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28th September 2017

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, 5th October 2017 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

Yours sincerely

**VALERIE ANDREWS**  
Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation

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

1. Provost
2. Sederunt.
3. Declarations of Interest.
4. Minutes of meetings of the Council and Panels.

(a) Minutes of previous meetings.

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

- (i) South Ayrshire Council of 29th June 2017 ([copy herewith](#)).
- (ii) Leadership Panel of 19th September 2017 (copy to follow).

In accordance with the Scheme of Delegation and Standing Orders for Meetings, the recommendations in the "C" paragraphs entitled 'Schools for the Future : Queen Margaret Academy' and 'Housing Policy' have been referred to the Council for decision.

(b) Minutes of Panels.

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

- (i) Appeals Panel of [15th August 2017](#) and [23rd August 2017](#).
- (ii) Audit and Governance Panel of [20th June 2017](#).
- (iii) Leadership Panel of [13th June 2017](#) and [22nd August 2017](#).

- (iv) Local Review Body of [28th June 2017](#) and [22nd August 2017](#).
  - (v) Partnerships Panel of [27th June 2017](#).
  - (vi) Regulatory Panel – Licensing of [15th June 2017](#) and [24th August 2017](#).
  - (vii) Regulatory Panel – Planning of [22nd June 2017](#).
  - (viii) Service and Performance Panel of [28th June 2017](#).
  - (ix) Ayrshire Shared Services of [17th February 2017](#).
5. A Programme for Effective Governance 2017-22 – Submit report by Chief Executive ([copy herewith](#)).
  6. 2016/17 Performance Against the Council Plan – Submit report by Head of Policy and Performance ([copy herewith](#)).
  7. Schedule of Meetings - Submit report by Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation ([copy herewith](#)).
  8. Standing Orders Relating to Meetings – Submit report by Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation ([copy herewith](#)).
  9. Scheme of Delegation – Submit report by Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation ([copy herewith](#)).
  10. Representation on Outside Bodies and COSLA – Submit report by Executive Director – Resources, Governance and Organisation ([copy herewith](#)).
  11. Treasury Management Annual Report 2016/17 – Submit report by Head of Finance and ICT ([copy herewith](#)).
  12. Governance Requirements for Ayrshire Growth Deal and Exploration of Regional Partnership Option – Submit report by Executive Director – Economy, Neighbourhood and Environment (copy to follow).
  13. South Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2 : Main Issues Report, Monitoring Statement and Environmental Report – Submit report by Head of Enterprise, Development and Leisure ([copy herewith](#)).
  14. Notice of Motions
    - (a) from Councillor Laura Brennan-Whitefield, seconded by Councillor Siobhian Brown:-

“in line with this administration's political direction and commitment to promote equality and diversity for all, this Council agrees that for the duration of February 2018 and continuing on an annual basis, this Council will fly the LGBTI pride flag (commonly known as the rainbow flag) on County Buildings to highlight and promote LGBTI history month.

Council would continue to follow Scottish Government guidance in appropriate cases.”

(b) from Councillor Siobhian Brown, seconded by Councillor Peter Henderson:-

“the A77 Action Group are calling for investment in road improvements and infrastructure on the West Coast of Scotland including the upgrade on the A77 from Whitletts Roundabout, Ayr to Portpatrick. The A77 is the trunk route connecting Glasgow and Edinburgh with Ireland via busy ferry ports. Such investment and upgrades of the A77 are necessary and will bring many benefits to South Ayrshire including an increase in road safety whilst also attracting financial investment in industry and tourism.

To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Scottish Government indicating our support for the A77 Action Group and to invite Humza Yousaf to visit South Ayrshire and the key locations on the A77 where investment is required to promote economic growth and road safety.”

(c) from Councillor Julie Dettbarn, seconded by Councillor Peter Henderson:-

“To propose that South Ayrshire Council calls upon the United Kingdom Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women and for the purposes of this Motion, specifically on behalf of those living in South Ayrshire, born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little or no personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer age discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute – it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

Council agrees to request the Chief Executive to write in terms as outlined above, on behalf of the Council, to the Secretary of State for Works and Pensions to call upon the United Kingdom Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.”

- (d) from Councillor Philip Saxton, seconded by Councillor William Grant:-

“The Council agrees that Breakfast Clubs currently operating in South Ayrshire schools only will be not charged for school lets from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017, and any breakfast clubs starting after this date will also not be charged for school lets.

The Council agrees that the costs of £8905.20 for school lets for the remainder of the financial year be met from uncommitted reserves and thereafter the costs to be considered as part of the budget for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

The Council also requests that the Service and Performance Scrutiny Panel review breakfast clubs, including the cost for each child, information on attendance etc., and the number of schools operating a breakfast club and reports back to the Leadership Panel by January 2018.”

- (e) from Councillor Craig Mackay, seconded by Councillor Ian Cochrane:-

“Council notes figures from the Campaign for Fairer Gambling which reveal that potentially upwards of £33m has been lost on Fixed-Odds Betting Terminals (FOBTs) in South Ayrshire alone since 2008.

Council considers that the problems caused by FOBTs have a disproportionately negative impact on less affluent communities, further compounding the challenges of poverty and deprivation our administration aims to address.

Council believes the UK government must take action to tackle FOBTs, including by reducing the number of terminals allowed in betting shops, limiting the stakes that can be bet, reducing the time that can be spent on the machines, and taking action to ban the machines altogether if people continue to lose out. In order to make clear our position the Chief Executive will write to Chancellor Philip Hammond requesting that he gives full consideration to addressing the impact FOBTs have on our communities.”

15. Formal Questions.
16. **Complaint – Submit report by Chief Executive (copy herewith – Members only).**
17. **Ayr Renaissance LLP – Burns Statue Square and Affleck’s Block - Submit report by the Chief Executive (copy herewith – Members only).**
18. **Scottish International Airshow 2018 – 2020 – Submit report by Head of Enterprise, Development and Leisure (copy herewith – Members only).**
19. **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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