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**SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL  
THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER, 2023**

The following item of additional business will be considered at the MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2023 at 10.00 am.

N. MCKINLAY  
Director Corporate Governance,

15 November 2023

<b>ADDITIONAL URGENT BUSINESS</b>		
18.	<p><b>Urgent Motion by Councillor Thomson</b></p> <p>Consider urgent Motion by Councillor Thomson in the following terms:-</p> <p>“Scottish Borders Council agrees that a letter be sent by the Council Leader to the UK Government calling for their urgent action to try and implement a ceasefire in the current Israeli/Gaza conflict. There is no doubt that the assault on the Kibbutz Kfar Aza compound by Hamas on 7<sup>th</sup> October was a heinous crime, and one that they must be held accountable for. Whilst supporting the right of any country to defend itself, the level of force being used by the Israeli Government has been criticised by the International community. There have so far been over 10,500 innocent victims reportedly killed in the past month, with approximately 40 known Hamas members deaths recorded. Those who have been driven from their homes are now living precariously. They urgently require access to water, food and medical care and the only way to ensure this reaches them is by way of a ceasefire.”</p>	5 mins

## NOTES

1. **Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
2. **Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

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**Membership of Committee:-** Councillors W. McAteer (Convener), J. Anderson, D. Begg, P. Brown, C. Cochrane, J. Cox, L. Douglas, M. Douglas, J. Greenwell, C. Hamilton, S. Hamilton, E. Jardine, J. Linehan, N. Mackinnon, S. Marshall, D. Moffat, S. Mountford, A. Orr, D. Parker, J. PatonDay, J. Pirone, C. Ramage, N. Richards, E. Robson, M. Rowley, S. Scott, F. Sinclair, E. Small, A. Smart, Steel, R. Tatler, V. Thomson, E. Thornton-Nicol and T. Weatherston

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