

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda Council

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| Thursday, 13 December 2018 | 09:30 | Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN |

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### 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.

## 1 Minutes of Meetings of Council, Boards and Panels

Minutes attached separately

Council, 27 September 2018, pages 167-196

Council, 27 September 2018, pages 197-198

Appointment Board, 4 October 2018, pages 199-200

Appointment Board, 23 October 2018, pages 201-202

Appointment Board, 25 October 2018, pages 203-204

Communities, Housing and Planning Policy Board, 30 October 2018, pages 205-224

Regulatory Functions Board, 31 October 2018, pages 225-234

Education and Children's Services Policy Board, 1 November 2018, pages 235-242

Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board, 5 November 2018, pages 243-248

Infrastructure, Land and Environment Policy Board, 7 November 2018, pages 249-262

Placing Requests and Exclusions Appeals Panel, 8 November 2018, pages 263-264

Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board, 14 November 2018, pages 265-282

Regulatory Functions Board, 15 November 2018, pages 283-290

Local Review Body, 20 November 2018, pages 291-294

Regulatory Functions Board, 29 November 2018, pages 295-297

Leadership Board, 5 December 2018, pages (to follow)

## 2 A Prudential Framework for Capital Finance in Renfrewshire - Progress Report 9 - 18

### Report by Director of Finance & Resources

## 3 Paisley Museum Reimagined Limited - Appointment of the Council Director and Delegations to the Chief Executive 19 - 22

Report by Director of Finance and Resources

## 4 Renfrewshire Additional Support Needs (ASN) Playscheme 23 - 30

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| <b>5</b>  | <b>Promoting LGBTQIA Equality in Schools</b>  | <b>31 - 34</b>  |
|           | Report by Director of Children's Services   |                 |
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| <b>7</b>  | <b>Fly-tipping in the Countryside and at known Fly-tipping Spots (Lead Officer Karen Locke)</b>   | <b>39 - 60</b>  |
|           | Report by Lead Officer  |                 |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Housing Repairs by Council and Outside Contractors (Lead Officer Colin Hunter)</b>   | <b>61 - 68</b>  |
|           | Report by Lead Officer  |                 |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Notice of Motion 1 by Councillors Sharkey and Brown</b>  | <b>69 - 100</b> |
|           | "The International Fair Trade Charter   |                 |
|           | This Council endorses and adopts the International Fair Trade Charter (see attached)"   |                 |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Notice of Motion 2 by Councillors Audrey Doig and Paterson</b>   |                 |
|           | "Renfrewshire Council is an active member of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland Forum, and a member of the Hiroshima-led Mayors for Peace; both of which have been working for over 3 decades to promote multilateral nuclear disarmament.   |                 |
|           | NFLA and Mayors for Peace work with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for its work in encouraging over two thirds of United Nations members to agree to the International Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). Council regrets that the Governments of the existing nuclear weapon states, including the UK, refuse to support the Treaty. Council fully supports the TPNW as one of the most effective ways to bring about long-term and verifiable multilateral nuclear disarmament. |                 |
|           | Council calls on the United Kingdom Government to lead a global effort to prevent nuclear war by:   |                 |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first;</li> <li>• Cancelling the plan to replace its entire Trident nuclear arsenal with enhanced weapons;</li> <li>• Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear-armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals by supporting the Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons and the 'Good Faith' Protocols within the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.</li> </ul>   |                 |

The Council will ask the Chief Executive to write to the UK Government to inform them of this resolution and urge them to take account of it."

## **11 Notice of Motion 3 by Councillors McCartin and Mack**

"Brexit

Brexit is expected to have significant economic and demographic consequences for Renfrewshire depending on any terms agreed, there will be a loss of access to markets and labour predicted to negatively affect the economy.

"Accordingly, Renfrewshire Council supports the holding of a further referendum to give the UK public the final say on any terms agreed for Brexit, that referendum to include the option of the UK remaining in the EU."

Council notes that the Scottish Parliament has agreed **"to providing unequivocal support for a public vote on the final terms of the Brexit deal."**

## **12 Notice of Motion 4 by Councillors Sharkey and Devine**

"Lang's Tannery - Improved Terms and Conditions

This Council agrees to support the workers of Lang's Tannery in Paisley in their ongoing strike action for improved Terms & Conditions.

Council notes that Lang's are part of the wider Scottish Leather Group, and the workplace has been a constant fixture in the Paisley area for well over 100 years and this is the first time in its history that the workers have felt compelled to take any form of strike action, showing how far the workforce have been pushed by the Employer.

The Employer and Community Union, the Trade Union that are the recognised Union within the group to negotiate pay, terms and conditions for staff were involved in protracted annual pay discussions since 2018, that ultimately reached a ballot of all members who returned an overwhelming rejection of the offer, and as such the Union encouraged the Employer to re-open further dialogue and/or invite ACAS to convene conciliatory discussions in order to avoid any escalation of dispute.

However, the Employer ignored these requests and proceeded to impose the pay offer upon all staff, the very offer that had been unilaterally rejected across all of the Scottish sites.

Regrettably, this has now led the Lang's workforce to undergo this ongoing Strike Action, in the hope that the Employer will re-engage with the Union with a view to exploring a suitable resolution in this matter.

It is further noted that during the previous strike action, whilst the workers were stood out in the extreme weathers on the picket line, the Employer proceeded to have delivered pizzas for those who had attended and issued them a £25 gift voucher.

