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14 March 2025



Comhairle Aonghais  
**Chief Executive**  
Kathryn Lindsay

ALL MEMBERS OF  
ANGUS COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

**MEETING OF ANGUS COUNCIL – THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2025 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.

**A live-stream of the meeting will be made available on YouTube and can be accessed via Angus Council's forthcoming meetings page -**

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A recording of the public part of the meeting will be made publicly available following conclusion of the meeting.

If you have any queries, please contact Sarah Forsyth on (01307) 491985 or [ForsythSL@angus.gov.uk](mailto:ForsythSL@angus.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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# ANGUS COUNCIL

TO BE HELD IN THE TOWN AND COUNTY HALL, FORFAR  
ON THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2025 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.

**3. MINUTES**

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**(a) Previous Meeting**

Submit, for approval as a correct record, the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 19 December 2024.

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**(b) Special Meeting**

Submit, for approval as a correct record, the minute of Special meeting of Angus Council of 23 January 2025.

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**4. POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Committee will be asked to consider in terms of Standing Order 28(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) Support for Ukraine**

Councillor Melville has submitted the following motion:

In light of the ongoing war in Ukraine, I am asking Angus Council to: -

- unequivocally condemn the illegal invasion by the Russian Federation of the sovereign nation of Ukraine.
- acknowledge the right of the nation of Ukraine to exist as an independent, democratic state, free from the threat of aggression by its neighbours.
- urge the UK Government to increase aid to Ukraine to ensure it can continue to defend itself.
- express its support to the people and military of Ukraine, who have shown immense bravery and determination in the face of Russia's invasion.
- continue to work with Scottish and UK Governments in order to welcome and support refugees from Ukraine to settle in Angus for as long as they need to.
- enter into a "Friendship Agreement" with Sumy Oblast, a region in Ukraine, to build civic links with the aim of building and promoting cultural ties.
- note that applying the Friendship Agreement (copy attached) in practice is not expected to have any significant financial implications and will in any event be managed within existing Council budgets.
- agree to fly the flag of Ukraine at Angus House, Forfar, as a visible marker of the solidarity with the people of Ukraine.
- request that the Chief Executive writes to the Ukrainian Consulate in Edinburgh advising them of the Council's decision.

**(ii) Extending Employee Benefits Scheme(s) to include Elected Members**

Councillor Meechan has submitted the following motion:

That Angus Council:

- (i) Extends to elected members the parts of its employee benefits scheme which are either cost neutral to the Council or allow the Council to reduce employers national insurance contributions because of salary sacrifice plans e.g. cycle to work scheme; and
- (ii) Requests the Director of HR, OD, Digital Enablement, IT & Business Support to make the necessary arrangements to include elected members in the relevant parts of the scheme(s).

**(iii) Town Centre First Policy**

Councillor Scott has submitted the following motion:

The Scottish Government agreed the Town Centre First Principle with COSLA leaders in July 2014, marking a significant shift in public policy towards town centres. It asks that government, local authorities, the wider public sector, businesses, and communities put the health of town centres at the heart of decision making. It seeks to deliver the best local outcomes, align policies and target available resources to prioritise town centre sites, encouraging vibrancy, equality and diversity.

This principle is not a duty, however there are good examples where taking a more proactive role and embracing this principle has helped to drive positive change in town centres.

Town Centres should be at the forefront of Angus Council's priorities, ensuring that all services are working together to support our businesses, infrastructure, and footfall in any policy changes or projects that are carried out.

This motion therefore seeks support to adopt the Town Centre First principle as a policy for Angus. This will ensure consideration of both positive and negative implications, across all Council Services, when making decisions that impact on our town centres such as:

- Road closure impacts on town centres
- Assessing the impact of policies on town centres
- How funding relates to supporting our town centres and town centre businesses
- Removal of assets or services

There are no financial implications arising from the creation of a policy and should Council agree to adopt this, it is recommended that a report to Communities Committee by the Service Leader – Planning & Sustainable Growth sets out how this will be incorporated into the operational activity of the Council.

**6. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES ETC**

**(a) Integration Joint Board**

Reference is made to Article 4(ii) of the minute of meeting of Angus Council of 7 November 2024, when Councillor Beattie was appointed to the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board.

Provision exists for a proxy to be appointed for each member appointed to the Board.

Councillor Beattie has now intimated that he wishes to nominate a proxy.

The Council is also asked to note that Councillor Beattie was an appointed proxy for Councillor Bell. As Councillor Beattie is now a member of the Integration Joint Board, Councillor Bell has intimated that she would also wish to nominate a proxy.

**(b) Grants Sub-Committee of the Policy & Resources Committee**

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Whiteside has intimated her resignation from the Grants Sub-Committee.

The Council is asked to fill the vacancy.

**(c) Tayside Contracts Joint Committee**

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Greig has intimated his resignation from the Tayside Contracts Joint Committee.

The Council is asked to fill the vacancy.

**(d) CoSLA Community Wellbeing Board**

The Council is asked to note that Councillor Braes has intimated his resignation from the Community Wellbeing Board.

The Council is asked to fill the vacancy.

**(e) Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee**

The Council is advised that two vacancies remain on Carnoustie Golf Links Management Committee.

The Council is asked to fill the vacancies.

**7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2025/26**

Submit Report No 112/25 by the Director of Finance. 14 - 42

**NOTE:** This Report will also be considered by the Scrutiny & Audit Committee on 22 April 2025.

**8. REMUNERATION OF COUNCILLORS**

Submit Report No 113/25 by the Director of Finance. 43 - 46

**9. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – LOCAL AUTHORITY GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

Submit Report No 114/25 by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change. 47 - 107

**10. SCHEME OF GOVERNANCE - REVIEW**

Submit Report No 115/25 by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change. 108 - 179

**11. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS – AUGUST 2025-JUNE 2026**

Submit Report No 116/25 by the Acting Director of Legal, Governance & Change. 180 - 182

**12. ARBROATH COURTHOUSE – ACCEPTANCE OF SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT REGENERATION CAPITAL GRANT FUND**

Submit Report No 117/25 by the Service Leader – Vibrant Communities 183 - 189