

Elected Member Policy Lead - Role Profile

Title	Policy Lead: Sustainable Environment, Renewables and Strategic Tourism
Accountable to: Reports to:	Full Council Leader /Deputy Leader of Council
Portfolio Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic oversight of policy and direction in relation to Sustainable Environment, Renewables and Strategic Tourism. • To articulate and support achievement of corporate priorities and the Single Outcome Agreement within portfolio. • Ensure decisions made by Council are fully informed in relation to key elements of portfolio.
Portfolio focus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure development of renewable energy in line with government legislation. • To ensure that the Council makes robust decisions that take account of the need to protect and sustain the natural environment. • To promote policies and activities that have a positive impact on the natural environment. • To facilitate provision of infrastructure to support long term sustainable supplies of electricity, gas and renewable sources of fuel, including the development of low-impact power sources. • To represent the Council's strategic interests in respect of gas, wood, electricity and oil infrastructure. • To promote reduction of carbon footprint within the Council and the transition to a low carbon economy across Argyll and Bute. • To encourage attraction of European and other resources to support development and growth of the renewable energy industry. • To focus on strategic development and promotion of tourism as a key industry for Argyll & Bute. • To ensure strategy is in place to add value and increase the number of people who visit Argyll & Bute and the length of the Tourism season, including development of events and festivals.
Key activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a strong and confident figurehead role to represent the portfolio of services at Council, regional and national levels. • Provide strategic vision and leadership in development of portfolio. • Ensure regular communication and reporting on activities to members of Council and Strategic Management Team to provide clarity on political direction and assist in working through strategies and plans within the portfolio. • Promote the policies of the Council to the media and wider community. • Work collaboratively with Elected Member Policy Leads and Chief Officers across areas of responsibility. • To identify implications for the policy remit that require effective partnership working. • Develop and support effective partnering with organisations which

	<p>support and assist in the delivery of strategies, plans and services within portfolio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair meetings, sub groups and committees as required ensuring the agenda of the business is properly dealt with; that the opinions of other participants and the advice of officers, are allowed to be expressed: ensure the proper and timely conduct of the meeting in compliance with the Council Constitution and that clear decisions are reached. • Bring forward effectively issues and business for consideration to ensure Council is focused on the right issues at the right time and that decisions are made in light of overall Council policy. • Identify any crosscutting issues which may require corporate or joint working across portfolios, services and/or partnerships. • Participate in wider corporate agenda to support effective functioning of Council i.e. contribute to budget working group, participate in appointment panels.
<p>Committee and Partnership Working Responsibilities:</p>	<p>Membership of Other Bodies:</p> <p>Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Energy Agency (ALIEnergy) management board Argyll and the Isles Strategic Tourism Partnership.</p>
<p><i>This role profile does not supersede the Role of Lead Councillors and associated responsibilities as set out in Appendix 1 of the Argyll and Bute Council Constitution. It has been drawn up to complement this documentation and provide further support and direction in fulfilling the role of Policy Lead.</i></p>	