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14 June 2024



ALL MEMBERS OF  
ANGUS COUNCIL

Comhairle Aonghais  
**Chief Executive**  
Kathryn Lindsay

Dear Councillor

**MEETING OF ANGUS COUNCIL – THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2024 AT 2.00PM**

You are requested to attend the above meeting which is to take place in the Town and County Hall, Forfar. This is a hybrid meeting therefore Members may also take part remotely.

The agenda and papers are enclosed.

Due to the pre-election period, in light of the forthcoming UK Parliamentary General Election on 4 July 2024, this meeting will not be live streamed.

However, a recording of the public part of the meeting will be made publicly available on YouTube and can be accessed via Angus Council's forthcoming meetings page following the Election - [https://www.angus.gov.uk/council\\_and\\_democracy/committees/forthcoming\\_council\\_meetings](https://www.angus.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/committees/forthcoming_council_meetings)

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Yours sincerely

JACKIE BUCHANAN

Director of Legal, Governance & Change

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Provost Brian Boyd  
Depute Provost Linda Clark  
Chris Beattie  
Julie Bell  
Kenny Braes  
David Cheape  
Serena Cowdy  
Jack Cruickshanks  
Lynne Devine  
Heather Doran

Bill Duff  
Brenda Durno  
Craig Fotheringham  
Iain Gall  
Ross Greig  
Mark McDonald  
Ian McLaren  
George Meechan  
Lloyd Melville

Gavin Nicol  
Louise Nicol  
Ronnie Proctor MBE  
Jill Scott  
Martin Shepherd  
Lois Speed  
Tommy Stewart  
Derek Wann  
Beth Whiteside

# ANGUS COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN AND COUNTY HALL, FORFAR  
ON THURSDAY 20 JUNE 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. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Submit, for approval as a correct record, the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 9 May 2024.

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**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 12** 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) Offline and Overlooked**

Councillor Speed has submitted the following motion:

This motion asks Members to: -

a) acknowledge Age UK's "Offline and Overlooked" Campaign and to note Angus Council's ongoing commitment to: -

- Maintain services and supports that can be accessed not only online, but by telephone and face-to-face, and in places and spaces that are accessible to all, including older people, young people, people with disabilities, British Sign Language (BSL) users, people with sensory and communication loss and people for whom English is not their first language;
- Promote the Council's ACCESS Office services that provide face-to-face services by liaising with our partners such as VAA, the Community Planning Partnership, Community Councils and front-line staff, including Angus Health & Social Care Partnership and Angus Alive, to remind them that those not digitally enabled can access services in Access Offices and by providing a list of locations and opening times;
- Ensure that alternative formats/paper copies of applications and other applicable information is made available, where appropriate;
- Enable engagement and consultation to be undertaken by alternative methods of communication in addition to an online offering;
- Deliver on the Angus Community Plan Priority to care for our people by reducing inequalities in all our communities; this includes, by working to

remove barriers to help ensure that everyone in Angus has the same opportunity to fully participate within society, local democracy and can easily access the Council; and

- b) Require the Chief Executive to write to the UK Government and the Scottish Government to express Angus Council's support of Age UK's Offline and Overlooked Campaign, to ask UK and Scottish Governments to make sure local authorities receive enough funding to provide offline services, and to highlight the need for additional funding to enable Angus Council to provide support to people who are not computer users, but who would like to be, to get online.

**(ii) WITHDRAWAL OF PRIMARY ONE EARLY YEAR'S PRACTITIONERS FROM ANGUS EDUCATION SETTINGS**

Councillor Speed has submitted the following motion:

The Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate has determined to withdraw the use of Primary One Early Years Practitioners ('P1 EYP's') from the start of the 2024/2025 academic session.

There are currently 22 P1 EYP's utilised at schools where need is greatest amongst our youngest citizens for additional help in their learning. The P1 EYP's give the children the additional support they need to learn and, among other things, use play pedagogy as a tool to assist in their learning development.

The decision to withdraw the P1 EYP's from schools for the forthcoming academic session has not been subject to consultation.

