



**North Ayrshire Council**  
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Meeting of the Council

Wednesday 15 February 2023

Responses to Supplementary Questions

**Please find below information provided in respect of supplementary questions asked at the Council meeting on 15 February 2023:**

### **Question (5)**

As a supplementary question, Councillor Bell indicated that the response had not addressed his original question and again asked again what the effect would be on staffing levels next year.

Councillor Macaulay responded by reiterating that the Council was working with the Scottish Government to confirm the final proposals for staffing levels. The Cabinet Member undertook to share the outcome with all Members when available.

### **Response**

This information will be circulated to all Members when it becomes available.

### **Question (13)**

As a supplementary question, Councillor T. Ferguson made reference to the Information Commissioner's findings in this matter and asked the Cabinet Member to provide all Members with information on the total cost in relation to the roll-out of facial recognition technology.

Councillor Macaulay responded by confirming that he would be happy to provide the requested information.

### **Response**

“Facilities Management procured 3 new IT systems. By awarding 2 contracts to one provider a saving of £192 k was achieved. One of the systems, Cashless Catering has the payment processing function (till) and as part of this the Council was offered PIN machines and facial recognition solutions.

There was a one off fee for registration/licence related to facial recognition totalling £12,582. The purchase of webcams for this function was £7,303.

As we are no longer using the facial recognition software and hardware, the web cams have been redeployed for other purposes e.g. staff with PCs with no camera to facilitate Teams calls.”

### **Question (17)**

As a supplementary question, Councillor Marshall referred to the original question, which had been about an athletic championship, while the response had been in respect of PE classes, and went on to ask if the Cabinet Member could provide Members with a link to the document to which he had referred.

Councillor Macaulay responded by agreeing to have the document link circulated to all Members. The Cabinet Member also noted that the Council was not responsible for athletic championships and reminded the Member of the importance of encouraging children to enjoy sports and physical activity regardless of how they identified.

### **Response**

[Supporting transgender young people in schools: guidance for Scottish schools - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2019/04/Supporting-transgender-young-people-in-schools-guidance-for-Scottish-schools.pdf)