

A MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER,
COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS on THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER, 2019
at 10.00 AM

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,
24 October 2019

BUSINESS																																				
1.	Convener's Remarks.																																			
2.	Apologies for Absence.																																			
3.	Order of Business.																																			
4.	Declarations of Interest.																																			
5.	<p>Minute (Pages 5 - 16)</p> <p>Consider Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 26 September 2019 for approval and signing by the Convener. (Copy attached.)</p>	2 mins																																		
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	(r) Executive (Please see separate Supplement containing the public Committee Minutes.)	8 October 2019
7.	Police Scotland Presentation by Chief Constable Iain Livingstone.	15 mins
8.	Budget Planning Assumptions 2020/21 (Pages 17 - 24) Consider report by Chief Financial Officer. (Copy attached.)	15 mins
9.	Alcohol In Designated Public Places Consultation : Stage 1 Report (Pages 25 - 56) Consider report by Service Director Regulatory Services. (Copy attached.)	15 mins
10.	Convention of the South of Scotland and South of Scotland Regional Economic Partnership Consider report by Executive Director. (Copy to follow.)	15 mins
11.	Care Home Investment Update (Pages 57 - 62) Consider report by Service Director Assets and Infrastructure. (Copy attached.)	15 mins
12.	Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report April 2018 - March 2019 (Pages 63 - 98) Consider report by Chief Social Work Officer. (Copy attached.)	15 mins
13.	Response to Consultation by British Telecom on Proposed Removal of Payphones in the Scottish Borders Consider report by Chief Executive. (Copy to follow.)	10 mins
14.	Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts (Pages 99 - 118) Consider report by Chief Executive. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
15.	Motion by Councillor Drum Consider Motion by Councillor Drum in the following terms:- “The estimated cost of Mental Ill Health to UK Employers is between £33billion and £42 billion each year. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) estimate that 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem at some point during their working life. Councillors meet and work with constituents, external partners and other individuals who may be experiencing mental health issues. Council previously approved awareness sessions to recognise and be more aware of Dementia and given the benefit of such interventions, we now request that Scottish Borders Council bring forward a detailed programme of officer or third sector led awareness sessions for all councillors and staff. This will ensure we can become more aware of the symptoms and signs in those who we meet, while carrying out our role as SBC Councillors.”	5 mins
16.	Motion by Councillor H. Anderson Consider Motion by Councillor H. Anderson in the following terms:- “Scottish Borders Council welcomes the additional Scottish Government	5 mins

	<p>funding for the Citizen's Rights Project and new charity, Settled, to provide support to vulnerable people and people with complex needs on obtaining settled status, particularly those in remote and rural areas.</p> <p>Given the low levels of application for settled status to date, Scottish Borders Council will take a lead in ensuring that all EU nationals living, working or studying in the Borders are aware of the Settled Status scheme and are encouraged to apply. Scottish Borders Council believes that people who have settled here from elsewhere in the EU significantly enrich our society. They are vital to the health of our rural economy, working in the key sectors of hospitality, farming, medical and care provision. They are welcome and the Council wants them to stay.</p> <p>To that end, the Council will ensure information about the Settled Status and associated schemes are prominently publicised through our Connect Newsletter, on our website and in associated materials produced by the council for distribution to public offices, health centres and GP practices, community centres and other public venues."</p>							
17.	Open Questions	15 mins						
18.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated							
19.	Any Other Items Which the Convener Decides Are Urgent							
20.	<p>Private Business</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>							
21.	<p>Minute (Pages 119 - 120)</p> <p>Consider private Section of Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 26 September 2019. (Copy attached.)</p>	1 mins						
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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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