

**The Highland Council
No. 16 2020/2021**

Minutes of **Special Meeting** of the **Highland Council** held **REMOTELY** on **Wednesday, 28 October 2020** at 9.00am.

1. Calling of the Roll and Apologies for Absence

Present:

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| Mr G Adam | Mrs D Mackay |
| Mr B Allan | Mr D Mackay |
| Mr R Balfour | Mr W MacKay |
| Mrs J Barclay | Mr G MacKenzie |
| Mr A Baxter | Mrs I MacKenzie |
| Mr B Boyd | Mr S Mackie |
| Mr R Bremner | Mr A Mackinnon |
| Mr I Brown | Ms A MacLean |
| Mr J Bruce | Mr C MacLeod |
| Mrs C Caddick | Mr D MacLeod |
| Mrs I Campbell | Mr D Macpherson |
| Miss J Campbell | Mr R MacWilliam |
| Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair | Mrs B McAllister |
| Mrs H Carmichael | Mr J McGillivray |
| Mr A Christie | Mr N McLean |
| Mr I Cockburn | Mr H Morrison |
| Mrs M Cockburn | Mr C Munro |
| Ms K Currie | Ms L Munro |
| Mrs M Davidson | Ms P Munro |
| Mr J Finlayson | Mrs M Paterson |
| Mr M Finlayson | Mr I Ramon |
| Mr C Fraser | Mr M Reiss |
| Mr L Fraser | Mr A Rhind |
| Mr R Gale | Mr D Rixson |
| Mr J Gordon | Mrs F Robertson |
| Mr K Gowans | Mrs T Robertson |
| Mr A Graham | Ms E Roddick |
| Mr J Gray | Mr K Rosie |
| Mrs P Hadley | Mr G Ross |
| Mr T Heggie | Mr P Saggars |
| Mr A Henderson | Mr A Sinclair |
| Mr A Jarvie | Ms N Sinclair |
| Ms E Knox | Mr C Smith |
| Mr B Lobban | Ms M Smith |
| Mr D Louden | Mr B Thompson |
| Mrs L MacDonald | Mrs C Wilson |
| Mr A MacInnes | |

In Attendance:

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| Chief Executive | |
| Executive Chief Officer, Performance & Governance | Executive Chief Officer, Infrastructure & Environment |
| Executive Chief Officer, Communities & Place | Executive Chief Officer, Property & Housing |
| Executive Chief Officer, Education & Learning | Executive Chief Officer, Resources & Finance |
| Executive Chief Officer, Health & Social Care | Executive Chief Officer, Transformation & Economy |

Mr B Lobban in the Chair

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of **

2. Declarations of Interest

The Council **NOTED** the following declarations of interest:-

Item * – ** (**)

3. Scotland's Strategic Framework for Covid-19

It was confirmed that this Special Meeting of the Council had been arranged to allow all Members to come together to formally consider and debate Scotland's Strategic Framework for Covid-19.

In this regard, views were being sought around four headline areas – (i) Public Health and Wellbeing, (ii) Travel and Socialising Restrictions and Associated Economic Impacts, (iii) Financial and Welfare Impacts and (iv) Internal and External Communications.

During discussion, Members raised the following issues:-

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Decision

The Council **AGREED** as follows:-

1. to support Tier 1 for the Highlands with in-home socialising;
2. to support no sub-regional variation;
3. to support travel restrictions from areas in Level 3 tier or above; and
4. the need for communication to be simple, concise and co-ordinated between all agencies, with the Council promoting Scottish Government/Public Health messaging rather than create its own content.

The meeting ended at 10.35am.