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MEETING OF EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

A meeting of the East Renfrewshire Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Giffnock, G46 6UG on **Wednesday 25 June 2025 at 5.00 p.m.**

The agenda of business is as listed below.

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.

Yours faithfully

Louise Pringle

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DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

3. COUNCILLOR BETTY CUNNINGHAM OBE: MINUTE'S SILENCE

The Provost will ask Council to observe a minute's silence following the passing of Councillor Betty Cunningham OBE.

4. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 23 APRIL 2025

Submit for approval as a correct record and signature the Minute of the Meeting of the Council held on 23 April 2025 (copy attached, pages 5 – 16).

5. MINUTE VOLUME (Issued Under Separate Cover)

Submit for approval as a correct record the Minutes of Meetings for the period 25 April to 10 June 2025.

6. ITEM REMITTED TO THE COUNCIL

(i) CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 17 – 72) (Audit and Scrutiny Committee – 19 June 2025).

Audit & Scrutiny Committee Recommendation:

That Council approves the 2024/25 Annual Government Statement (Annex 2).

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

In terms of Standing Order No. 27, Council is asked to consider a Notice of Motion in the following terms: -

Council hereby:

- 1. Acknowledges the decision of the Planning Applications Committee on 15th April 2025 to conditionally grant planning permission in respect of application 2025/0043/TP for the construction and operation of a 40 MW battery energy storage facility, including associated infrastructure, substation, security fencing, CCTV, security lighting, and landscaping.*
- 2. Notes that a previous application (2024/0168/TP) for an almost identical development was rejected by the Planning Applications Committee, a decision subsequently upheld by the Scottish Government Reporter following an unsuccessful appeal by the developer.*
- 3. Recognises the significant similarities between the two applications and the clear precedent set by the Reporter's ruling, which aligns with Local Development Plan Policy D3 regarding development in the greenbelt.*
- 4. Therefore requests that officers prepare a report for the next appropriate Council meeting, detailing:*
 - The legal and procedural steps required to issue a revocation order.*
 - An assessment of the applicant's compliance with all imposed planning conditions, including those still to be discharged before development can proceed.*
 - Clarification on potential compensation liabilities under the Planning Act, particularly where the applicant does not hold freehold title to the land in question.*
 - Consideration of the expediency of such a course of action.*

5. *Further requests that the report includes any relevant legal and financial implications for the Council arising from a potential revocation, ensuring fully informed decision-making.*
6. *This motion seeks to uphold the integrity of the planning process, ensure policy consistency, and protect the Council's interests in the event of legal or financial consequences.*

Moved by Councillor Paul Edlin

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Morrison

8. STATEMENTS BY CONVENERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

9. PROVOST'S ENGAGEMENTS

Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, page 73 – 74)

10. GENERAL FUND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Report by Head of Finance (Chief Financial Officer) (copy attached, pages 75 - 98).

11. HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Report by Head of Finance (Chief Financial Officer) (copy attached, pages 99 - 106).

12. LOCAL CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT

Joint Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships and Chief Officer (Health and Social Care Partnership) (copy attached, pages 107 - 148).

13. STRATEGIC END-YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT AND ANNUAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AND FAIRER EAST REN REPORT FOR 2024-2025

Report by Chief Executive (copy attached, pages 149 - 218).

14. DEATH OF COUNCILLOR BETTY CUNNINGHAM OBE (WARD 1: BARRHEAD, LIBOSIDE AND UPLAWMOOR)

Report by Chief Executive/Returning Officer (copy attached, pages 219 – 220)

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