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## **Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee**

Tuesday, 07 December 2021

The undernoted report has been added to the agenda for the meeting of **Economic Development and Infrastructure Services Committee** at **09:30**, in terms of Section 50B (4)(b) of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 by reason of special circumstances on the Chair accepting the report as urgent business.

### **NOTE REFERRED TO:-**

**5a. Emergency Notice of Motion - Storm Arwen**

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**Emergency Notice of Motion to  
Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee  
On Tuesday 7 December 2021**

**Reason for Urgency**

The storm and the aftermath have just taken place and the normal timescales for submitting Notices of Motion could not be met.

**Storm Arwen**

We are bringing this emergency Notice of motion to Committee as we are aware of the immense damage cause by Storm Arwen on Friday 26 November. Many homes were plunged into darkness as the electricity lines were brought down in the storm.

This had the consequential effect of stopping heating and interrupting the water supply to many in our community. Thankfully many people's services were restored by Saturday. However, there are folk in the community who had to endure these harsh conditions for 6 days. Some of these people were without any form of communication with the outside world as roads were also blocked due to fallen trees and other storm damage. Many of the resilience plans in place for communities were also impacted as local halls and other community buildings were also without basic utilities

In the light of the recent catastrophic Storm Arwen, whilst we are very thankful to everyone that worked tirelessly to support those affected by storm damage, we are aware that there were vulnerable people not getting the assistance needed.

We recommend to Moray Council that they ask for a report which reviews the Council's response to the emergency, the Council's emergency procedures and community resilience plans to look at what lessons can be learned.

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