

New First Minister

Notice of Motion

Motion received in terms of Standing Order No 20 on 26 May, 2024, proposed by Councillor Robert Brown, seconded by Councillor Mark McGeever, as follows:-

“South Lanarkshire Council congratulates the new First Minister and Deputy First Minister on their appointments and welcomes their promises of a “new chapter” for Scotland and an inclusive and respectful approach to politics.

Council notes however that the previous First Minister promised a similar new start in signing the Verity House Agreement with COSLA but, within weeks, imposed a council tax freeze which damaged local government’s ability to deliver vital public services.

Council further deplores the centralising power grabs and sustained funding cuts suffered by councils and local communities under the Scottish Government.

Council calls on the new First Minister and the Scottish Government to commit to:-

- ◆ Respecting the democratic mandate of local government and the Verity House Agreement to work in partnership with councils;
- ◆ Delivering Fair Funding for councils in the spirit of the European Charter of Local Self Government”.