

North Ayrshire Council

A Special Meeting of the North Ayrshire Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE on Wednesday, 21 September 2022 at 16:00 to consider the undernoted business. Please note that this meeting will commence at 4.00 p.m., or at the conclusion of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, whichever is the later.

Meeting Arrangements - Hybrid Meetings

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1 Apologies

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

3 Motions

In terms of Standing Order 3.4, a written requisition, signed by nine Members of the Council, has been submitted to call for consideration of the undernoted motions:

(1) a motion by Councillor Foster, seconded by Councillor Bell, in the following terms:

"Council recognises the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on our residents and therefore agrees to use £60,000 of unearmarked reserves to scrap all school meal debt in North Ayrshire."

(2) a motion by Councillor McDonald, seconded by Councillor McPhater, in the following terms:

"Council recognises the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on our residents.

Council acknowledges that people on low incomes are the most likely to use pre-payment meters and therefore pay higher energy tariffs than those on direct debits.

Council notes that twenty clients of the Better Off North Ayrshire service, currently being piloted in the Three Towns, had self-disconnected their pre-payment meters as they could not afford a top-up and further notes the concerns of charities such as Citizens Advice Scotland that self-disconnections will increase significantly this winter.

Council therefore agrees to use £150,000 of unearmarked reserves to establish a pre-payment meter support fund to support residents who would otherwise face self-disconnection this winter due to rising costs."

4 Urgent Items

Any other business which the Provost considers to be urgent.

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John Bell Timothy Billings Marie Burns Eleanor Collier	Chair:
Joe Cullinane Scott Davidson Anthea Dickson Stewart Ferguson Todd Ferguson	Apologies:
Robert Foster Scott Gallacher John Glover Tony Gurney	Attending:
Alan Hill Cameron Inglis Margaret Johnson Amanda Kerr	
Christina Larsen Shaun Macaulay Jean McClung Nairn McDonald	
Matthew McLean Louise McPhater Davina McTiernan Tom Marshall	
Jim Montgomerie Ian Murdoch Donald Reid Donald L Reid	
Chloe Robertson Ronnie Stalker Angela Stephen John Sweeney	