

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY, 2023

A BLENDED MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY, 2023 at 10.00 AM.

All Attendees, including members of the public, should note that the public business in this meeting will be livestreamed and video recorded and that recording will be available thereafter for public view for 180 days.

J. J. WILKINSON, Clerk to the Council, 16 January 2023

BUSINESS				
1.	Convener's Remarks.			
2.	Apologies for Absence.			
3.	Order of Business.			
4.	Declarations of Interest.			
5.	Minute (Pages 5 - 18)		2 mins	
	Consider Minute of Scottish Borders Council held approval and signing by the Convener. (Copy atta			
6.	Committee Minutes		5 mins	
	Consider Minutes of the following Committees:-			
	 (a) Jedburgh Common Good Fund (b) Community Planning Strategic Board (c) Eildon Area Partnership (d) Civic Government Licensing (e) Chambers Institution Trust (f) Peebles Common Good Fund (g) Planning and Building Standards (h) Executive (i) Scrutiny & Petitions 	14 November 2022 17 November 2022 17 November 2022 18 November 2022 23 November 2022 23 November 2022 5 December 2022 6 December 2022 8 December 2022		

	(j) Pension Fund 13 December 2022	
	(Please see separate Supplement containing the public Committee Minutes.)	
7.	Committee Recommendation (Pages 19 - 24)	5 mins
	Consider recommendation by the Employee Council. (Copy attached.)	
8.	Local Government Finance Settlement 2023/2024 (Pages 25 - 46)	15 mins
	Consider report by Acting Chief Financial Officer. (Copy attached.)	
9.	Hawick Care Village - Outline Business Case	
	Consider report by Director Strategic Commissioning and Partnerships. (Copy to follow.)	
10.	Jedburgh Leisure Facilities Trust (Pages 47 - 52)	15 mins
	Consider report by Acting Chief Executive. (Copy attached.)	
11.	Peebles Swimming Pool Fire Update (Pages 53 - 56)	15 mins
	Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy attached.)	
12.	Edinburgh and South East Scotland Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan (Pages 57 - 94)	15 mins
	Consider report by Director Resilient Communities. (Copy attached.)	
13.	Motion	5 mins
	Consider Motion by Councillor Anderson in the following terms:-	
	"That Scottish Borders Council recognises the major increase in the level of fuel bills currently being experienced, with no sign of a reduction in the immediate future, is causing huge issues not only on the public's available funds to be able to pay them but also the mental distress of worry about providing for their own and their families' welfare.	
	The Council therefore agrees that the Leader of the Council writes to the Minister of State (Minister for Energy and Climate)and the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport to ask for more pressure to be applied to the energy companies to give clear, uncomplicated bills to the public – including making clear the standing charge for meters - along with simplified billing advice so that they not only are able to understand their bills but also know where to seek help in either spreading the cost of these bills or finding other means of heating their homes. Energy companies should be required to place their customers automatically on the lowest unit price they offer for gas, electricity or oil as a matter of good practice."	
14.	Committee Appointment	2 mins
	Consider replacement for Councillor Cox on the H&SC Integrated Joint Board and the H&SC IJB Audit Committee.	
15.	Open Questions	15 mins
16.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	

17.	Any Other Items Which the Convener Decides Are Urgent	
18.	Private Business	
	Before proceeding with the private business, the following motion should be approved:-	
	"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."	
19.	Committee Minutes	2 mins
	Consider private Sections of the Minutes of the following Committees:-	
	(a) Civic Government Licensing 18 November 2022 (b) Peebles Common Good Fund 23 November 2022 (c) Executive Committee 6 December 2022 (d) Pension Fund 13 December 2022	
00	(Please see separate Supplement containing private Committee Minutes.)	Fi
20.	Private Committee Recommendation (Pages 95 - 96)	5 mins
	Consider recommendation by Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee. (Copy Minute attached.)	

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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