

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL25 June 2025Report by Chief Executive/Returning OfficerDEATH OF COUNCILLOR BETTY CUNNINGHAM OBE  
(WARD 1: BARRHEAD, LIBOSIDE AND ULPAAWMOOR)**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To formally advise the Council of the death of Councillor Betty Cunningham OBE (Ward 1: Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor).

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

**REPORT**

3. It is with deep regret that I formally advise Council of the death of Councillor Betty Cunningham OBE (Ward 1: Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor) who sadly passed away on Saturday 31 May 2025.
4. Councillor Cunningham, a former Provost of East Renfrewshire, was first elected as a Councillor in 1999 and served on numerous committees, most recently as Chair of the Planning Applications Committee.
5. Councillor Cunningham's unwavering commitment to her constituents in Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor did not go unnoticed. In 2011, she was honoured as an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) by the late Queen Elizabeth II. This prestigious recognition was for her services to the communities of East Renfrewshire as well as her charitable work in Malawi.
6. Councillor Cunningham's dedication was again recognised last year when she was the proud recipient of the Lifetime Legend Award at the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU) Annual Councillor Awards.
7. The passing of Councillor Cunningham creates a vacancy in Ward 1: Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor. In my capacity as Returning Officer, I will make arrangements for a By-Election to be held in Ward 1 on Thursday 21 August 2025.

**RECOMMENDATION**

8. It is recommended that the Council notes the report.

**Steven Quinn**  
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Background papers - None

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