



NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL** will be held **ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS** on **THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 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. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 14)

Argyll and Bute Council held on 28 September 2023

4. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

- * (a) Policy and Resources Committee held on 12 October 2023 (Pages 15 - 22)

The above minutes are submitted to the Council for approval of any recommendations on the items which the Committee does not have delegated powers. These items are marked with an *.

5. LEADER'S REPORT (Pages 23 - 34)

Report by Leader of the Council

6. POLICY LEADS REPORT (Pages 35 - 78)

Report by Policy Leads

7. WARD 1 SOUTH KINTYRE BY-ELECTION RESULT (Pages 79 - 80)

Report by Returning Officer

8. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 81 - 86)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support

9. DRAFT PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2024-25 (Pages 87 - 90)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support

10. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2023/24 (Pages 91 - 114)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support

11. POLICY FOR EMPTY PROPERTY RELIEF FOR NON-DOMESTIC RATES (Pages 115 - 128)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Financial Services

12. CHARGING OF DOUBLE COUNCIL TAX ON SECOND HOMES (Pages 129 - 158)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Financial Services

13. ROYAL NATIONAL MOD - OBAN FUNDING REQUEST (Pages 159 - 162)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth

14. STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN (SHIP) 2024/25 TO 2028/29 (Pages 163 - 224)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth

15. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

The UNCRC is an international treaty made up of 54 articles that aims to articulate the 'civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children everywhere are entitled to', as well as the steps that governments must take to secure these rights.

The UK ratified the UNCRC in 1991, and legislation has been enacted by the Scottish Parliament which will see these rights enshrined in Scots Law.

The Council, as a body, who has responsibilities for children and young people should act consistently with the UNCRC, and as a forward thinking body, reaffirms its aspiration and responsibility to continue to try to 'Get It Right For Every Child' in all aspects of its business. It acknowledges that it is not only in Education that Children's Rights are important but that all parts of the Council business can impact on our children and young people and that they should be considered in all decision making processes.

Therefore, Council agrees to add 'The Rights of The Child' as a field to be completed to the Implications section at the end of all Council and Committee reports.

Moved by Councillor Forrest

Seconded by Councillor McFadzean

16. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

It is almost a decade since Scotland's last appearance in golf's prestigious Ryder Cup tournament. This year, though, a young golfer from Oban gave the traditional home of golf an opportunity to be part of it and to celebrate again as he played his part in Team's Europe's Ryder Cup victory.

Robert MacIntyre is undoubtedly one of golf's most amazing young talents on an international level and is certainly one of the finest players that Scotland has seen in

many years. At the age of 27, his list of sporting achievements is considerable and inspirational. Despite his amazing success, his commitment and attachment to his home town of Oban remains as strong and enthusiastic as it was when he first started his golf career at Glencruitten Golf Club, where he is still a member.

He is a tremendous ambassador for Scotland and for Oban in particular, and the town is especially – and rightly - proud of its famous sporting son.

In recognition of his sporting success, and his commitment to his local community of Oban, Council is asked to consider awarding the Freedom of Argyll and Bute to Robert MacIntyre and, if so minded, to request that the Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support makes the necessary arrangements in this regard.

Moved by Councillor Jim Lynch

Seconded by Councillor Robin Currie

17. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

Argyll and Bute Council, already home to refugees from across the world, calls on the UK Government to fully support a cease fire in Gaza and support the immediate establishment of a humanitarian corridor for the displaced and the distribution of essential supplies of food and life saving medication.

The people of Argyll and Bute will continue to support refugees in our communities in a caring, peaceful, just and fair society.

Proposed by Councillor Gordon Blair

Seconded by Councillor Mark Irvine

EXEMPT REPORT FOR DECISION

E1 18. COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCE (Pages 225 - 226)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support

The Council will be asked to pass a resolution in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the public for items of business with an "E" on the grounds that it is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part I of Schedule 7a to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The appropriate paragraph is:-

E1 Paragraph 1 Information relating to a particular employee, former employee or applicant to become an employee of, or a particular office-holder, former office-holder or applicant to become an office-holder under the authority.

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