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To: All Elected Members

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Dear Councillor

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - 21 MAY 2026

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held on **THURSDAY 21 MAY 2026** at **1000 HRS** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBERS/MS TEAMS**, in order to consider the undernoted business.

The meeting of Council will be subject to delayed broadcast and a recording will be available to view on the Council's website. The Council's website will be updated with a hyperlink to the East Ayrshire Council Youtube channel where the video will be hosted. The Council's Youtube channel is managed by the Council's Communications Team.

Yours faithfully

SIGNED BY JULIE MCGARRY
ON BEHALF OF

David Mitchell
Chief Governance Officer
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B U S I N E S S

CALL FOR SEDERUNT AND INTIMATE APOLOGIES (page 1)

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (page 2)** - Under this item, Members are asked to declare, if required, any interest in any of the undernoted item(s) of business on the agenda and to provide an explanation of the nature of the interest.
- 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES** - Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of the Council Meeting of 2 April 2026 (pages 3-8) ([copy enclosed](#)).
- 3. CABINET/COMMITTEE MINUTES** - Submit, for approval as correct records and approval of any recommendations contained therein (with the exception of the Minutes of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee, the Integration Joint Board and Ayrshire Economic Joint Committee which are here for noting only) the Minutes of the undernoted Meetings, viz:-
 - 3.1 INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD OF 4 FEBRUARY 2026 (pages 9-15)** ([copy enclosed](#))

- 3.2 **AYRSHIRE ECONOMIC JOINT COMMITTEE OF 16 FEBRUARY 2026** (pages 16-18) ([copy enclosed](#))
- 3.3 **GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 5 MARCH 2026** (pages 19-22) ([copy enclosed](#))
- 3.4 **INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD OF 18 MARCH 2026** (pages 23-31) ([copy enclosed](#))
- 3.5 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 26 MARCH 2026** (pages 32-33) ([copy enclosed](#))
- 3.6 **GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 1 APRIL 2026** (pages 34-36) ([copy enclosed](#))
- 3.7 **SPECIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 14 APRIL 2026** (pages 37-39) ([copy enclosed](#))
- 3.8 **CABINET OF 22 APRIL 2026** (pages 40-42) ([copy enclosed](#))

Matter Arising- Development of a Local Good Food Plan (Item 3) - Council is asked to appoint an Elected Member to be the Council's Good Food Nation Ambassador

- 4. **STRATEGIC TRANSPORT UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS (pages 43-69)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Chief Executive to provide Council with an outline of the key themes of developing a strategic local transport plan and set out a timeframe that responds to the Council's commitment to consider the needs, provision, and delivery models of transport across the area.

5. **MOTIONS (page 70)**

- 5.1 **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR LINDA MABON** - "This Council notes the increasing number of complaints from residents regarding persistent noise, nuisance and disturbance caused by pets and other animals, including but not limited to continuous dog barking at all hours of the day and night.

Council further notes that current environmental health legislation does not sufficiently empower local authorities to take effective action where pets or other animals are the source of ongoing anti-social behaviour, leaving residents without adequate protection or recourse.

Therefore, this Council resolves to write to the Scottish Government urging it to review and amend existing environmental health and anti-social behaviour legislation to:

(i) explicitly include pets and other animals within the scope of enforceable environmental health nuisance provisions; (ii) provide clearer powers for local authorities to investigate and act on animal-related anti-social behaviour, including persistent noise nuisance; (iii) ensure councils have appropriate enforcement mechanisms, including penalties and remedial actions, in cases where owners fail to control their animals; (iv) ensure councils also have sufficient funding and staffing resources to carry out the requires investigations; and (v) the Council also requests that CoSLA be invited to support this position to ensure a consistent National approach."

- 5.2 **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR LEITCH** - "East Ayrshire Council currently operates a Guaranteed Interview Scheme for care-experienced young people who meet the essential criteria for Council posts, in recognition of the additional barriers they may face in accessing employment. Council recognise

that young carers also experience significant barriers to employment as a result of their caring responsibilities.

Council is therefore asked to agree to extend the Guaranteed Interview Scheme to eligible young carers who meet the essential criteria for Council jobs, and to instruct officers to put the necessary arrangements in place to deliver this commitment.”

5.3 MOTION BY COUNCILLOR COGLEY - “To celebrate the life and work of Sir Alexander Fleming who was born in Darvel and educated in East Ayrshire. Sir Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928 and was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1945 for his work.

Sir Alexander’s work revolutionised world medicine.

We would like his work to be recognised and highlighted by East Ayrshire.”

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