

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, 28TH SEPTEMBER, 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,  
18 September 2023

| <b>BUSINESS</b>                                 |  |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
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| 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>Minute</b> (Pages 5 - 20)</p> <p>Consider Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 31 August 2023 for approval and signing by the Convener. (Copy attached.)</p>   | 2 mins                            |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
| 6.  | <p><b>Committee Minutes</b></p> <p>Consider Minutes of the following Committees:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">(a) Berwickshire Area Partnership</td> <td style="width: 40%;">1 June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) Community Planning Strategic Board</td> <td>8 June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c) Police, Fire &amp; Rescue and Safer Communities</td> <td>28 June 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(d) Chambers Institution Trust</td> <td>2 August 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(e) Planning &amp; Building Standards</td> <td>7 August 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(f) Executive</td> <td>15 August 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(g) Scrutiny &amp; Petitions</td> <td>17 August 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(h) Planning &amp; Building Standards</td> <td>4 September 2023</td> </tr> </table> | (a) Berwickshire Area Partnership | 1 June 2023 | (b) Community Planning Strategic Board | 8 June 2023 | (c) Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities | 28 June 2023 | (d) Chambers Institution Trust | 2 August 2023 | (e) Planning & Building Standards | 7 August 2023 | (f) Executive | 15 August 2023 | (g) Scrutiny & Petitions | 17 August 2023 | (h) Planning & Building Standards | 4 September 2023 | 5 mins |
| (a) Berwickshire Area Partnership               | 1 June 2023  |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
| (b) Community Planning Strategic Board          | 8 June 2023  |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
| (c) Police, Fire & Rescue and Safer Communities | 28 June 2023   |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
| (d) Chambers Institution Trust                  | 2 August 2023  |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
| (e) Planning & Building Standards               | 7 August 2023  |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
| (f) Executive                                   | 15 August 2023   |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
| (g) Scrutiny & Petitions                        | 17 August 2023   |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |
| (h) Planning & Building Standards               | 4 September 2023   |                                   |             |  |             |   |              |                                |               |                                   |               |               |                |                          |                |                                   |                  |        |

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|     | (Please see separate Supplement containing the public Committee Minutes.)   |         |
| 7.  | <b>Scottish Borders Council Final Reports and Accounts 2022/23</b><br><br>Consider report by Director Finance and Procurement. (To follow.)                 | 30 mins |
|     | (a) <b>Audit Scotland - Annual Reports 2022/23</b><br>(i) Scottish Borders Council; and<br>(ii) Pension Fund  |         |
|     | (b) <b>Director - Finance and Procurement report on Annual Accounts 2022/23</b>   |         |
|     | (c) <b>Scottish Borders Council Audited Annual Accounts to 31 March 2023</b>  |         |
|     | (d) <b>Pension Fund Audited Annual Accounts to 31 March 2023</b>  |         |
|     | (e) <b>Bridge Homes LLP Audited Annual Accounts for the year to 31 March 2023</b>   |         |
|     | (f) <b>Lowood Tweedbank Limited Annual Accounts for the year to 31 March 2023</b>   |         |
|     | (g) <b>SB Inspires LLP Annual Accounts</b>  |         |
| 8.  | <b>Annual Treasury Management Report 2022/23</b><br><br>Consider report by Director – Finance and Procurement. (To follow.)                                 | 10 mins |
| 9.  | <b>Tweedbank Development</b><br><br>Update presentation by Director – Infrastructure and Environment.   | 10 mins |
| 10. | <b>Care Village Development - Tweedbank</b> (Pages 21 - 28)<br><br>Consider report by Director Strategic Commissioning and Partnerships. (Copy attached.)   | 15 mins |
| 11. | <b>Close Circuit Television and Town Centre Wifi Options</b><br><br>Consider report by Director Strategic Commissioning and Partnerships. (To follow.)      | 15 mins |
| 12. | <b>Champions Board Annual Report</b> (Pages 29 - 54)<br><br>Consider report by Director Social Work and Practice. (Copy attached.)                          | 15 mins |
| 13. | <b>Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer 2022/23</b> (Pages 55 - 92)<br><br>Consider report by Director Social Work and Practice. (Copy attached.) | 15 mins |
| 14. | <b>Children's Rights</b> (Pages 93 - 128)<br><br>Consider report by Director Education and Lifelong Learning. (Copy attached.)                              | 15 mins |
| 15. | <b>Local Development Plan - Examination Report</b> (Pages 129 - 756)<br><br>Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy attached.)    | 15 mins |
| 16. | <b>Pension Fund Committee Membership</b> (Pages 757 - 760)  | 5 mins  |

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|     | Consider report by Director Corporate Governance. (Copy attached.)  |         |
| 17. | <p><b>Committee Membership/Representatives on Outside Bodies</b> (Pages 761 - 762)</p> <p>Consider appointment to various Committees and outside Bodies to replace Councillor Brown. (Copy list attached.)</p>  | 5 mins  |
| 18. | <p><b>Motion</b></p> <p>Consider Motion from Councillor Tatler in the following terms:</p> <p>“Despite living in one of the wealthiest countries in the world, around 90% of low-income households receiving Universal Credit are going without essentials, driving more and more people into hardship and through the doors of food banks. Scottish Borders Council believes that this is wrong.</p> <p>Everyone’s circumstances can change. Losing your job, needing to care for a sick family member, breaking up with your partner – these are things that can happen to any of us.</p> <p>Our social security system should offer adequate support to anyone in need of help, but right now it’s not based on an objective assessment of what things cost and isn’t even providing enough to cover life’s essentials.</p> <p>Scottish Borders Council calls on all UK political party leaders to support the introduction of an Essentials Guarantee within Universal Credit to ensure that the basic rate at least covers life’s essentials, such as food and bills, and can never be pulled below that level.”</p> | 5 mins  |
| 19. | <b>Open Questions from Councillors</b>  | 15 mins |
| 20. | <p><b>Open Question from Member of the Public</b></p> <p>Question to the Executive Member for Communities and Equalities from Mr Horsburgh, Kelso:-</p> <p>“What proposals are there regarding the future use, change of use, or decommissioning of the housing in Maxmill Park, Kelso? I believe that this question has been asked to Council in March and would like to know of an update.”</p>   | 5 mins  |
| 21. | <b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated</b>  |         |
| 22. | <b>Any Other Items Which the Convener Decides Are Urgent</b>  |         |
| 23. | <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>  |         |
| 24. | <p><b>Minute</b> (Pages 763 - 764)</p> <p>Consider private Section of Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 31</p>   | 1 mins  |

