

ANGUS COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN AND COUNTY HALL, FORFAR
ON THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024 AT 2.00 PM

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 MEETINGS

Submit, for approval as correct records, the minutes of meetings of:

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| (a) | Special Council of 29 February 2024 | (4 – 14) |
| (b) | Angus Council of 21 March 2024 | (15 – 17) |

4. POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Council will be asked to consider, in terms of Standing Order 27(2), whether the public and press should be excluded during consideration of **Item 9** 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.

5. MOTIONS IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 24(1)

(i) Housing Emergency

Councillor Scott has submitted the following motion:

We wish for Angus Council to acknowledge Shelter Scotland's call to declare a Housing Emergency and declare one for the Angus area. In doing this we want Council to create a Housing Emergency Action Plan bringing together partners and external organisations. We also wish to request monitoring and regular updates on the progress to the Housing Emergency Action Plan.

We wish to request that the council leader writes to the First Minister, the Deputy First Minister, the Housing Minister, and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, outlining the actions council is taking to address the housing emergency, and seeks additional resources to help meet the severe challenges.

In Angus we have three areas that need focus on:

1. Although the bathrooms meet SHQS, many of our tenants have been awaiting bathroom upgrades since 2019. Contractor issues has delayed this.
2. Reduce housing voids which have shown a slight improvement but needs to reduce further at an increased pace.
3. We are concerned that there may be a shortage of social and private properties in Angus and consider that an interim plan is required to tackle this"

(ii) Disability Employment Charter

Councillor Doran has submitted the following motion:

This motion is to ask Council to commit to publishing disability pay gap data biannually and aspire to achieve the aims set out in the Disability Employment Charter.

Angus Council as an employer already has commitments for promoting opportunities for all, has published disability pay gap data voluntarily and is a disability confident, carer positive and armed forces friendly employer.

Recent research from UNISON has found that disabled people are much less likely to be employed than the wider population. Across the whole economy, in 2022/23 The disability employment gap was 31.6% in Scotland.

By taking this action it will reinforce the values that Angus Council already holds and signals to others how important it is to address this issue.

The Disability Employment Charter was established in 2021 by the organisations; Disability Rights UK, Disability@Work, the University of Warwick, the DFN Charitable Foundation, Leonard Cheshire, Scope, Shaw Trust Foundation and UNISON.

6. RESULTS OF THE ARBROATH WEST, LETHAM & FRIOCKHEIM BY-ELECTION

Submit Report No 149/24 by the Chief Executive & Returning Officer. **(18 – 19)**

7. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES ETC

(a) Communities Committee

A vacancy exists on the Communities Committee and the Council is asked to make an appointment, whilst so far as possible, giving effect to the principles of political balance.

(b) Development Standards

A vacancy exists on the Development Standards Committee and the Council is asked to make an appointment, whilst so far as possible, giving effect to the principles of political balance.

(c) Policy and Resources Committee

A vacancy exists on the Policy and Resources Committee and the Council is asked to make an appointment, whilst so far as possible, giving effect to the principles of political balance.

8. AGILE WORKING AND ESTATES REVIEW

Submit Report No 150/24 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment. **(20 – 23)**

9. EXEMPT APPENDIX - AGILE WORKING AND ESTATES REVIEW

Submit Exempt Appendix to Report No 150/24 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment. **(24 – 28)**