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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 10 September 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*

**LOUISE PRINGLE**

**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. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER - WARD 1: BARRHEAD LIBOSIDE AND UPLAWMOOR BY-ELECTION**

Report by Chief Executive / Returning Officer (copy attached, pages 1 to 2).

**4. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING – 25 JUNE 2025**

Submit for approval as a correct record and signature the Minute of the Meeting of the Council held on 25 June 2025 (copy attached, pages 3 to 10).

**5. MINUTE VOLUME (Issued Under Separate Cover)**

Submit for approval as a correct record the Minutes of Meetings for the period 17 June to 21 August 2025.

**6. ITEM REMITTED TO THE COUNCIL**

**(i) ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2024-25**

Report by Head of Finance (Chief Financial Officer) (copy attached, pages 11 to 26) (Audit and Scrutiny Committee – 14 August 2025).

**Audit & Scrutiny Committee Recommendation:**

That the organisations for investment of surplus funds be approved in accordance with Appendix 8 to the report.

**7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Consider Notice of Motion in the following terms:-**

*Council notes that Glasgow City Council is exploring potential revenue streams, with a congestion charge under consideration as one such option.*

*Council further notes:*

- That many East Renfrewshire residents travel into Glasgow for work, education or hospital appointments, and would face additional costs if such a scheme were introduced.*
- That local businesses, trades and suppliers depend on vehicle access and would face higher operating costs.*
- That East Renfrewshire's infrastructure is already under strain, with many railway station car parks full, restricted access to existing public transport networks, and known areas where access to parking competes with other pressures such as shopping.*
- That if neighbouring authorities were to follow Glasgow's example and impose their own charges, residents could face multiple, overlapping tolls simply to travel across council boundaries - doubling the burden without addressing the underlying issues.*
- That Clyde Metro represents the region's long-term, multi-authority commitment to integrated transport planning, and offers the proper vehicle to deliver change in a fair and collaborative way.*

*Council believes that while improving air quality is an important goal, pursuing congestion charging as a revenue measure in isolation risks unfairly penalising East Renfrewshire residents and businesses, worsening pressure on local infrastructure, and placing additional strain on a working population and business community already struggling to recruit and retain staff.*

*Council therefore resolves to:*

- 1. Record its opposition to any congestion charge being introduced by Glasgow.*
- 2. Request that officers prepare and present to councillors a briefing paper, drawing on available travel data including information from active travel initiatives, setting out the likely impacts on East Renfrewshire residents, businesses and local infrastructure, so that the Council is better prepared should a congestion charge become a formal proposal by Glasgow.*
- 3. Call for renewed urgency in progressing the Clyde Metro initiative as the proper, integrated way to tackle congestion and improve transport across the wider region, rather than piecemeal charging schemes imposed by individual councils.*

**Proposed by:** Councillor Gordon Wallace

**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, pages 27 to 28).

**10. ANNUAL STATEMENT ON ADEQUACY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNANCE, RISK MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS**

Report by Audit and Scrutiny Committee (copy attached, pages 29 to 32).

**11. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS: CHANGES TO CABINET, CONVENER REMITS, COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 33 to 40).

**12. SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION - PLANNING APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE AND LOCAL REVIEW BODY**

Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 41 to 44).

**13. A REPORT TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF AN AMENDED MOTION REFERRING TO PLANNING PERMISSION 2025/0043/TP FOR A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM**

Report by Director of Environment (copy attached, pages 45 to 64).

**14. AURS ROAD UPDATE AND FUNDING REQUEST**

Report by Director of Environment (copy attached, pages 65 to 70).

**15. CALENDAR OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO MAY 2027**

Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 71 to 76).

**16. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE EMPLOYER RECOGNITION SCHEME**

Report by Director of Business Operations and Partnerships (copy attached, pages 77 to 80).

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