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3 December 2020

Dear Councillor

## **SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

You are requested to participate in a meeting of South Ayrshire Council to be held in **on Thursday 10 December 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 with only Elected Members and relevant officers having access to the meeting.**

Yours sincerely

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

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

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3. Declarations of Interest.
4. Minutes of meetings of the Council and Panels.

(a) Minutes of previous meetings.

Submit for approval as correct records and authorise to be signed.

- (i) [South Ayrshire Council of 1 October 2020](#); and
- (ii) [South Ayrshire Council \(Special\) of 10 November 2020](#).

(copies herewith).

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(b) Minutes of Panels.

The minutes (copies previously issued) of the undernoted meetings are for noting:-

- (i) Appeals Panel of [2 September 2020](#).
- (ii) Audit and Governance Panel of [26 August](#) and [24 September 2020](#).
- (iii) Leadership Panel of [15 September](#) and [27 October 2020](#).

In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation and Standing Orders for Meetings, the recommendations in the minutes of 27 October 2020 as contained in the 'C' paragraph have been referred to the Council for decision – “Annual Procurement Report 2020” ([copy of minute excerpt herewith](#)).

- (iv) Local Review Body of [19 August](#), [1 September](#) and [22 September](#).
  - (v) Partnerships Panel of [9 September 2020](#)
  - (vi) Regulatory Panel – Licensing of [17 September](#) and [29 October 2020](#).
  - (vii) Regulatory Panel – Planning of [3 September 2020](#).
  - (viii) Service and Performance Panel of [8 September 2020](#).
5. Lone Working For Councillors – Submit report by Chief Executive ([copy herewith](#)).
  6. Scheme of Delegation – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services ([copy herewith](#)).
  7. Representations on Outside Bodies, Working Groups, Etc – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services ([copy herewith](#)).
  8. Revised Schedule of Meetings – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services ([copy herewith](#)).
  9. Armed Forces Community Covenant 2020 – Submit report by Assistant Director – People ([copy herewith](#)).
  10. South Ayrshire Performs – Annual Performance Report 2019/20 – Submit report by Assistant Director – People ([copy herewith](#)).
  11. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: South Ayrshire Progress Report – Submit report by Assistant Director – People ([copy herewith](#)).

## 12 Notice of Motions

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

**“This council notes:**

- Next April the UK Government plan to cut the benefit level for millions of claimants by ending of the time limited increase to the basic rate of Universal Credit (and the tax credit equivalent) announced by the Chancellor on 20th March 2020 as part of his pandemic response package;
- The £20 a week boost reflected the reality that the existing level of benefits were not adequate to protect the swiftly increasing number of households relying on them as the crisis hit. Exactly because that increase was a very significant and welcome move to bolster low- and middle-income families living standards, its removal will be a huge loss;
- Pressing ahead with this cut would see the level of unemployment support fall to its lowest real-terms level since 1990-91, and it's lowest ever relative to average earnings. Indeed, the basic level of out-of-work support prior to the March 2020 boost was – at £73 a week (£3,800 a year) – less than half the absolute poverty line;
- The increase in benefits has had a positive effect on the lives of thousands of claimants who are better able to pay for life's essentials such as food, clothing and utilities; and
- The local South Ayrshire economy has also benefited from the increase in benefit levels as claimants spend their money locally thereby supporting local businesses and jobs.

**This council resolves:**

- That the Chief Executive write within 7 days of today's date to the Chancellor, Rishi Sunak and to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson demanding that the £20 increase to Universal Credit is made permanent and extended to claimants on legacy benefits; and
- That we work with other local government organisations to pressure the UK Government to make the £20 increase to Universal Credit permanent.”

(b) from Councillor Craig Mackay, seconded by Councillor Brian McGinley:-

“Council recognises the clear benefits of good health and diet in reducing the effects of Covid-19 on those who contract the virus; realises that without ongoing encouragement many of the people who may have become more physically active during the summer lockdown may be at risk of returning to a less active lifestyle; and acknowledges that improving overall levels of health and fitness in South Ayrshire is consistent with this Administration's strategic objectives.

Council agrees to consider how best to encourage and support a healthier and more active population in South Ayrshire; resolves to run a positive campaign to reinforce the good intentions and achievements that many people have secured; and asks that a report be brought back to the Leadership Panel by March 2021 by the Director - People detailing how Council and partner facilities and programmes in South Ayrshire can more effectively be used by people of all ages to maximise both indoor and outdoor activities within the Covid-19 restrictions; as well as in the same report to advise how the Council can seek to support improvements in access to quality and security of foods and access to vitamin D in South Ayrshire.”

(c) from Councillor Chris Cullen, seconded by Councillor Peter Henderson:-

**“This council notes:**

- Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10th. It marks the day in 1948 that the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In 1950, the Assembly passed resolution 423 inviting all States and interested organisations to annually observe December 10 as Human Rights Day;
- that today is December 10th and is the 70th official Human Rights Day since the UN General Assembly passed the resolution to annually observe The 10th of December as Human Rights Day;
- the positive impact that the Human Rights Act 1998 (“the Act”) has had on the protection of the rights of individuals in South Ayrshire;
- the valuable guidance the Act provides for South Ayrshire Council to ensure policies are developed in line with international human rights standards; and
- that by doing this Council reaffirms the importance of human rights in rebuilding the world, the need for global solidarity as well as the world’s interconnectedness and shared humanity, and in doing so, answers the UN Human Rights generic call “to stand up for someone’s rights” and the need to build back better in the recovery of post COVID-19 in South Ayrshire and in Scotland.

**This council resolves to:**

- Continue to demonstrate its commitment and support of Human Rights through its daily working and in the development of policy in line with the Act at South Ayrshire Council.”

13. Formal Questions.

14. **Disclosure of Confidential Information – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services (Members Only).**

15. **Former Station Hotel – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services (Members Only).**

16. Consideration of Disclosure of the above Confidential Reports.

<p>For more information on any of these items on the agenda, please telephone Janice McClure, Committee Services at 01292 612169, at Wellington Square, Ayr or e-mail: <a href="mailto:janice.mcclure@south-ayrshire.gov.uk">janice.mcclure@south-ayrshire.gov.uk</a> <a href="http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk">www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk</a></p>
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