These actions showed blatant disregard by the Employer towards their long-serving Employees who fighting for a justifiable cause and see the responsibility for the breakdown in industrial relations lying entirely at the feet of the Employer.

Council pledges its entire support to ensure the strikers' current plight is acknowledged and responded to in good faith by the Employer."

**13 Notice of Motion 5 by Councillors Kennedy and Brown**

"Pedestrian Crossings in Renfrewshire

Council instructs the relevant departments to inspect every pedestrian crossing in Renfrewshire to ensure they are fit for purpose for our visually impaired residents. Council will take appropriate action where needed to install or repair tactile paving and tactile rotating discs to enable those residents to cross with a degree of safety. Council also agrees to undertake an assessment of the condition of Renfrewshire's footpaths with regard to their safety for disabled and visually impaired residents."

**14 Notice of Motion 6 by Councillors Hood and Grady**

"St Anthony's Primary School - United Kingdom's Literacy School of the Year

Council congratulates the staff, parents and pupils of St Anthony's Primary School on being awarded the United Kingdom's Literacy School of the Year. This is a notable achievement as it is the first win by a Scottish school and is a testament to the hard work and dedication of all involved."

**15 Notice of Motion 7 by Councillors Sharkey and Kennedy**

"Paisley Town Centre Parking

Council recognises that the current administration is unable to provide a consistent and credible parking policy for Paisley town centre and believes that the Free for Three offering free parking for three hours should be given a pilot scheme in order to find a way through the SNP's lack of clarity."

**16 Notice of Motion 8 by Councillors McCartin and Andy Doig**

"Commercial sexual exploitation

Council agrees to support the Nordic model of the management of this form of exploitation, which criminalises the purchase of sex, decriminalises the sale of sex, and provides services to help prostitutes leave this life.

Council will write to the Minister for Justice asking that the Scottish Government adopt this model."

**17 Notice of Motion 9 by Councillors Andy Doig and McCartin**

"Repair of Kilbarchan Park Gates

Council notes that in the summer of 2017 the main gates of Kilbarchan Public Park were inadvertently struck by a council vehicle causing damage and rendering them unsafe for use. Council regrets that nearly two years later they have still to be repaired and accordingly instructs the appropriate council officers ensure repairs are made within six months from today."

**18 Notice of Motion 10 by Councillors Andy Doig and Mack**

"Scottish National Stage Race

Council acknowledges the growth of Scottish cycling in recent decades so that Scotland is now one of the top international competitive cycling nations, Council further notes with pride the outstanding success of Renfrewshire clubs such as the Johnstone Wheelers and Paisley Velo, who have contributed to this renaissance, and remembers with pride the role that Paisley and Renfrewshire played in initiating the former Scottish Milk Race in the 1970's.

Council laments the fact that Scotland alone, of all the British Isles countries, does not currently have a national stage race, and therefore resolves to approach the Scottish Government, Sports Scotland, and Scottish Cycling, to promote the revival of a Scottish national cycling stage race to continue to secure Scotland's place at the top of international cycling."

**19 Notice of Motion 11 by Councillors Andy Doig and Mack**

"Renfrewshire Council Review of Community Events Charging

Council reaffirms its ambition to promote Renfrewshire Council as a leading tourism destination with strategic transport links, and one with a rich heritage and legacy of medieval, enlightenment, and industrial assets.

Council believes that the foundation for such an ambition lies in empowering local communities to showcase their own heritage and legacy, and calls for a review of Renfrewshire Council's charging policy for community events, particularly in reference to that operated by local authorities such as Edinburgh City and Stirling which have established tourist footfall."

**20 Notice of Motion 12 by Councillors Harte and Grady**

"Park Mains High School Gym

Council agrees that members of the public will not be allowed access to the gym at Park Mains High School, during school opening hours, until it

has been agreed by parents, teachers, pupils and the wider community, following comprehensive consultation and engagement."

**21 Notice of Motion 13 by Councillors Sharkey and Hood**

"Paisley Threads

This Council congratulates Paisley Threads on 20 years of their excellent contribution to helping the people of Renfrewshire and especially our young people."

**22 Notice of Motion 14 by Councillors Mack and Andy Doig**

"Freedom of the Press

This Council joins journalists and press freedom campaigners all over the world in condemning anyone in a position of power who thinks it is 'in the interests of the state' to kill their critics as long as they call them 'enemies of the people.'

Moreover, in addition to affirming the above principle, the Independent Group would like to mark this time of year with the giving on an inexpensive gift to all fellow Councillors - the Locus Classicus and Everyman guide to local government, '*Caught in The Crossfire*' by leading investigative journalist, Mr Russell Findlay."

**23 Notice of Motion 15 by Councillors J MacLaren and Begg**

"Fixed penalty notice for littering

The Council acknowledges the importance of discouraging people from dropping litter; supports increasing the fixed penalty notice for littering from £80 to £100; agrees that a letter from the local authority will be sent to the Scottish Government making clear Renfrewshire Council's support for increasing the default on-the-spot litter fine from £80 to £100 and to request that Ministers implement this change as quickly as possible."

**24 Notice of Motion 16 by Councillors McIntyre and Strang**

"Increase to reimbursement rate for National Concessionary Travel Scheme

Renfrewshire Council notes the reduction in the reimbursement rate for the National Concessionary Travel Scheme from an initial rate of 76.3% in 2006/2007 to 56.8% in 2018/2019.

The Council calls on the Scottish Government to increase the reimbursement rate to support bus services across Renfrewshire and Scotland."