

## North Ayrshire Council

A Special Meeting of North Ayrshire Council will be held remotely on **Wednesday, 16 March 2022** at **14:00** to consider the undernoted business.

### **1 Arrangements in Terms of COVID-19**

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held remotely in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003. Where possible, the meeting will be live-streamed and available to view at <https://north-ayrshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>. In the event that live-streaming is not possible, a recording of the meeting will instead be available to view at this location.

### **2 Apologies**

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

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

### **4 Previous Minutes**

The accuracy of the Minutes of (a) the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 16 February 2022 and (b) the Special Meeting held on 2 March 2022, will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

### **5 Leader's Report**

Submit report by the Leader of the Council for the period covering 7 February - 6 March 2022 (copy enclosed).

**6 North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board:  
Minutes of Meeting held on 3 March 2022**

Submit report by the Executive Director (Communities and Education) on the Minutes of a meeting of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 3 March 2022 (copy enclosed).

**7 Membership of the Licensing Committee and Board**

The Council is invited:

1. to note (i) the resignation of Councillors Ferguson and Gallacher from the Licensing Committee and Board and (ii) that, in terms of the Scheme of Administration, the Licensing Committee vacancies arising should be filled by the Administration and main Opposition; and
2. to consider (i) a nomination, proposed by Councillor Bell, seconded by Councillor Cullinane, for Councillor Donald Reid to be appointed to the Licensing Committee and Board and (ii) a nomination, proposed by Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Macaulay, for Councillor Hill to be appointed to the Licensing Committee and Board.

**8 Membership on the Planning Committee and Local Review Body**

The Council is invited:

1. to note that, in terms of the Scheme of Administration, there is currently one Planning Committee and Local Review Body vacancy for an 'Other' Member (namely a Conservative and Unionist/Independent Member); and
2. to consider a nomination proposed by Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Donald Reid, for Councillor Bell to be appointed to fill an outstanding vacancy of the Planning Committee and Local Review Body.

**9 Best Value Assurance Audit Recommendations Update**

Submit report by the Chief Executive on progress against Best Value Assurance Audit Recommendations (copy enclosed).

**10 Questions**

In terms of Standing Order 12, submit:-

**(1) a question by Councillor Gallagher to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:**

“At recent Council meetings, it has become apparent that some Elected Members do not understand the basics of capital finance, particularly in relation to the financing of new schools. If Elected Members are making misleading comments about these funding models, how can we expect the public to understand such complex matters? Can the Leader of the Council, therefore, provide clarity on the following?

1. The Scottish Government’s financial contribution to North Ayrshire’s PPP contract?
2. Outline all the capital and revenue costs related to the construction of Largs Campus under the Design, Build, Finance and Maintain (DBFM) model, procured using the SNP Government’s NPD/PFI model?
3. Outline all the capital and revenue costs related to the construction of Garnock campus, financed through the Council’s Capital Investment Programme?”

**(2) a question by Councillor Foster to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:**

“Can the Leader of the Council confirm the total number of cases logged on the Council’s Lagan system this term by members of A) The Labour Group B) The SNP Group C) The Conservative and Unionist Group?”

**(3) a question by Councillor McNicol to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:**

“Will the Leader commit to support a judge led public enquiry into the North Ayrshire Schools PPP Project, which is currently costing taxpayers over £1 million a month, and will cost the public purse over £400 million in total for four schools with a capital value of just £83 million: or does the Leader consider that North Ayrshire taxpayers just have to keep paying for the contract?”

**(4) a question by Councillor Gallacher to the Cabinet Member for Green New Deal and Sustainability in the following terms:**

"In approximately what year will the Council's renewables projects be bringing in the first of the tens of millions of pounds of income for North Ayrshire Council, once all construction and set-up costs have been recovered?"

**(5) a question by Councillor Miller to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:**

"Can the Leader of the Council confirm that North Ayrshire Council has no contractual or other dealings with Russia?"

**(6) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Cabinet Member for Green New Deal and Sustainability in the following terms:**

"Last year I proposed an additional £1 Million be added to the budget to improve the roads infrastructure. The motion was seconded by Councillor Donald L Reid. We were informed that it would take 35 times that amount to bring the roads network up to standard at that time.  
Can the Cabinet Member please provide the current figure that would be necessary to bring the North Ayrshire Roads Infrastructure totally up to date?"

**(7) a question by Councillor Murdoch to the Leader of the Council in the following terms:**

"Is the Leader of the Council concerned about the poor Ferry provision for Cumbrae Residents, Businesses and Tourists?"

## **11 Urgent Items**

Any other items which the Provost considers to be urgent.

## **Webcasting - Virtual Meeting**

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Chair:

Apologies:

Attending: