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TO: Provost Fletcher; Deputy Provost Cunningham; and Councillors Aitken, Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Devlin, Gilbert, Grant, Ireland, Lafferty, Macdonald, McLean, Merrick, Miller, O'Kane, Swift and Wallace.

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

A meeting of the East Renfrewshire Council will be held on **Wednesday 27 October 2021 at 7.00 pm.**

The agenda of business is as listed below.

Please note this is a virtual meeting.

Yours faithfully

Caroline Innes

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PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS

1. **Report apologies for absence.**
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
3. **Submit for approval as a correct record the Minute of meeting of the Council held on 8 September 2021.**
4. **Submit for approval as a correct record the Minutes of meetings for the period 9 September to 26 October 2021.**
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5. Notices of Motion

Consider Notice of Motion in the following terms:-

East Renfrewshire Council recognises the immediacy of the current climate emergency which needs urgent political action on a global scale to save the planet. and it is therefore imperative that East Renfrewshire Council declares a climate emergency.

The most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, published on 9th August 2021, starkly highlights the gravity and urgency of the situation. Urgent action to minimise a global temperature increase and avert a catastrophic tipping point for the planet is needed by individuals, companies, local and national government. As a local authority, both as a result of our direct activities and as a consequence of our enabling and leadership role for our residents, we can play a hugely significant role.

We recognise and applaud the actions already taken by East Renfrewshire Council. We note that a draft Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, originally suggested by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee, will soon be brought to Council for consideration. We note that this is just one of a raft of measures underway, with others including undertaking a baseline assessment of the council's carbon emissions, and a review of the actions needed to ensure the council's office buildings will move towards being carbon neutral. Our council performance in areas such as recycling is to be applauded. As such we recognise and support the actions that we as a council are already taking.

This motion reaffirms the council's commitment to these actions and to protecting our environment and is seeking to accelerate its plans to reduce carbon emissions to zero as soon as practicable. We ask Senior Officers of the Council to

- assess its resource requirements for tackling climate change as part of the Budget Strategy process for 2021/22 and to investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment in order that the necessary actions can be undertaken*
- consider the development of climate change impact assessments to ensure that all proposed policies and actions taken by the council assist towards reaching the goal of zero emissions*
- emphasise the importance of our biodiversity and natural environment and encourage and support practices to enhance and sustain the farmed and natural world;*
- embed throughout our entire organisational culture the pursuit of measures to tackle climate change.*
- review all policy and practice across our council directorates to identify ways in which we can move further and faster on carbon reduction measures;*
- consider how we communicate with, encourage and assist local residents and businesses to reduce their carbon footprint and to help achieve this we will set up a Climate Change Partnership Group, involving Councillors, residents, young citizens, businesses and other relevant parties.*

Finally this motion acknowledges that climate change impacts are already being felt within the local area. Due to past decades of carbon emissions, more frequent extreme weather events are inevitable. The Council must plan for resilience and continue to work with partners across the City Region to ensure that we can flourish in our future climate.

Submitted by Councillor Ireland and Bamforth.

- 6. Statements by Conveners/Representatives on Joint Boards/Committees.**
- 7. Provost's Engagements – Report by Deputy Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 5 - 6).**
- 8. Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report - Report by Chief Social Work Officer (copy attached, pages 7 - 66).**
- 9. National Care Service: Proposed Consultation Response – Report by Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 67 - 78).**
- 10. Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) – Report by Director of Environment (copy attached, pages 79 - 84).**
- 11. Annual Statement on Adequacy and Effectiveness of Governance, Risk Management and Internal Control Systems – Report by Audit & Scrutiny Committee (copy attached, pages 85 - 90).**
- 12. Review of Treasury Management Practices and Policy Statement – Report by Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) (copy attached, pages 91 - 136).**
- 13. COVID-19 Recovery Update – Report by Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 137 - 152).**

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