

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, 14 DECEMBER, 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 .

N. MCKINLAY
Director Corporate Governance,
4 December 2023

BUSINESS										
1.	Convener's Remarks.									
2.	Apologies for Absence.									
3.	Order of Business.									
4.	Declarations of Interest.									
5.	<p>Minute (Pages 5 - 18)</p> <p>Consider Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 23 November 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: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(a) Scrutiny and Petitions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19 October 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(b) Tweeddale Area Partnership</td> <td style="text-align: right;">31 October 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(c) Planning and Building Standards</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6 November 2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">(d) Executive Committee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14 November 2023</td> </tr> </table> <p>(Please see separate Supplement containing the public Committee Minutes.)</p>	(a) Scrutiny and Petitions	19 October 2023	(b) Tweeddale Area Partnership	31 October 2023	(c) Planning and Building Standards	6 November 2023	(d) Executive Committee	14 November 2023	5 mins
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7.	Reinvigoration of Area Partnerships (Pages 19 - 30)	15 mins								

	Consider report by Director Resilient Communities. (Copy attached.)	
8.	UK Government Levelling up Partnership (Pages 31 - 36) Consider report by Director Resilient Communities. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
9.	A New National Park for Scotland (Pages 37 - 46) Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
10.	Local Inquiry Relating to the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries (Pages 47 - 54) Consider report by Director Corporate Governance. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
11.	Live Borders Financial Support (Pages 55 - 60) Consider report by Director Finance and Procurement. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
12.	National Foster Care Allowance (Pages 61 - 68) Consider report by Director Education and Lifelong Learning. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
13.	<p>Motion by Councillor Linehan</p> <p>Consider Motion by Councillor Linehan in the following terms:</p> <p>“The release of helium balloons and sky lanterns has increased in recent years and each can cause significant harm to the environment, animals and livestock in particular.</p> <p>Sky Lanterns can cause significant fire risk, particularly during dry spells. They also pose a threat to animals, as they can cause injury, suffering, and death, through, ingestion, entanglement and entrapment.</p> <p>When eaten the sharp parts of a Chinese Lantern can tear and puncture an animal’s throat or stomach, causing internal bleeding.</p> <p>Likewise, helium balloons when they land, become a danger to any wildlife, farmed animals or companion animals that may happen to find them first.</p> <p>If ingested, the balloon can do irreparable and often fatal damage to an animal’s oesophagus and digestive tract and can cause suffocation.</p> <p>Scottish Charity Animal Concern have launched a campaign seeking support from Scottish local authorities to reduce the harm caused by these balloons and lanterns by placing restrictions on the release of sky lanterns and balloons on council-owned land and property.</p> <p>Scottish Border’s Council agrees to support the Animal Concern Campaign and so imposes a complete ban on the release of Sky Lanterns and Helium Balloons from any and all of the land it owns. Information on this ban will be made available on the SBC website and will be intimated to any person seeking to book any public space owned by the Council.”</p>	5 mins
14.	Open Questions	15 mins

15.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
16.	Any Other Items Which the Convener Decides Are Urgent	
17.	<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>	
18.	<p>Minute (Pages 69 - 72)</p> <p>Consider private Section of Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 23 November 2023. (Copy attached.)</p>	1 mins
19.	<p>Committee Minute Recommendations (Pages 73 - 78)</p> <p>Consider the recommendations made by the following Committees in relation to the sale or lease or purchase of Common Good land or property of a value greater than £20,000, or in respect of grants or loans or major items of expenditure above £20,000:</p> <p>(a) Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee 22 November 2023</p> <p>(b) Hawick Common Good Fund Sub-Committee 22 November 2023</p> <p>(c) Selkirk Common Good Fund Sub-Committee 29 November 2023</p> <p>(Copies attached.)</p>	5 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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