

NOMINATION OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBER TO THE ARGYLL AND BUTE AREA SUPPORT TEAM

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Children's Hearings (Scotland) Act 2011 will come into force on 24 June 2013 and the introduction of Area Support Teams is one of the important changes being introduced by the Act.
- 1.2 Area Support Teams will replace the current Children's Panel Advisory Committees.
- 1.3 The Council has been invited to nominate a representative to the Argyll and Bute Area Support Team.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council should consider the nomination of a representative to the Argyll and Bute Area Support Team.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 The Leader of the Council has received an invitation from Children's Hearings Scotland to nominate a representative to sit on the Argyll and Bute Area Support Team. These nominees will ordinarily be elected members but this is not a requirement under the Act.
- 3.2 Local Authority nominees will have an overview of the Children's hearing System and the Children's Panel in their area. They will act as an important link between the Children's Panel and Local Authority Elected Members and relevant local authority senior officials and departments. They will not be directly involved in the recruitment, selection, recommendation for appointment or reappointment or practice observation and review processes undertaken by the Area Support Team panel practice advisors.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 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

Financial –	Possible Travel and Subsistence Costs
Legal -	None
HR -	None
Equalities -	None
Risk -	None
Customer	None
Service -	

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