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Dear Councillor

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SPECIAL)

You are requested to participate in the above special meeting to be held on Thursday, 2 September 2021 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 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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2. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest
3. Standing Orders Relating to Meetings - Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services ([copy herewith](#)).
4. Appointments to Panel – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services ([copy herewith](#)).
5. Representation on Outside Bodies – Submit report by Head of Legal, HR and Regulatory Services ([copy herewith](#)).
6. Notice of Motion from Councillor Julie Dettbarn, seconded by Councillor Brian McGinley:-

“Trauma Informed South Ayrshire

There is a growing evidence base that traumatic life experiences can have a negative impact on people’s social, economic and health outcomes. This can include experiences occurring during childhood (Adverse Childhood Experiences or ACEs) as well as those occurring in adulthood. These kinds of experiences have been found to result in increased risk of poor health and social outcomes, as well as difficulties accessing or maintaining access to services. This can mean that those most in need of help will often be the ones who face the greatest barriers to accessing it.

Recent guidance issued by the Scottish Government and NHS Education for Scotland shows that by organisations being trauma-informed, and adopting the trauma-informed principles of safety, choice, collaboration, empowerment and trust we can help people to overcome the effects of trauma, and improve both access to services and long-term outcomes.

This is particularly important in the context of the Coronavirus pandemic. National and international evidence has shown that the poorest and most marginalised people in society have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic, and projections suggest that these communities will be hardest hit from an economic and social perspective in the longer-term. Many inequalities in our society have been brought into sharp contrast, while the role of local authorities and our partners in meeting the needs of the poorest people and communities has never been clearer.

As we now enter a period of recovery in the aftermath of this pandemic, we can anticipate that the people of South Ayrshire – particularly those on low incomes and in our poorest communities – will in many cases turn to the Council and our partners for help. For this reason it is critical that the Council and our partners have a sound understanding of trauma, that our policies reflect our commitments to reducing trauma, and that all customers receive trauma-informed services.

We therefore propose that South Ayrshire Council requests officers to develop proposals which deliver on the following objectives:

- *To become a fully trauma-informed organisation that recognises the impact trauma can have on people's lives.*
- *To deliver services in a way that responds to individuals' needs by creating nurturing and supportive environments where people feel valued*
- *To support our partner organisations in adopting a trauma-informed approach as part of a Trauma Informed South Ayrshire*

and that officers present a report with their initial proposals and any associated costs to Leadership Panel within two months.”

7. Formal Questions.

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