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Dear Councillor

## **SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the South Ayrshire Council to be held in **The County Hall, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, on Thursday, 6th October 2011 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

**EILEEN HOWAT**  
**Executive Director – Corporate Services**

### **B U S I N E S S**

1. Provost.
2. Sederunt.
3. [Minutes of meetings of the Council and Panels as per Print No. 4 2011 \(copy herewith\).](#)
4. [Leadership Panel Annual Report 2010/11– Submit report by Head of Policy, Performance and Communication \(copy herewith\).](#)
5. [Scrutiny and Governance Management Panel Annual Report - October 2011 \(copy herewith\).](#)
6. [South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement Annual Report 2010/11 – Submit report by Head of Policy, Performance and Communication \(copy herewith\).](#)
7. [Ayrshire Housing Board Representation - Submit report by Executive Director – Children and Community \(copy herewith\).](#)
8. [Representation on Outside Bodies - Submit report by the Head of Legal and Administration Services \(copy herewith\).](#)
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9. [Treasury Management Annual Report 2010/11 - Submit report by Executive Director – Corporate Services \(copy herewith\).](#)
10. [Revenue and Capital Budget 2012/13 to 2014/15 - Submit report by Executive Director – Corporate Services \(copy herewith\).](#)
11. [Comprehensive Review of Polling Arrangements for Parliamentary Elections - Submit report by Executive Director – Corporate Services \(copy herewith\).](#)
12. [Replacement of Voucher Parking with Pay and Display Machines – Submit report by Executive Director – Development and Environment \(copy herewith\).](#)
13. [Major Redevelopment of South Carrick – Update on Community Company Formation - Submit report by Executive Director – Children and Community \(copy herewith\).](#)
14. Notice of Motions from

- (1) Councillor McDowall, seconded by Councillor Moonie:-

“South Ayrshire Council agrees that the introduction of a living wage is a legitimate aim of the Council to address poverty and low pay, particularly having regards to the socio-economic situation in South Ayrshire and the anticipated impact of reduced public expenditure within the Council area as a consequence of the current economic climate. Therefore, the Council agrees, as a policy aim, the introduction and implementation of the Scottish Living Wage, currently £7.20 per hour, for all employees whose hourly rate currently falls below that rate, and agrees to request officers to progress negotiations with the Trade Unions to achieve implementation of this policy with effect from 1st April 2012 and further agrees to implement the living wage by way of a pay supplement in order to maintain the integrity of the Council’s existing pay scale structure.”

- (2) Councillor McIntosh, seconded by Councillor McFarlane:-

“South Ayrshire Council recognises the excellent front line emergency service provided by Clyde Coastguard. This is the busiest station in Scotland both in terms of search and rescue hours and incidents attended and is the second busiest base in the UK. In 2010, Clyde Coastguard assisted 2,357 people and saved the lives of 539 members of the public – over 10 lives a week. Clyde Coastguard covers the longest and most challenging stretch of coastline at around 2,500 miles and has the highest number of ferry routes of any UK station transporting approximately 8 million passengers a year. The Council is therefore dismayed at the proposals from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency that Clyde Coastguard should close. There is strong evidence that local knowledge is vital in an emergency situation and its loss could have tragic consequences. A clear rationale for closure has not been provided including consideration of the safeguards required to keep the Clyde Coast waterways safe to fishermen, divers, sailors, ferries, commercial traffic and tugs. This could jeopardise our efforts to fully capitalise on the potential of the South Ayrshire coastline and the further development of sailing between Scotland and Northern Ireland. South Ayrshire Council believes that Clyde Coastguard should be retained and a letter should be sent to the Maritime and Coastguard Agency arguing strongly for its retention and that support should be sought from the First Minister and local MPs and MSPs to oppose the closure of Clyde Coastguard. The Council also supports the Public and Commercial Services Union (PCS) in raising awareness and seeking support from local communities to oppose the closure.”

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(3) Councillor McFarlane, seconded by Councillor Convery:-

“In 2008, South Ayrshire Council welcomed the report which secured the future provision of emergency and unscheduled care at Ayr Hospital. NHS Ayrshire and Arran are now considering transferring orthopaedic trauma to Crosshouse Hospital. This is a source of great concern. It would be a cause of great inconvenience to injured patients, some with very serious injuries, and their families. Ayr Hospital is situated in the best location to serve the community for orthopaedic traumas and other emergencies. If patients have to travel an extra 15 to 20 miles for example from Barrhill and Ballantrae to Crosshouse, not only is this disruptive and inconvenient, but in the case of a serious injury, it could have fatal consequences. Ayr Hospital is situated in the best location to serve the community and South Ayrshire Council wants to see services retained there. Transferring the orthopaedic trauma service could also threaten the viability of Ayr Hospital as an Accident and Emergency facility with the risk that in the future it becomes a small community based facility to the detriment of health provision to the people and communities of South Ayrshire.

I ask that South Ayrshire Council writes to NHS Ayrshire and Arran in support of retaining all trauma services at Ayr Hospital.”

For more information on any of these items on the agenda, please telephone Diane Knight,  
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