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15 June 2023



Comhairle Aonghais
Chief Executive
Margo Williamson

ALL MEMBERS OF
ANGUS COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

MEETING OF ANGUS COUNCIL – THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2023 AT 2.00PM

You are requested to attend the above meeting which is to take place in the Town and County Hall, Forfar. This is a hybrid meeting therefore Members may also take part remotely.

The agenda and papers are enclosed.

A live-stream of the meeting will be made available on YouTube and can be accessed via Angus Council's forthcoming meetings page -

https://www.angus.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/committees/forthcoming_council_meetings

A recording of the public part of the meeting will be made publicly available following conclusion of the meeting.

If you have any queries, please contact Fiona Anderson/Sarah Forsyth on (01307) 491744/491985 or AndersonF@angus.gov.uk / ForsythSL@angus.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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Kenny Braes
David Cheape
Serena Cowdy
Lynne Devine
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Brenda Durno
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Mark McDonald
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ANGUS COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN AND COUNTY HALL, FORFAR
ON THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2023 AT 2PM

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF TRANSPARENCY

Members are reminded that, in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, it is their responsibility to make decisions about whether to declare an interest in any item on this agenda and whether to take part in any discussion or voting. Completed Declarations of Interest forms should be forwarded to Democratic Services.

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3. MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

(i) Minute of Council Meeting

Submit for approval as a correct record, the minute of meeting of:

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| (a) | Angus Council of 11 May 2023 | 5 - 9 |
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(ii) Minutes of Committees

Submit, for information, the minutes of the following meetings:

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| (b) | Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 25 April 2023 | 10 - 13 |
| (c) | Policy and Resources Committee of 2 May 2023 | 14 - 20 |
| (d) | Special Civic Licensing Committee of 4 May 2023 | 21 - 22 |
| (e) | Development Management Review Committee of 9 May 2023 | 23 - 25 |
| (f) | Development Standards Committee of 16 May 2023 | 26 - 27 |
| (g) | Civic Licensing Committee of 18 May 2023 | 28 - 30 |
| (h) | Development Management Review Committee of 23 May 2023 | 31 - 32 |
| (i) | Communities Committee of 23 May 2023 | 33 - 37 |
| (j) | Children and Learning Committee of 1 June 2023 | 38 - 41 |
| (k) | Policy and Resources Committee of 6 June 2023 | 42 - 44 |

4. MOTIONS IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 25(1)

(i) Ban on disposable vapes in Scotland

Councillor Cowdy has submitted the following motion: -

This Council believes that disposable vapes cause unacceptable damage to both the environment, and to the health and wellbeing of young people. We call on the Scottish Government to ban these devices.

Research shows that in 2022, at least 1.3 million disposable vapes were disposed of each week in the UK. Thousands have been discarded in communities and public spaces across the Angus council area.

This council notes the significant local concerns that have been raised on this issue, by Angus residents, the council's own Trading Standards team, and by its working group on vaping and young people.

Environmental and safety risks:

- Disposable vapes discarded on our streets cause serious environmental pollution. The materials they are made of take many years to degrade, and they pose a threat to land and marine wildlife.
- Disposable vapes are powered by lithium-ion batteries which contain corrosive chemicals and pose a fire risk at waste facilities.
- Vehicle recovery organisations are reporting an increase in dangerous tyre blow-outs caused by disposable vapes thrown from other vehicles.

Risks to children and young people:

- Disposable vapes are often brightly coloured and produced in flavours that particularly appeal to a younger age group. Disposable vapes are also usually cheaper than their refillable counterparts, making them attractive to young people on limited budgets. Some young people are saying they are bullied if they do not vape, and children as young as P5 have been found to be vaping.
- The vapour in disposable vapes contains nicotine, which is highly addictive. Evidence suggests young people are not using vapes or e-cigarettes as stop smoking aids but rather as a starting point, which appears to be leading to smoking and other substance abuse.
- The other health risks of using vapes are not yet fully understood.

This council welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government recently launched a review into the environmental impact of disposable vapes, led by Zero Waste Scotland.

However, we believe the matter is an urgent one, and we welcome the fact that several other Scottish councils have already passed motions in support of a ban on disposable vapes.

We ask the Scottish Government to ban disposable vapes as soon as possible, and meaningfully engage with young people throughout the process.

(ii) Pride

Councillor Melville has submitted the following motion: -

That Angus Council;

1. Wishes people of the LGBTQ+ community in Angus a very happy Pride Month;
2. Acknowledges that Pride is a celebration of the history, diversity, achievements and equal status and dignity of the LGBTQ+ community;
3. Celebrates the significant progress made on LGBTQ+ equality in recent times, but;
4. Further understands that Pride is also a protest against the continuing inequalities faced by this community;
5. Notes with alarm the 10% and 87% yearly increases in, respectively, sexual orientation and transgender hate crimes in Scotland in 2021/22. See here: <https://www.copfs.gov.uk/media/d3jnt5t2/hate-crime-2021-22-publication-final.pdf>; and;
6. Affirms its commitment to tackle hate crime, and to drive progress towards the full equality and inclusion of LGBTQ+ people here in Angus, alongside every other protected characteristic.

5. APPOINTMENTS

(i) Communities Committee

The Provost has intimated his resignation from the Communities Committee

Accordingly, the Council is asked to fill this vacancy.

(ii) Policy and Resources Committee

Councillor Cheape has intimated his resignation from the Policy and Resources Committee

Accordingly, the Council is asked to fill this vacancy.

6. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY & CLIMATE ACTION PLAN STEERING GROUP

Submit Report No 188/23 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth 45 - 48

7. 2022/23 FINANCIAL OUTTURN AND DRAFT ACCOUNTS UPDATE

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9. MONIFIETH COMMUNITY HUB AND LIBRARY – PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

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10. STANDARDS COMMISSION DECISION

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11. PROTOCOL ON HYBRID MEETINGS

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13. POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Council will be asked to consider in terms of Standing Order 28(2) whether the public and press should be excluded during consideration of the following item, so as to avoid the disclosure of information which is exempt in terms of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

14. CARNOUSTIE GOLF PROVISION – FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS – UPDATE

Submit Joint Report No 195/23 by the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the Director of Finance.