

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, 28 MARCH, 2024 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,  
19 March 2024

<b>BUSINESS</b>																				
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>Minutes</b> (Pages 5 - 20)</p> <p>Consider Minutes of Scottish Borders Council held on 21 February and 29 February 2024 for approval and signing by the Convener. (Copy attached.)</p>	2 mins																		
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7.	<p><b>Scottish Borders Public Protection Committee Annual Report 2022-2023</b> (Pages 21 - 72)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Education and Lifelong Learning. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
8.	<p><b>United Kingdom Resettlement Scheme - Safe and Legal Routes</b> (Pages 73 - 80)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Resilient Communities. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
9.	<p><b>Estates Rationalisation, Optimisation and Decarbonisation</b> (Pages 81 - 98)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy attached.)</p>	10 mins
10.	<p><b>Waste Upholstered Domestic Seating</b> (Pages 99 - 136)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Infrastructure and Environment. (Copy attached.)</p>	10 mins
11.	<p><b>Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal: Natural Capital Programme - Species Rich Grassland Pilot Business Justification Case</b> (Pages 137 - 202)</p> <p>Consider report by Director Resilient Communities. (Copy attached.)</p>	15 mins
12.	<p><b>SBC/Live Borders Transformational Change Programme</b></p> <p>Consider report by Director Resilient Communities. (To follow.)</p>	10 mins
13.	<p><b>Public Space CCTV and Town Centre Connectivity</b></p> <p>Consider report by Director Resilient Communities. (To follow.)</p>	10 mins
14.	<p><b>Motion by Councillor Mackinnon</b></p> <p>Consider Motion by Councillor Mackinnon in the following terms:-</p> <p>“This Council notes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The scientific consensus is clear that human activities are primarily responsible for accelerating global climate change, and that the climate crisis now represents one of the preeminent threats to global civilization.</li> <li>2. The International Energy Agency stated in its May 2021 report “Net Zero by 2050” that in order to reach that goal there should be no new oil or gas fields, or new coal mines, as of that moment.</li> <li>3. Global governments and the fossil fuel industry are currently planning to produce more than double the amount of coal, oil and gas by 2030 than can be burned if the world is to limit warming to 1.5°C and avert catastrophic climate disruption, and such plans risk undoing the work of our Council to reduce GHG emissions.</li> </ol>	5 mins

4. A new global initiative is underway calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that would plan the end of new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerate equitable transition plans globally.

This Council recognises that:

5. Our entire community will be affected by the impacts of continued fossil fuel expansion and resulting climate change, but particularly those who also face socioeconomic and health inequities, and our youth and future generations have the most to lose from a lack of immediate action to stop fossil fuel expansion.

This Council believes that:

6. New fossil fuel infrastructure and expanded reliance on fossil fuels exposes communities to untenable risks to public health and safety at the local and global levels; and that the economic opportunities presented by a clean energy transition far outweigh the opportunities presented by an economy supported by expanding fossil fuel use and extraction.

This Council resolves to:

7. Reaffirm our commitment, as part of our climate emergency response, to a just energy transition and to ambitious investments in the green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs and rapidly decarbonize our economy.
8. Formally endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and make that endorsement public.
9. Call on the Scottish Government to also endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.
10. To write to COSLA and raise our serious concerns about the impact of the climate emergency on local authorities and the need for a planned phase out of fossil fuels, and to call on them to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.”

15.	<b>Open Questions</b>	15 mins
16.	<b>Any Other Items Previously Circulated</b>	
17.	<b>Any Other Items Which the Convener Decides Are Urgent</b>	
18.	<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>	
19.	<b>Minute (Pages 203 - 204)</b>	1 mins

	Consider private Section of Minute of Scottish Borders Council held on 21 February 2024. (Copy attached.)													
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21.	<p><b>Committee Minute Recommendation</b> (Pages 205 - 206)</p> <p>Consider the recommendation made by the Peebles Common Good Fund Sub-Committee at its meeting held on 28 February 2024 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>(Copy attached.)</p>	5 mins												
22.	<p><b>Council Management Team Restructure</b> (Pages 207 - 212)</p> <p>Consider report by Director People, Performance and Change. (Copy attached.)</p>	10 mins												

## 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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