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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>28 September 2017</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration &amp; Resources</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>LP/083/17</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Motion by Inverclyde Joint Trade Unions - Request by Councillors McCabe and Clocherty</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of a request received from Councillors McCabe and Clocherty that consideration be given to the attached motion (**Appendix 1**) from Inverclyde Joint Trade Unions.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the request from Councillors McCabe and Clocherty.

**Gerard Malone**  
**Head of Legal & Property Services**

# APPENDIX 1

## Inverclyde Joint Trade Unions

### Motion to Inverclyde Council

Inverclyde Council has had to manage significant budget pressures for over a decade. Each year over that period the budget settlement for Inverclyde Council has reduced in real terms. Successive Governments at both a UK and Scottish level have presided over the funding regime during this period.

The Council have adopted different approaches to deal with this problem. On the one hand they have made efficiency savings which has eased budget gaps by increasing income or reducing spending but without any impact in services. On the other hand, and to a lesser extent, they have reduced or withdrawn services.

Moving forward both the Council and the Trade Unions recognise that there is less and less scope for further efficiency savings. Further reductions in the settlement grant will inevitably lead to services being reduced or withdrawn. This will in turn impact on the most vulnerable people in our communities.

This Council and Trade Unions believe that austerity as a political and economic strategy is completely discredited and has inflicted untold damage on our workforce, public services and our communities.

This Council and Trade Unions resolve to:

- Publicly and consistently advocate for a fair Local Government settlement.
- Persuade Governments to make money available to ensure that vital services for Inverclyde residents are maintained at the level required for communities that are amongst the poorest in Scotland.
- To work jointly in campaigns at all levels of Government against austerity and the impact of austerity on Local Government services.