In my view, the impact of removing this support from some of our youngest citizens cannot be understated.

I therefore ask Members to instruct the Director of the Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate to maintain the provision of P1 EYP's at current levels for academic year 2024/2025, during which time, a full and comprehensive consultation should be undertaken to consider the value and future provision of Early Years Practitioners in Angus Primary One classes.

It is proposed that the cost of implementing the instruction to the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning Directorate should be met from the exceptional cost pressure reserve fund.

**(iii) HOUSING EMERGENCY**

Councillor Scott has submitted the following motion:

The Scottish Government have now declared a National Housing Emergency, we believe this to be a material change in circumstances.

We wish for Angus Council to acknowledge that there is a Housing Emergency here in Angus. The Strategic Housing Investment Programme has had a reduction of £9m in funding.

Our next local development plan will not be confirmed until 2029 – we know there is a shortage of social and private properties in Angus and need to create an interim plan to tackle this.

This motion asks Angus Council to declare a housing emergency and put a working group together - consisting of officers and councillors from Administration, Opposition and Non-Aligned to address this challenge.

## **6. APPOINTMENTS AND REMUNERATION STRUCTURE**

### **(i) APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES ETC**

#### **(a) Family Education and Justice Committee**

Councillor Braes has intimated his resignation from the Family Education and Justice Committee and the Council is asked to make an appointment, whilst so far as possible, giving effect to the principles of political balance.

#### **(b) Policy and Resources Committee**

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Braes has resigned as Vice Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee. The Council is asked to appointment a Vice Convener from the current membership.

#### **(c) Appointments Sub Committee**

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Duff has resigned from the Appointments Sub Committee with immediate effect.

Accordingly, the Council is asked to fill this vacancy.

#### **(d) Angus Alive**

Councillor Braes has intimated his resignation from Angus Alive with immediate effect.

Accordingly, the Council is asked to fill this vacancy.

#### **(e) Tayside Contracts Joint Committee**

Councillor Meechan has intimated his resignation from the Tayside Contracts Joint Committee with immediate effect.

Accordingly, the Council is asked to fill this vacancy.

#### **(f) Tayside Joint Valuation Board**

Councillor Meechan has intimated his resignation from the Tayside Joint Valuation Board with immediate effect.

Accordingly, the Council is asked to fill this vacancy.

#### **(g) CoSLA Convention**

Councillor Braes has intimated his resignation from the CoSLA Convention with immediate effect.

Accordingly, the Council is asked to fill this vacancy.

#### **(h) Forfar Day Care Centre (known as Deirdre Knight Centre)**

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Greig has resigned as an observer to the Forfar Day Care Centre (known as Deirdre Knight Centre).

The Council is asked to note that there is no requirement to fill the vacancy.

#### **(i) Angus Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee**

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Braes has intimated his resignation from the Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee.

The Council is asked to note that there is no requirement to fill the vacancy.

(ii) **Angus Council Remuneration Structure for Elected members**

As a consequence of changes in roles some revisions to the Council's remuneration structure for elected members are proposed. The proposals mean a reduction in costs compared to the current structure of approximately £4,300 and can therefore be met from within existing budgets.

The Council is asked to approve the structure set out below effective from 17 June 2024.

