

A MEETING of the SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST. BOSWELLS AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 25 MAY, 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 May 2023

BUSINESS																				
1.	Convener's Remarks.																			
2.	Apologies for Absence.																			
3.	Order of Business.																			
4.	Declarations of Interest.																			
5.	<p>Minute (Pages 5 - 12)</p> <p>Consider Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 27 April 2023 for approval and signing by the Convener. (Copy attached.)</p>	2 mins																		
6.	<p>Committee Minutes</p> <p>Consider Minutes of the following Committees:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) External Services/Providers</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7 March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Community Planning Strategic Board</td> <td style="text-align: right;">9 March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) Audit</td> <td style="text-align: right;">13 March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(d) Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities</td> <td style="text-align: right;">16 March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(e) Hawick Common Good Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">21 March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(f) Tweeddale Area Partnership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">28 March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(g) Cheviot Area Partnership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">29 March 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(h) Executive</td> <td style="text-align: right;">18 April 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(i) Scrutiny & Petitions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20 April 2023</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	(a) External Services/Providers	7 March 2023	(b) Community Planning Strategic Board	9 March 2023	(c) Audit	13 March 2023	(d) Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities	16 March 2023	(e) Hawick Common Good Fund	21 March 2023	(f) Tweeddale Area Partnership	28 March 2023	(g) Cheviot Area Partnership	29 March 2023	(h) Executive	18 April 2023	(i) Scrutiny & Petitions	20 April 2023	5 mins
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7.	<p>Destination Tweed Programme Update</p> <p>Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy to follow.)</p>	15 mins
8.	<p>Earlston Primary School New Build Project Update (Pages 13 - 20)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
9.	<p>Integration Joint Board Directions April 2023 (Pages 21 - 30)</p> <p>Consider report by Chief Officer Health and Social Care. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
10.	<p>Audit Committee Annual Report 2022/2023 (Pages 31 - 42)</p> <p>Consider report by the Chair of the Audit Committee. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
11.	<p>Revision to Procurement and Contract Standing Orders (Pages 43 - 64)</p> <p>Consider report by Acting Chief Financial Officer. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
12.	<p>Review of Scottish Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries</p> <p>Consider report by Chief Executive. (Copy to follow.)</p>	15 mins
13.	<p>Motion</p> <p>Consider Motion by Councillor Tatler in the following terms:-</p> <p>“Vaping has been on the rise in recent years as many look towards quitting smoking. This is a good stepping stone to being smoke free, however as vaping has risen in popularity, so has "disposable" vapes. This is creating significant environmental issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 2017, there were 565 types of e-cigarette devices on the market, 184 of which were disposable or single-use • Users in the UK are throwing away around 2 disposable vapes every second; that's 1.3 million a week. The number of discarded vapes accounts for around 10 tonnes of lithium being sent to landfill or waste incinerators each year - enough metal to make batteries for 1,200 electric cars • 'Zombie' batteries have been found to cause hundreds of fires a year at recycling plants after being thrown away incorrectly (disposable vapes would be classed in this group) • If littered, these create extremely toxic waste which can be harmful to children, pets, and wildlife as the battery may be damaged and leak chemical <p>Scottish Borders Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledges the increasing impact of the sales of single use Nicotine Vaping Products (NVPs) on the health of young people and the environment, and 2. Agrees to instruct the Chief Executive to write to the Scottish and Westminster Governments expressing Scottish Borders Council's support for a proposed ban on single vapes, and to support 	15 mins

	measures to ban their sale.”	
14.	Representatives on Outside Bodies Consider appointment of representative to Clubsport Ettrick and Lauderdale to replace Councillor Jardine.	5 mins
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.	Minute (Pages 65 - 66) Consider private Section of Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 27 April 2023. (Copy attached.)	1 mins
20.	Committee Minutes Consider private Sections of the Minutes of the following Committees:- (a) External Services/Providers 7 March 2023 (b) Hawick Common Good Fund 21 March 2023 (c) Executive 18 April 2023 (Please see separate Supplement containing private Committee Minutes.)	2 mins
21.	Children at Risk of Harm Inspection Report (Pages 67 - 74) Consider report by Director Social Work and Practice. (Copy attached.)	20 mins

NOTES

- Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
- 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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