CUSTOMER SERVICES

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APPOINTMENT TO COSLA SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE WORKING GROUP

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report invites the Council to make an appointment to the COSLA Sport, Arts and Culture Working Group.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Council is invited to make an appointment to the COSLA Sport, Arts and Culture Working Group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The COSLA Community Well-Being and Safety Executive Group recently agreed to establish a group to bring all Sports, Arts and Culture Conveners (or Equivalent) together on a regular basis. The aforementioned policy areas may not sit solely within one Council department and thus there may be more than one elected member that will have an interest in this group and may wish to be involved. COSLA are limiting places at each meeting to one per local authority, in line with COSLA Executive Group procedures.
- 3.2 COSLA are keen to be inclusive and ensure the right members are around the table at the right time, they are proposing to rotate the agenda focus between sport and culture. If the Council feel sports and culture would be most appropriately represented by different elected members (Cllrs Philand and Glen-Lee), the Council could nominate two members based on the focus of the Agenda, the one appropriate elected member with that remit could attend.
- 3.3 The All of Scotland Group brought together elected members and officers of local authorities, Scottish Government and national organisations in a forum to share information and develop best practice related to the legacy benefits of the Commonwealth Games. The Executive Group have felt that this agenda could now sit within the Working Group and as agreed with the Chair, the All of Scotland Group will no longer exist. Our representative on the All of Scotland Group, Cllr Philand, may therefore wish to be considered for this Working Group.

4. IMPLICATIONS

- **4.1** Policy This is in keeping with the Council's commitment to work with other agencies in partnership to benefit the people of Argyll and Bute.
- **4.2** Financial The Council will incur costs in Members participating in these meetings.

- 4.3 HR None
- 4.4 Equal Opportunities None4.5 Legal None
- 4.6 Risk None
- **4.7** Customer Services None

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