



1 June 2023

## NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE** will be held **ON A HYBRID BASIS BY ATTENDANCE IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD OR REMOTELY BY MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **THURSDAY, 8 JUNE 2023 at 10:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director

### BUSINESS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **MINUTE** (Pages 5 - 10)  
Community Services Committee held on 9 March 2023
4. **ARGYLL & BUTE LOCAL POLICING PLAN 2020-2023) - QUARTERLY REPORT (QTR4 - 2022/23)** (Pages 11 - 12)  
Report by Divisional Commander for Argyll and Bute, West Dunbartonshire Division, Police Scotland
5. **SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - ARGYLL & BUTE PERFORMANCE REPORT Q4 - 1 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 2023** (Pages 13 - 22)  
Report by Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
6. **ARGYLL AND BUTE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022-23** (Pages 23 - 68)  
Report by Chief Officer, Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership
7. **MCR PATHWAYS SECONDARY SCHOOL PILOT - SESSION 2023-24** (Pages 69 - 74)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education
8. **DEVELOPING THE YOUNG WORKFORCE - 2022-2023** (Pages 75 - 90)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education
9. **EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016 - LEARNING HOURS CONSULTATION** (Pages 91 - 98)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education

## **10. SCHOOLS (CONSULTATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010**

- (a) Luing Primary School (Pages 99 - 188)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education
- (b) Minard Primary School (Pages 189 - 290)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education

### **REPORTS FOR NOTING**

- 11. ROTHESAY JOINT CAMPUS ELC DELIVERY** (Pages 291 - 296)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education
- 12. DALINTOBER AND CASTLEHILL PRIMARY SCHOOLS, CAMPBELTOWN** (Pages 297 - 300)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education and Commercial Services
- 13. EXTERNAL EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTION REPORT** (Pages 301 - 312)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Education
- 14. GAELIC LANGUAGE PLAN UPDATE** (Pages 313 - 316)  
Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services
- 15. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2023 - 2024** (Pages 317 - 320)
- 16. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

The Seat Belts on School Transport (Scotland) Act 2017 requires that each passenger seat in vehicles used for dedicated school transportation must be equipped with a seatbelt. Public service buses that also provide school transport require seatbelts, dependent on age, with vehicles designed for urban use (urban buses) exempt from this.

This motion is made in light of the unique hazards of rural roads and the need to ensure the safety and well-being of schoolchildren, and to fulfil the council's responsibility to ensure safe routes to school in Argyll and Bute.

Advice from the School and Public Transport Team, as the Council's professional advisors in relation to matters of this nature, is that the current arrangements are legally compliant and safe and that Argyll and Bute Council are compliant with all relevant legislation relating to the transporting of school children and the travelling public throughout Argyll and Bute with seatbelts fitted to all dedicated school transport vehicles.

Notwithstanding that advice, we believe that urban buses are not suitable for rural routes due to the unique characteristics of rural roads (winding bends, bumpy or uneven surfaces, poor lighting, often high speed limits and lack of seat belts and accessibility to medical care in case of an accident. These characteristics can become particularly challenging in poor weather conditions.

For example, as it currently stands, children as young as 4 on the Isle of Seil may be expected to travel on an urban bus with no seatbelts for over three miles from Cuan to get to school in Easdale. The windy island road is poorly lit and uneven, and the

speed limit for this journey is the national speed limit 60mph.

The use of seat belts on all school transportation is crucial for the safety of children and ensuring safe routes to school.

The Committee is therefore asked to agree officers are requested to submit a paper to them which will identify and detail the costs associated with ensuring all buses commissioned by Argyll and Bute Council for the purposes of transporting children to and from school in Argyll and Bute are required to have seatbelts, and advising how such a requirement could be introduced.

Proposed by Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess  
Seconded by Councillor Dougie McFadzean

## **Community Services Committee**

Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess
Councillor Garret Corner	Councillor Audrey Forrest
Councillor Amanda Hampsey	Councillor Daniel Hampsey (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Graham Hardie	Councillor Andrew Kain
Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy	Councillor Liz McCabe
Councillor Dougie McFadzean	Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly (Chair)	Councillor Iain Paterson
Councillor Gemma Penfold	Councillor Dougie Philand
Margaret Anderson	Sandy MacPherson
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