

**Argyll and Bute Council**  
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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **THURSDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2016** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry  
Executive Director of Customer Services

## **BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)**

**3. MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 20)

Argyll and Bute Council held on 29 September 2016

**4. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES**

- \* (a) Policy and Resources Committee held on 27 October 2016 (Pages 21 - 28)
- \* (b) Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 10 November 2016 (Pages 29 - 34)
- \* (c) Special Community Services Committee held on 21 November 2016 (to follow)

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. CHARITABLE LEISURE AND LIBRARIES TRUST - FULL BUSINESS CASE AND PRESENTATION BY ERNST AND YOUNG** (Pages 35 - 92)

Extract from the Special Community Services Committee held on 21 November 2016 (to follow) and report by Acting Executive Director of Community Services

**6. LEADER'S REPORT** (Pages 93 - 104)

Report by Leader of Council

## **7. POLICY LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

- (a) Report by Policy Lead for Health & Social Care Integration (Pages 105 - 112)
- (b) Report by Policy Lead for Strategic Housing, Gaelic, Community & Culture (Pages 113 - 126)

## **8. BUDGET 2017-18**

- (a) Budget Consultation (Pages 127 - 144)  
Report by Executive Director of Customer Services
- (b) Management / Operational Savings 2017-18 (Pages 145 - 154)  
Report by Head of Strategic Finance

## **9. AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2015-16 (Pages 155 - 224)**

Report by Head of Strategic Finance

## **10. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016 (Pages 225 - 234)**

Report by Chair of Audit Committee

## **11. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

- (a) Minute of Short Life Working Group on Political Management Arrangements held on 24 October 2016 (Pages 235 - 236)
- (b) Report by Executive Director of Customer Services (Pages 237 - 242)

## **12. PRIVATE ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE (Pages 243 - 250)**

Report by Executive Director of Customer Services

## **13. 2018 REVIEW OF UK PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCIES (Pages 251 - 254)**

Report by Executive Director of Customer Services

## **14. EVALUATION OF THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME (Pages 255 - 284)**

Report by Chief Executive

## **15. STANDARDS COMMISSION REPORT (Pages 285 - 296)**

Letter by the Standards Commission

## **16. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Moved by Councillor Horn, seconded by Councillor Taylor

Notes that current legislation allows for personal care to be provided free for people in Scotland aged over 65.

Notes that of the 85,807 dementia sufferers in Scotland 3,201 are under the age of 65 and therefore not automatically entitled to free personal care.

Commends the campaign by Mrs Amanda Kopel – “Frank’s Law” – to request that the

Scottish Government extends free personal care to anyone under the age of 65 who requires such care for their dementia, motor neurone disease, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, cancer, progressive supranuclear palsy (or any other degenerative brain disease).

Instructs the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister requesting her to consider the introduction of a "Frank's Law" so that free personal care may be extended to under 65s with degenerative terminal illness.

#### **17. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Moved by Councillor Robb, seconded by Councillor Taylor

The Council:

Notes that large numbers of the Argyll and Bute population rely on health services from the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board particularly those in Helensburgh and Lomond area but also those reliant on the Vale of Leven Hospital.

Notes that no councillor representative from Argyll and Bute Council is appointed to the Board.

Agrees that an elected member from Argyll and Bute Council on the Board to represent the interests of residents in our local authority area would be beneficial.

Agrees to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health to request that a place on the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board be assigned to an elected member nominee from Argyll and Bute Council.

#### **18. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Moved by Councillor Strong, seconded by Councillor Horn.

Preamble

This Council urges the UK Government to take account of the retrospective nature of the changes to pensions. This has meant that changes in pension arrangements for women born in the 1950s has left them in financial difficulties.

Motion

The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6<sup>th</sup> April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Act of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women only had two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation

that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute – it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider the transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6<sup>th</sup> April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

## **19. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Moved by Councillor Devon, seconded by Councillor Horn.

### **Preamble:**

- Auto-immune anti-NMDA Receptor Encephalitis, or NMDA, is a disease which is often misdiagnosed as a mental health issue because it presents in the same way as other conditions such as bipolar or schizophrenia.
- The reason it is misdiagnosed is because NMDA is not being taught within the UK medical curriculum – which means that healthcare professionals are failing to recognise it.
- If left untreated, or not treated correctly, NMDA can lead to behavioural changes, confusion, cerebellar symptoms, reduced consciousness and death.
- Incorrectly diagnosing NMDA as a mental health condition means that, as well as going without the correct treatment, sufferers are often sectioned under the Mental Health Act and admitted to mental health institutions/secure care.
- As well as causing unnecessary distress to sufferers and their families, this adds needless pressure to mental health care services as well as budgets.
- All of this is unnecessary because NMDA, when recognised and correctly diagnosed, is easily treated using standard inexpensive medications which are readily available through the NHS – and, with appropriate treatment, the disease is generally reversible with a good prognosis.
- There are people living in Argyll and Bute who are suffering through misdiagnosis of NMDA and therefore are not receiving the appropriate treatment they need in order to recover and live a full life. Because this is affecting people in our communities, through this motion I hope that Argyll and Bute Council can contribute to raising awareness of NMDA and I am asking the council to do the following:

People with NMDA need and deserve to have their condition diagnosed correctly so they get the right treatment and have every chance of making a good recovery. In order for this to happen, the General Medical Council should include NMDA in its UK

Medical Curriculum for health care professionals.

Therefore, Argyll and Bute Council agrees to:

- Write to the appropriate Scottish and UK Government Ministers responsible for health issues seeking their support in calling for Auto-immune anti-NMDA Receptor Encephalitis (NMDA) to be added to the UK Medical Curriculum as soon as possible;
- Write to the UK General Medical Council requesting that it includes NMDA, its diagnosis and its treatment in the UK Medical Curriculum as soon as possible.

## **20. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Moved by Councillor Strong, seconded by Councillor Taylor.

The Council:

- i. notes that Deputy Head Teachers are having to cover the critical duties of School Attendance Officers in encouraging pupils to engage with the education system in a positive manner.
- ii. accepts that the loss of attendance officers may have contributed to a reduction in the attainment amongst the group having the lowest 20% of attainment in some schools.
- iii. agrees that the effective prohibition on attendance officer posts be removed and that Head Teachers may enter into 'local' arrangements with the agreement of the agreement of the Head of Education to employ School Librarians utilising their available budgets.

## **21. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13**

Moved by Councillor Strong, seconded by Councillor Taylor.

The Council:

- i. Notes the Council decision to remove the funding for secondary school librarians at the last Council budget meeting, notwithstanding the proposal of the Opposition to maintain that service.
- ii. Notes that there is concern amongst pupils, parents and teachers that the loss of these staff will have a detrimental effect on the learning experience of many pupils and be detrimental to academic attainment.
- iii. Agrees that the effective prohibition on secondary school librarian posts be removed, and
- iv. Agrees that Head Teachers may enter into 'local' arrangements with the agreement of the agreement of the Head of Education to employ School Librarians utilising their available budgets.