

Argyll and Bute Council
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NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD** on **THURSDAY, 26 APRIL 2018** at **10:30 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

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BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (IF ANY)

3. MINUTES

(a) Special Argyll and Bute Council held on 22 February 2018 (Pages 5 - 6)

(b) Argyll and Bute Council held on 22 February 2018 (Pages 7 - 18)

4. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

* (a) Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 8 March 2018 (Pages 19 - 24)

* (b) Community Services Committee held on 15 March 2018 (Pages 25 - 32)

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

Report by Leader of the Council (Pages 33 - 46)

6. POLICY LEADS REPORT

Report by Policy Leads (Pages 47 - 68)

7. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 69 - 72)

8. COUNCIL CONSTITUTION REVIEW

Report by Executive Director - Customer Services (Pages 73 - 78)

9. STRATEGIC WORKFORCE PLAN

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 79 - 124)

10. SCOTLAND EXCEL - NEW BUILD HOUSING FRAMEWORK - INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Report by Executive Director of Customer Services (Pages 125 - 130)

11. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982: LICENSING CONDITIONS, LICENSING FEES AND PREPARATION FOR LICENCE RENEWALS

Recommendation from Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee held on 21 March 2018 (Pages 131 - 142)

12. ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE INQUIRY INTO EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Report by Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services (Pages 143 - 160)

13. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

The Council:

1. Notes the Budget decisions made at March meeting of Argyll & Bute Health and Social Care Partnership's Integrated Joint Board meeting, which result in a need for further savings in excess of £2million to be identified
2. Notes that the 2017/18 overspend by the H&SCP, as reported in January, amounts to £2.9million with loan support now required from both the Council and NHS Highland. This is in the context of a national reported overspend of circa £67million with 23 partnerships across Scotland forecasting an overspend
3. Acknowledges the support and protection given by the Council to social work services - while the budget for social work services has increased overall by 1.08% since 2014/15, there has been a 4.27% overall reduction in the budget for all other council services
4. Notes that Argyll & Bute H&SCP faces significant challenges, including:
 - a. a shrinking and aging population which increases demand while creating difficulties in the recruitment and retention of staff;
 - b. delivery across a huge geographic area, including 23 inhabited islands;
 - c. a substantial proportion of their budget that is outwith their direct control (such as GP contracts, and recharges from other health boards);
 - d. maintaining core local hospital, acute and GP out of hours services delivered in multiple rural hospitals with unique recruitment challenges and cost burdens
5. Agrees that the Council Leader should write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport:
 - a. regarding the impact of current finances on the delivery of local services
 - b. highlighting the unique position the challenges detailed above create for the H&SCP
 - c. recognising that the budget pressures being faced by the H&SCP **right now** are preventing the timescales needed for community-driven transformation, and welcoming the commitment from the Cabinet Secretary to provide support for the H&SCP
 - d. acknowledging that the Council and NHS Highland currently face their own financial pressures and are not in a position to provide additional funding, and asking the Scottish Government to consider reassessing the funding levels provided for Health and Social Care in Argyll & Bute, alongside support for transformation.

Proposed: Cllr Aileen Morton

Seconded: Cllr Kieron Green

REPORTS FOR NOTING

14. NPDO SCHOOLS AFFORDABILITY REPORT

Report by Executive Director – Customer Services (Pages 161 - 166)

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