

A MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS on THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY,  
2016 at 10.00 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,  
Clerk to the Council,  
18 February 2016

<b>BUSINESS</b>																										
1.	<b>Convener's Remarks.</b>																									
2.	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b>																									
3.	<b>Order of Business.</b>																									
4.	<b>Declarations of Interest.</b>																									
5.	<p><b>Minutes</b> (Pages 1 - 28)</p> <p>Consider the following Minutes for approval and signing by the Convener:-</p> <p>(a) 17 December 2015 (b) 11 February 2016</p> <p>(Copies attached.)</p>	5 mins																								
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	<p>(m) Petitions &amp; Deputations 10 December 2015</p> <p>(n) Local Review Body 14 December 2015</p> <p>(o) Health &amp; Social Care Joint Integration Board 14 December 2015</p> <p>(p) Teviot &amp; Liddesdale Area Forum 15 December 2015</p> <p>(q) Civic Government Licensing 18 December 2015</p> <p>(r) Planning &amp; Building Standards 11 January 2016</p> <p>(s) Audit &amp; Risk 18 January 2016</p> <p>(t) Executive (Education Theme) 19 January 2016</p> <p>(u) Teviot &amp; Liddesdale Area Forum 19 January 2016</p> <p>(v) Scrutiny 28 January 2016</p> <p>(w) Planning &amp; Building Standards 1 February 2016</p> <p>(x) Executive (Economic Development Theme) 2 February 2016</p> <p>(Please see the separate Supplement containing Public Committee Minutes.)</p>	
7.	<p><b>Committee Recommendations</b> (Pages 29 - 40)</p> <p>Consider Committee recommendations. (Copy attached.)</p>	5 mins
8.	<p><b>Open Questions</b></p>	15 mins
9.	<p><b>Proposals from the Social Work Charging Review</b> (Pages 41 - 66)</p> <p>Consider report by Chief Social Worker on proposed updates to the Charging Policy 2015/16 to take account of feedback on the Policy and new national guidance and legislation. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
10.	<p><b>New Measures to Control Dog Fouling</b> (Pages 67 - 86)</p> <p>Consider report by Service Director Neighbourhood Services outlining a new, refreshed approach to tackling dog-fouling and setting it in the context of a wider strategic approach to responsible dog ownership. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
11.	<p><b>SESplan: Finance &amp; Governance Ratification</b> (Pages 87 - 134)</p> <p>Consider report by Service Director Regulatory Services seeking ratification of SESplan budget proposals for 2016/17, and changes to the SESplan governance arrangements. (Copy attached.)</p>	10 mins
12.	<p><b>Amendment to the Scheme of Administration</b></p> <p>Consider amendment to the Scheme of Administration in respect of the constitution of the Health &amp; Social Care Integration Joint Board to allow the membership to be changed to:-</p> <p>“Five Elected Members of Scottish Borders Council being:-</p> <p>(i) the Depute Leader (Finance)</p> <p>(ii) the Depute Leader (Health Service)</p> <p>(iii) Executive Member for Social Work</p> <p>(iv) two other Elected Members</p> <p>and, if approved, to appoint a Member to replace Councillor Parker.</p>	10 mins
13.	<p><b>Committee Membership</b></p> <p>Consider appointment of two Members to the Scrutiny Committee following the resignations of Councillors Mountford and Stewart.</p>	5 mins
14.	<p><b>Motion by Councillor McAteer</b></p>	

	<p>Consider Motion by Councillor McAteer in the following terms:-</p> <p>"That Scottish Borders Council agrees to write to the Scottish Government Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment, on behalf of the local communities in and around Hawick which are being penalised by the seeming disproportionate weighting of the methodology used by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) for the 5th Review and the resultant proposed reduction in councillor numbers and significant changes to the existing Hawick ward areas. While recognising the desirability for electoral parity, this should not be at the cost of breaking up communities or creating artificial ones.</p> <p>The Minister is urged to reject any proposal to reduce both councillor numbers and wards in the Hawick area, and instead allow for a true reflection of the unique population and settlement distribution, and natural communities in and around Hawick, in accordance with the wishes of the local electorate.</p> <p>This letter should also be copied to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland to allow the Commission to take this Motion into account when arriving at its final recommendations."</p>															
15.	<b>Any other Items Previously Circulated</b>															
16.	<b>Any Other Items which the Convener Decides are Urgent</b>															
17.	<p><b>Private Business</b></p> <p>Before proceeding with the private business, the following motion should be approved:-</p> <p>"That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the aforementioned Act."</p>															
18.	<p><b>Minute</b> (Pages 135 - 138)</p> <p>Consider private Section of Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 17 December 2015. (Copy attached.)</p>	1 mins														
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## **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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