Health Minister of the time, Jeanne Freeman, to raise this matter. No response appears to have been sent.

Council recognises that some funding was provided in the council's 21/22 budget to begin to tackle mental health issues, with most of this £1m was earmarked only for those with mental health problems which stemmed largely from addiction illnesses, a vital service.

Council further notes that an extra £250k was added to the budget to be directed to child and adolescent waiting times.

Council is requested to give full details of what actions have been taken in the last year to implement this decision of the council to support children and young people, how many extra qualified staff have been employed, and what levels of individual support have been given in the last year."

**13 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors K MacLaren and Mylet**

"Resignation of Prime Minister

Council calls on Boris Johnston to resign as Prime Minister."

**14 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors J MacLaren and Graham**

"Fly Tipping

This council agrees to write to SEPA urging them to clamp down on fly tipping and illegal dumping and landfill in Renfrewshire. The recent damning BBC documentary showing fly tippers and use of illegal landfills gave an example of a way of catching criminals. The reporter hid a tracking device in the rubbish. SEPA needs to look at ways of out-smarting these criminals including stopping and checking of licenses to collect and dispose of waste."

**15 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors Burns and K MacLaren**

"Scotrail Ticket Office Closures

Council is concerned with ScotRail's plans to reduce the opening hours of train station ticket offices across Renfrewshire and beyond. Council will contact both Scotrail and the Scottish Government to express our opposition to these changes due to the impact they will have on passenger safety and urge that these proposals are scrapped."

**16 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Hood and Sharkey**

"Beith Road Cycle Path

Council is dismayed at the effect of the cycle path on the Beith Road and instructs that all changes revert back to the initial set-up"

**17 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Ann-Dowling and McCulloch**

"Highways Repair

Pavements and pothole repairs are some of the most commonly raised issues with councillors in Renfrewshire and in Houston, Crosslee and Linwood and Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank in particular. All councillors will know how dangerous broken pavements and potholes can be to pedestrians, cyclists and motorists alike.

Council agrees that undertaking longer term road resurfacing work to prevent potholes from appearing in the first place must be given higher priority. Worsening roads and pavements show that repairs are not keeping pace with need.

Therefore, Council agrees to prepare for next meeting a comprehensive strategy to improve all of Renfrewshire's roads, pavements and pathways to an acceptable condition."

**18 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors Devine and Graham**

"Health and Wellbeing Survey

Council recognises the failure of the national Health and Wellbeing survey and its promoters to engage and explain both the purpose and the content of that survey.

As not all Councillors have seen that survey this Council and its officials will not participate in its distribution until a majority of Full Council have approved its distribution."