

MINUTE
of
EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

Minute of special meeting held at 11.05pm in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 14 December 2022.

Present:

Councillor Andrew Anderson	Councillor David Macdonald (*)
Councillor Caroline Bamforth	Councillor Colm Merrick
Councillor Tony Buchanan	Provost Mary Montague
Councillor Kate Campbell	Councillor Andrew Morrison
Councillor Angela Convery (*)	Councillor Owen O'Donnell (Leader)
Councillor Paul Edlin	Councillor Katie Pragnell
Councillor Annette Ireland	Councillor Gordon Wallace
Councillor Chris Lunday	

Provost Montague in the Chair

(*) indicates remote attendance.

Attending:

Lorraine McMillan, Chief Executive; Louise Pringle, Director of Business Operations and Partnerships; Eamonn Daly, Democratic Services Manager; John Burke, Committee Services Officer; and Liona Allison, Assistant Committee Services Officer.

Apologies:

Councillors Betty Cunningham, Danny Devlin and Jim McLean.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

283. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

REVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL SCHEME OF ESTABLISHMENT

284. The Council considered a report by the Director of Business Operations and Partnerships seeking approval to commence a limited review of the Community Council Scheme of Establishment in relation to the complaints procedure and Code of Conduct.

The Democratic Services Manager outlined the detail in the report highlighting to Elected Members that subject to approval, a revised version of the Scheme would be issued to Elected Members to seek their views. Thereafter a revised version would be brought to a future special meeting for approval and thereafter a public consultation would take place. The appendix to the report set out the process and timeline for conducting the review.

Councillor Ireland having welcomed the report, sought clarification in relation to limiting the scope of the review and asked that if only a limited review were to take place, would that then preclude further changes from being made to other parts of the Scheme of Establishment.

In response, the Democratic Services Manager confirmed the process for conducting the limited review. He explained that if during the public consultation there were suggested changes in relation to other parts of the Scheme these could be considered and a decision made on whether to make further revisions to the draft Scheme. In the event it was decided to make further changes over and above those included in the draft Scheme issued for consultation, a further consultation would have to take place as those changes wouldn't have been considered as part of the draft Scheme approved for consultation. He confirmed that this would extend the length of time for the review to be carried out.

The Council:-

- (a) agreed to open up the Community Council Scheme of Establishment for a limited review relating to the complaints procedure and the Code of Conduct; and
- (b) noted the process to be followed for the review of the Scheme, including the need for further meetings of the Council.

PROVOST