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TO: Provost Fletcher; Deputy Provost Cunningham; and Councillors Aitken, Bamforth, Buchanan, Convery, Devlin, Gilbert, Grant, Ireland, Lafferty, Macdonald, McLean, Merrick, Miller, O'Kane, Swift and Wallace.

**EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**

A meeting of the East Renfrewshire Council will be held within the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Giffnock, on **Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 7.00 pm.**

The agenda of business is as listed below.

Yours faithfully

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DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Provost will make a statement that the meeting will be webcast live and recorded for later publicly accessible archive viewing.**

**PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS**

1. Report apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Presentation of Provost's Award to Anne Marie Kennedy.
4. Submit for approval as a correct record and signature the Minute of meeting of the Council held on 25 October 2017.
5. Submit for approval as a correct record and signature the Minute of meeting of the Council held on 21 November 2017.

6. Submit for approval as a correct record the Minutes of meetings for the period 26 October to 12 December 2017.

7. Items Remitted to the Council:-

- (i) Interim Treasury Management Report 2017/18 – Report by Head of Accountancy (copy attached, pages 5 - 16) (Audit & Scrutiny Committee – 9 November 2017).

**Audit & Scrutiny Committee Recommendation**

That the Council approve the use of the organisations listed at Appendix II of the report for investment of surplus funds.

- (ii) Strategic Mid-Year Performance Report 2017-18: Community Planning Partnership and Council Performance – Report by Deputy Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 17 - 46) (Cabinet – 30 November 2017).

**Cabinet Recommendation**

That the report be noted and remitted to the Council for further consideration.

- (iii) General Fund Capital Programme 2017/18 – Report by Chief Financial Officer (copy attached, pages 47 - 68) (Cabinet – 30 November 2017).

**Cabinet Recommendation**

That the amended General Fund Capital Programme be approved.

- (iv) Housing Capital Programme 2017/18 – Report by Chief Financial Officer and Director of Environment (copy attached, pages 69 - 74) (Cabinet – 30 November 2017).

**Cabinet Recommendation**

That the amended Housing Capital Programme be approved.

- (v) Barrhead Foundry Refurbishment 2017/18 - Report by Director of Environment (copy attached, pages 75 - 78) (Cabinet – 30 November 2017).

**Cabinet Recommendation**

That the Council approve the increase in the provision for the Barrhead Foundry by £246,000 in the General Fund Capital Plan to cover the increased contract costs and also the proposed works at Neilston pool to be phased as appropriate over 2017/18 and 2018/19.

8. Notices of Motion

Consider Notices of Motion in the following terms:-

### **Motion No.1**

*East Renfrewshire Council deplores the comments made by Councillor Buchanan in his first debate as Council leader where he smeared the opposition Conservative Councillor Jim Swift with a false accusation. This attributed to Councillor Swift that he sought a 5% reduction in education budget to pay for roads improvements at a local community council event (the comment was minuted and attributed to someone else). It is even more regrettable that the Leader of the Council was unwilling to apologise for the lie that besmirched his fellow Councillor, when asked for an apology at the last Council meeting.*

(Submitted by Councillor Swift and Councillor Miller)

### **Motion No.2**

#### ***Financial thresholds and timelines***

*The Leader of the Council at the last meeting gave partial information on the thresholds above which serious failures in financial controls would be submitted to certain elected members. As every Councillor has a duty to ensure that the Council maintains its fiduciary duties, accordingly we all have a right to know.*

*To that end we believe that all Councillors should be informed about failures in financial controls as per the following criteria and within the following timelines:-*

- 1. A failure in financial controls and an actual loss to the Council of £5,000 or more should be communicated by e-mail or writing to all Councillors within 14 days of the event being uncovered.***
- 2. A failure in financial controls with no loss to the Council, but the Council was at risk of a loss above £20,000 as agreed by internal audit should be communicated to all elected members within 14 days of the event being uncovered.***
- 3. All other failures in financial controls should be communicated to the Chair of Audit and Leader of the Council within 28 days.***

(Submitted by Councillor Swift and Councillor Miller)

- 9. Provost's Engagements – Report by Deputy Chief Executive (copy to attached, pages 79 - 80).**
- 10. Statements by Conveners/Representatives on Joint Boards/Committees.**
- 11. Appointments to Committees and Boards – Report by Deputy Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 81 - 82).**
- 12. East Renfrewshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan – Report by Local Senior Officer (copy attached, pages 83 - 98).**

13. **East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust 2018/19 Business Plan – Report by Director of Education (copy attached, pages 99 - 156).**
14. **East Renfrewshire Council: Best Value Assurance Report – Report by Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 157 - 216).**
15. **Financial Controls – Report by Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 217 - 222).**
16. **Local Development Plan 2 (Main Issues Report) Consultation – Report by Director of Environment (copy attached, pages 223 - 268).**
17. **Review of Budgeting – Report by Head of Accountancy (copy attached, pages 269 - 274).**
18. **Review of Treasury Management Practices and Policy Statement – Report by Head of Accountancy (copy attached, pages 275 - 314).**
19. **The Name of the new Community Hub in Auchenback – Joint Report by Chief Officer – HSCP and Director of Education (copy attached, pages 315 - 316).**

#### **Resolution to Exclude Press and Public**

It is recommended that the Council passes the following resolution:-

"That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Act as appropriate".

20. **Changes to Council's Organisational Structure – Report by Deputy Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 317 – 330.).**

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