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3 October 2024

Dear Councillor

## **SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

You are requested to participate in a meeting of South Ayrshire Council to be held **on Thursday 10 October 2024 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

This meeting will be held in the County Hall, County Buildings, Ayr on a hybrid basis for Elected Members, will be live-streamed and available to view at <https://south-ayrshire.public-i.tv/>

**Yours sincerely**

**CATRIONA CAVES**  
Chief Governance Officer

### **B U S I N E S S**

1. Provost.
2. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.
3. Minutes of meetings of the Council and Panels.

(a) Minutes of previous meetings.

Submit for approval as a correct record and authorise to be signed:-

- (i) 21 June 2024; and
- (ii) 19 August 2024 (Special).

(b) Minutes of Panels.

The minutes (copies previously issued) of the undernoted meetings are for noting:-

- (i) Appeals Panel of [9 May 2024](#), and [10 May 2024](#)
- (ii) Audit and Governance Panel of [29 May 2024](#), [26 June 2024](#) and [4 September 2024](#).
- (iii) Cabinet of [21 May 2024](#), [18 June 2024](#) and [27 August 2024](#).
- (iv) Local Review Body of [30 April 2024](#) and [25 June 2024](#).
- (v) Regulatory Panel – Licensing of [2 May 2024 \(Special\)](#), [15 May 2024 \(Special\)](#), [23 May 2024](#), [12 June 2024 \(Special\)](#), [20 June 2024](#), [29 August 2024](#) and [5 September 2024 \(Special\)](#).

- (vi) Regulatory Panel – Planning of [3 June 2024](#) (Site Visit) and [6 June 2024](#)
- (vii) Service and Partnerships Performance Panel of [11 June 2024](#) and [20 August 2024](#).

4. Appointments to Panel – Submit report by Chief Governance Officer (copy herewith).
5. Live Webcasting of Meetings – Submit report by Chief Governance Officer (copy herewith).
6. Standing Orders Relating to Contracts – Submit report by Chief Financial Officer (copy herewith).
7. Treasury Management Annual Report 2023/24 – Submit report by Chief Financial Officer (copy herewith).
8. Local Development Plan 3 Governance Arrangements and Planning Liaison Group – Submit report by Director of Housing, Operations and Development (copy herewith).
9. Proposed Ward Capital Projects – Update 2023 to 2025 and Approval of New Capital Projects 2024 to 2026 – Submit report by Director of Housing, Operations and Development (copy herewith).
10. Notice of Motion

(a) Moved by Councillor Julie Dettbarn, seconded by Councillor Laura Brennan-Whitefield:

**“Council notes that:**

- In the 1995 Pensions Act, the Government increased State Pension age for women from 60 to 65, with a further increase to 66 in the 2011 Pensions Act.
- This change was not properly communicated to 3.8m women born in the 1950s until 2012, giving some only one year's notice of a six year increase in their anticipated retirement age. Approximately 6,000 of the affected women are in the Central Ayrshire constituency alone which includes Troon, Prestwick and Kyle. We can deduce that there will be at least similar numbers in the Ayr, Carrick & Cumnock constituency which covers the remainder of South Ayrshire.
- The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) has found that the Department for Work and Pensions was guilty of maladministration in its handling of the State Pension Age increase for women born in the 1950s.
- The All Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality for Women has concluded that “the impact of DWP maladministration on 1950s-born women has been as devastating as it is widespread. The APPG believes that the case for Level 6 compensation is overwhelming and clear given the scale of the injustice”.
- Research commissioned by campaign group WASPI has found that by the end of 2022, more than 220,000 1950s born women will have died waiting for justice since the WASPI campaign began in 2015.
- The PHSO has recommended a Level 4 pay-out, which falls between £1,000 and £2,950 to symbolise the "significant" and "lasting impact" experienced by many women. However, given that the average individual loss is IRO £50,000 this level of compensation is inadequate. This motion supports the position of the All Party Parliamentary Group in calling for Level 6 compensation which would result in a pay-out of between £10,000 - £20,000.

**Council believes this injustice has had a profound effect on the individuals involved, on the wider community in South Ayrshire, and on local government, not least because:**

- Our local economy is negatively affected by the reduced spending power and disposable income the uncommunicated State Pension Age changes has brought about among women born in the 1950s.
- There is a broader impact on voluntary services of all kinds locally, which are missing out on able, active volunteers who would otherwise have been able to retire from full-time work as planned.
- Women who would have retired and engaged in caring responsibilities for grandchildren, other family members etc are having to continue working – with a knock-on effect for Council services.
- Women who have been left in poverty are struggling to meet their housing costs.

**Council supports:**

- The conclusion of the All Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality that women born in the 1950s have suffered a gross injustice, affecting their emotional, physical and mental circumstances in addition to causing financial hardship.
- A swift resolution to this ongoing injustice before more women die waiting for compensation.
- An immediate Level 6 compensation payment to those affected, with the most going to women who were given the shortest notice of the longest increase in their state pension age.

**Council requests:**

- The Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Prime Minister to outline the effects of the injustice to 1950s women and on the community of South Ayrshire and to request their support for an immediate Level 6 compensation package and that this be addressed in the new Government's first Budget on 30<sup>th</sup> October."

11. Formal Questions.

For more information on any of the items on this agenda, please telephone Janice McClure, Committee Services on at 01292 612169, at Wellington Square, Ayr or  
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