<b>Angus Council Remuneration Structure for Elected Members</b>				<b>2024/25 Pay Rates</b>		
<b>Proposed Revisions Effective from 17 June 2024</b>				<b>Counted for</b>		
<b>Post</b>	<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Multiple Roles*</b>	<b>No. of Posts</b>	<b>Senior Councillor Constraints</b>		
				<b>Posts</b>	<b>Pay (£)</b>	
Leader of the Council	Cllr Whiteside	A	1	1	£42,698	
Civic Head (Provost)	Cllr Boyd		1	1	£27,753	
<b>Senior Councillor Posts - Remuneration</b>						
Depute Leader	Cllr Meechan	B	1	1	£32,024	
Depute Provost	Cllr Clark		1	1	£23,868	
Convener of Children & Learning	Cllr Devine		1	1	£27,753	
Convener of Civic Licensing	Cllr Meechan	B	1	0	£0	
Convener of Communities	Cllr McDonald		1	1	£27,753	
Convener of Development Standards	Cllr Cheape		1	1	£27,753	
Convener of Policy & Resources	Cllr Whiteside	A	1	0	£0	
Convener of Scrutiny & Audit	Cllr Fotheringham		1	1	£27,753	
Vice Convener of Children & Learning	Cllr Shepherd		1	1	£23,868	
Vice Convener of Civic Licensing	Cllr Melville		1	1	£23,868	
Vice Convener of Communities	Cllr Braes	C	1	0	£0	
Vice Convener of Development Standards	Cllr Durno		1	1	£23,868	
Vice Convener of Policy & Resources	Cllr Meechan	B	1	0	£0	
Vice Convener of Scrutiny & Audit	Cllr Gavin Nicol		1	1	£23,868	
Finance Convener	Cllr Duff		1	1	£27,753	
Spokesperson - Housing & Economic Development	Cllr Braes	C	1	1	£27,753	
Spokesperson - Youth Engagement & Opportunities	Cllr Melville		1	0	£0	
Spokesperson - Environment & Active Travel	Cllr Cowdy		1	1	£23,868	
Spokesperson - Welfare Rights, Poverty & Equalities	Cllr Meechan		1	0	£0	
<b>Sub-Total Senior Councillor Posts (excl Leader and Civic)</b>			<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>341,750</b>
Senior Councillor Cap					13	346,895
					Headroom	£5,145
Basic Grade Councillors for Remuneration			<b>13</b>	£21,345	n/a	277,485
<b>TOTAL COST OF REMUNERATION PROPOSALS (excl. external posts and employer costs)</b>						<b>689,686</b>

\* - posts where an elected member will be carrying out multiple roles with additional responsibility

**External Posts (see below for more details and explanations)**

	<b>Councillor</b>
Vice Convener - Tayside Contracts Joint Committee #	Cllr Durno
Spokesperson - Tayside Joint Valuation Board #	Cllr Duff
Angus Council rep on Tayside NHS Board ##	Cllr Bell
Angus Council rep on Cairngorms National Park Authority Board ###	Cllr Beattie

# - this role carries no remuneration

## - this role includes a fee payable by the NHS Board and is in addition to the basic councillor salary paid by Angus Council

### - this role includes a fee payable by the Park Authority and is in addition to the basic councillor salary paid by Angus Council

7. **RENAMING OF CUMBERLAND CLOSE, KIRRIEMUIR CONSULTATION WITH KIRRIEMUIR RESIDENTS**  
Submit Report No 200/24 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment. (12 - 114)
8. **LONG TERM PLAN FOR TOWNS – ARBROATH - UPDATE, APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF TOWN BOARD AND APPOINTEMENT OF ANGUS COUNCIL ELECTED MEMBERS TO TOWN BOARD**  
Submit Report No 201/24 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth. (115 - 122)
9. **A FRAMEWORK APPROACH TO PLACE BASED WORKING**  
Submit Report No 202/24 by the Director of Vibrant Communities and Sustainable Growth. (123 - 130)
10. **DEFERRAL OF REPORT TO COUNCIL – HOUSING SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2024-2025**  
Submit Report No 203/24 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change. (131 - 163)
11. **DEFERRAL OF REPORT TO COUNCIL – CONSULTATION OUTCOME AND NEXT STEPS - DISPOSAL OF INCH PAVILION AND BOWLING GREEN, CROFT ROAD, MONTROSE**  
Submit Report No 204/24 by the Director of Legal, Governance and Change. (164 - 190)
12. **CONSULTATION OUTCOME AND NEXT STEPS – DISPOSAL OF INCH PAVILION AND BOWLING GREEN, CROFT ROAD, MONTROSE**  
Submit Exempt Appendix 3 by the Director of Infrastructure and Environment. (191 – 201)