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Dear Councillor

## **SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SPECIAL)**

You are requested to participate in the above special meeting to be held **on Tuesday 1 September 2020 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

**Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in line with government guidance, the meeting will be conducted remotely.**

Yours sincerely

**CATRIONA CAVES**  
Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services

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

1. Provost
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3. Declarations of Interest
4. Standing Orders Relating to Meetings – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services ([copy herewith](#)).
5. Appointments to Panels – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services ([copy herewith](#)).
6. Modified Proposed Replacement South Ayrshire Local Development Plan (MPLDP2) – Submit report by Director – Place ([copy herewith](#)).
7. Notice of Motions

(a) from Councillor Peter Henderson, seconded by Councillor Brian McGinley:-

“Resettlement of asylum seekers from the Aegean Islands.

Council notes the aims of ‘Europe Must Act’, a movement calling for the decongestion of refugee camps in the Greek Aegean Islands and a humane migration policy in Europe.

Although this issue has disappeared from UK news since 2015, the situation for people living in the Greek island camps is now worse than ever. Basic human rights are being denied, including access to shelter, education and drinking water. People are trapped in the Aegean Islands as a result of an inhumane European migration policy.

A campaign is calling on councils across Europe to make a pledge for the immediate resettlement of asylum seekers from the Aegean hotspot camps. Cities across Europe have already pledged hundreds of places but much more needs to be done.

Scotland and South Ayrshire is justifiably proud of its record in resettling refugees of the Syrian conflict. However, Refugee Resettlement is a reserved matter, so all decisions ultimately sit with the Home Office and we ask that Council require the Home Office to take a humane and welcoming approach to the resettlement of these refugees on the Aegean Islands.

We therefore ask Council to support this campaign by asking the Chief Executive to write to the Home Office, asking the UK government and UNHCR to support the decongestion of the Aegean Island camps and allow UK councils to take inhabitants of these camps as an immediate emergency measure under the new UK Resettlement Scheme.”

(b) from Councillor Ian Davis, seconded by Councillor Hugh Hunter:-

“This Council asks the Finance and ICT Service to prepare a feasibility report into the livestreaming and/or video recording of public elements of South Ayrshire Council meetings, and publication of such videos on the Council website. The report should set out the technical options available and their financial consequences to the Council, so a paper can be brought back for a decision to be taken by full Council as to whether or not to progress with any identified options.”

## 8. Formal Questions

For more information on any of these items on the agenda, please telephone Janice McClure,  
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