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To: All Elected Members

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Dear Councillor

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - 25 JUNE 2026

You are requested to attend a meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held on **THURSDAY 25 JUNE 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

Craig Young
Acting Chief Governance Officer
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B U S I N E S S

CALL FOR SEDERUNT AND INTIMATE APOLOGIES (page 1)

1. PROVOST/DEPUTE PROVOST (page 2)

1.1 ELECTION OF PROVOST

1.2 ELECTION OF DEPUTE PROVOST

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (page 3) - 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.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Submit, for approval as a correct record, Minutes of the Council Meeting of 21 May 2026 (pages 4-9) [\(copy enclosed\)](#)

4. **SIX MONTHLY UPDATE ON CABINET ACTIVITY (pages 10-18)** - Submit report dated 16 June 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Leader to the Council to present his regular update on some of the projects and developments that have been reported to Cabinet since his last report.
5. **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 and Ayrshire Shared Services Joint Committee which are here for noting only) the Minutes of the undernoted Meetings, viz:-
 - 5.1 **AYRSHIRE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE OF 5 DECEMBER 2025 (pages 19-21)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.2 **AYRSHIRE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE OF 13 MARCH 2026 (pages 22-24)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.3 **GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 23 APRIL 2026 (pages 25-29)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.4 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL OF 14 MAY 2026 (pages 30-31)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.5 **GRANTS COMMITTEE OF 13 MAY 2026 (pages 32-41)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.6 **PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 29 MAY 2026 (pages 42-43)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.7 **APPEALS PANEL OF 1 JUNE 2026 (pages 44-45)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.8 **APPEALS PANEL OF 3 JUNE 2026 (pages 46-47)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.9 **LOCAL REVIEW BODY OF 8 JUNE 2026 (pages 48-51)** ([copy enclosed](#))
 - 5.10 **CABINET OF 10 JUNE 2026 (pages 52-56)** ([copy enclosed](#))
6. **APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, DEPUTE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS, CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS (pages 57-60)** - Submit report dated 10 June 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Acting Chief Governance Officer to request the Council to consider the appointment of the Leader of the Council, Depute Leader of the Council, Cabinet Members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs etc. as detailed in the Appendix to this report.
7. **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2025/26 (pages 61-64)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Assistant Director of Finance to submit the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026 to the Council for approval and thereafter to forward to the external auditor, Audit Scotland, by the statutory timescale of 30 June 2026. **Draft Accounts are available for Members on the Councillors' Noticeboard.**
8. **CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26 (pages 65-138)** – Submit report dated June 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Senior Nurse Manager Integrated Children's Services and Chair of East Ayrshire Integrated Children's Services Group to present to Council the Children and Young People's Services Plan Annual Report 2025/26 for endorsement. This report provides an overview of progress during 2025/26, the final year of the Children and Young People's Services Plan 2023–2026. It highlights key achievements, service developments and partnership activity undertaken to improve outcomes for children, young people and families in East Ayrshire. It also outlines areas for continued improvement as partners prepare for the next planning cycle (2026–2029).

9. **UNCRC (INCORPORATION) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2024 – EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT 2026 (pages 139-145)** – Submit report dated June 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Senior Nurse Manager for Integrated Children’s Services and Chair of East Ayrshire Integrated Children’s Services Group to provide the Council with an overview of East Ayrshire Council’s progress in implementing the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) following commencement of the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024. It outlines key achievements, governance arrangements, service-level developments, and areas for continued improvement, drawing on the full UNCRC Report 2026. The summary highlights how the Council and Community Planning Partnership (CPP) are embedding children’s rights across policy, planning, budgeting, and frontline practice, ensuring compliance with statutory duties and alignment with national frameworks including GIRFEC, The Promise and National Planning Framework 4.
10. **CONSULTATION ON BYELAW FOR CAMPING AT LOCH DOON (page 146-159)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Acting Depute Chief Executive to seek approval from Council on the direction of the Draft Byelaws for Loch Doon (Appendix 1) and the recommendations set out at paragraph 2.
11. **FIREWORK CONTROL ZONES (pages 160-163)** – Submit report dated 6 June 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Acting Chief Governance Officer to advise Members on a new community request application in respect of a Firework Control Zone (FCZ) to allow Members to make an informed decision to accept or reject the application.
12. **AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE SERVICE PLAN 2026/27 AND PERFORMANCE REPORT 2025/26 (pages 164-204)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Acting Depute Chief Executive to present the Ayrshire Roads Alliance Service Plan for 2026/27 and the Performance Report for 2025/26.
13. **AYRSHIRE ROADS ALLIANCE 10 YEAR REVIEW (pages 205-215)** - Submit report ([copy enclosed](#)) by the Acting Depute Chief Executive to present the findings and recommendations of the 10-Year Review of the Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA). The Review reflects on progress since the establishment of ARA in 2014 and makes recommendations for future advancement of the service.
14. **MOTIONS (page 216)**
 - 14.1 **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR MCMAHON** – “This Council notes (i) that if Reform Councillors are duly and democratically elected by the electorate, they would hold a legitimate mandate to represent their constituents; and (ii) the differing policy positions held by the three main political parties in Scotland and Reform UK. This Council resolves that we will not enter any formal or informal arrangements, agreements, alliances or working partnerships of any kind with Reform UK Councillors, while fully respecting their democratic right to hold office and represent the people who elected them. Extreme views and rhetoric publicly expressed on Immigration and Racism, Energy and Environmental, Health and Welfare, Social and Culture, Homophobia, are not conducive to our wider values.”
 - 14.2 **MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GRAHAM BARTON** - “Council recognises that Green Data Centres are supported as National Developments within National Planning Framework 4 (Digital Fibre Network). However, rapid technological advancement since the adoption of NPF4 in February of 2023 has seen "Hyperscale Green AI Data Centres" enter the Scottish planning system. Many of these applications seek planning permission in principle, delaying critical details on size, energy use, and cooling solutions to a later stage.

That Council writes to the Scottish Government to request: (i) Clearer guidance and policy direction on what qualifies as a "Green Data Centre" to help local authorities make informed planning decisions; (ii) Provision of a policy framework specifically relating to data centres; and (iii) Legislation preventing large-scale Green Data Centre applications from being submitted as planning permission in principle or alternatively, the provision of clear guidance on the minimum information/detail required in order for a planning permission in principle application to be validated."

15. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (page 217)** - Recommend that Council pass the following Resolution:- "That under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act".
 16. **COUNCIL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE (INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS) (pages 218-222)** - Submit report dated 16 June 2026 (copy enclosed) by Head of People and Culture to provide Council with an update in respect of the Council's Management Structure and to seek agreement on proposed interim changes. **Report Not Enclosed. Refer to Exclusion of Press and Public Paragraph Above.**
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