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TO: Provost Montague; Deputy Provost Campbell; and Councillors Anderson, Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Cunningham, Devlin, Edlin, Ireland, Lunday, Macdonald, McLean, Merrick, Morrison, O'Donnell, Pragnell and Wallace.

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

A meeting of the East Renfrewshire Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on **Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 5.00pm.**

The agenda of business is as listed below.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Provost will make a statement that the meeting will be webcast live and recorded for later, publicly accessible archive viewing.

Yours faithfully

Louise Pringle

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DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS

- 1. Report apologies for absence.**
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
- 3. Submit for approval as a correct record and signature the Minute of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 June 2023.**
- 4. Submit for approval as a correct record and signature the Minute of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 17 August 2023.**

5. Submit for approval as a correct record the Minutes of Meetings for the period 29 June 2023 to 11 September 2023.

6. Item Remitted to the Council

Annual Treasury Management Report for 2022/23– Report by Head of Accountancy (Chief Financial Officer) (copy attached, pages 5 -20) (Audit and Scrutiny Committee – 10 August 2023).

Audit & Scrutiny Committee Recommendation

That that the attached organisations for investment of surplus funds, be approved.

7. **Motions**

The following motions have been submitted, on notice, in accordance with Standing Order No.27.

i) Motion from Councillor Macdonald, seconded by Councillor Ireland

East Renfrewshire Council notes:

- a) *The increasing public concern about the use of pesticides and herbicides, particularly those containing glyphosate, in weed control and the potential damage to health and to biodiversity.*
- b) *Scottish Government guidance, which informs councils to avoid blanket treatment with pesticides and herbicides, except with invasive species.*
- c) *Several Scottish Local Authorities have, or are currently, looking at alternatives to pesticide and herbicide usage.*

East Renfrewshire Council agrees:

1. *To identify and audit the extent of the Council's spending on herbicides.*
2. *To develop a herbicide policy stating for public information the current uses made of herbicides by the Council and their locations*
3. *To consider and report on alternatives to herbicide weed control and the potential for reducing longer term costs*
4. *To pilot alternative methods of weed control and herbicide free zones in partnership with local groups where appropriate*
5. *To commit to the aim of a herbicide-free Council (joining numerous other local authorities across Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland and in other countries) and to set a timetable for the phased elimination of herbicide use by Council resources and their contractors"*
6. *To recognise how important insect polinators, such as the bee population is to the future of our survival and for the survival of the planet. To that end, East Renfrewshire commits itself to becoming a "polinator friendly" local authority and recognises the harm being caused to polinator populations by herbicides such as Glyphosate.*

ii) Motion from Councillor Ireland, seconded by Councillor Lunday

"Foodbanks, Food Larders & Baby Bank Collections

Council:

1. Notes, that the use of food banks has risen sharply since 2010, with demand this year higher than ever before,
2. Notes and thanks the many volunteers and organisations across East Renfrewshire that run and manage food banks / larders to help those in need.
3. Expresses great concern that Foodbanks, Food Larders and Baby Banks are facing high levels of demand from adults and children in need of vital help at this time.
4. Council therefore agrees to follow other local authorities and facilitate a regular food donation collection within both the Barrhead and Eastwood Council buildings to help local Foodbanks and Food Larders meet the increased need.

iii) Motion from Councillor Bamforth, seconded by Councillor Lunday

At the Full meeting of the Council on 26 October 2022 (Page 263, Item 201 refers), it had been agreed that officers be instructed to formulate a Council-wide strategy for the deployment and maintenance of public access defibrillators (PADs), and to lobby the Scottish Government to provide additional funding to allow it to partner with voluntary, charity, and community groups to implement this policy.

In addition, Council considered a report by the Chief Executive on the deployment and maintenance of Public Access Defibrillators (PADs), including the current position, current costs involved and the options of funding to support it.

Council:

- a) Welcomes the work currently underway to identify the locations of defibrillations within our communities.
- b) Notes, however, in the past 8 months from the council meeting of 26 October 2022 there have been no new defibrillators installed, or planned, in East Renfrewshire. Furthermore no money has been forthcoming from the fund set up by the Provost for this express purpose.
- c) Notes, in addition, as a consequence of this paper, this has led to an unfortunate loss of potential match funding and funding for ongoing defibrillator costs for local community groups who wish to install their own defibrillators.

Due to this inaction, Council:

1. Notes that every year, over 3,000 people in Scotland, including children and young people, experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA).
2. Notes that, unfortunately, only 1 in 10 people survive such an event. Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can play a significant role in saving the lives of people who suffer heart attacks in public. It is estimated that a shock from an AED, alongside Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) treatment, increases survival rates to 75-80%.

3. *Notes that, although there are public defibrillators in various places across East Renfrewshire including some council premises and assets, there are gaps, especially in the provision of publicly accessible AEDs within or at our local schools. Therefore, Council agrees to bring a report to Full Council no later than December 2023, detailing a plan to roll out more publicly accessible AEDs at all our primary and secondary schools.*
8. **Statements by Conveners and Representatives on Joint Boards and Committees.**
9. **Provost's Engagements – report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 21 -22).**
10. **East Renfrewshire's Children and Young People's Service Plan 2023 to 2026 – report by Chief Officer - HSCP (copy attached, pages 23 - 106).**
11. **Council Tax Consultation – report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 107 - 116).**
12. **Outcome Delivery Plan 2023-24 Update – report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 117 - 192).**
13. **Aurs Road Project Funding – report by Director of Environment (copy attached, pages 193 - 202).**
14. **Lease and Servitudes related to Aurs Road Realignment – report by Director of Environment (copy attached, pages 203 - 208).**
15. **Changes to Organisational Structure – Education – report by the Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 209 - 214).**
16. **ERCL Trust Board Appointment – report by Director of Education (copy attached, pages 215 - 218).**
17. **Calendar of Meetings 2024 – Amendment – report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 219 - 220).**
18. **Appointment of Returning Officer – report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 221 - 222).**

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