

## **VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

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### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report invites the Council to give further consideration to filling a number of vacancies on various Council Committees and Outside Bodies following continuation of this item at the Council meeting held on 26 June 2014.
- 1.2 A number of vacancies have arisen as a result of Councillor Fred Hall's resignation on 14 March 2014, Councillor Louise Glen Lee's resignation on 1 May 2014; and also consequential appointments resulting from decisions made at the Council meeting held on 24 April 2014.
- 1.3 The Council is invited to make appointments to the following Council Committees and Outside Bodies –
- Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee (1 vacancy)
  - Community Services Committee (2 vacancies)
  - Environment, Development and Infrastructure Services Committee (1 vacancy)
  - Special Committee – Adult Services (as detailed at para 4.4)
  
  - SOILLSE National Network for Gaelic Research – Consultative Committee (1 vacancy for a substitute member)
  - Scotland Excel (1 Vacancy)
  
  - Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (1 vacancy)
- 1.4 The Council may wish to consider delaying consideration until the result of the Oban, North and Lorn By-Election.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Council is invited to give further consideration, following continuation at the Council meeting on 26 June 2014, to the vacancies which have arisen on Council Committees and Outside Bodies. These vacancies arose as a result of Councillor Fred Hall's resignation on 14 March 2014, Councillor Louise Glen Lee's resignation on 1 May 2014; and also consequential appointments resulting from decisions made at the Council meeting held on 24 April 2014.
- 2.2 The Council is also invited to give further consideration to appointments to the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee and Community Services Committee carried forward from the decision made under item 10 at the Council meeting held on 24 April 2014.
- 2.3 The Council should also give consideration to refreshing the membership of the Special Committee – Adult Care given the formation of the new Council administration as agreed at the Council meeting on 26 September 2013.
- 2.4 The Council will be aware that due to the passing of Councillor John McGregor there will be a further by-election in Oban North and Lorn and it may wish to defer some appointments again until its next meeting.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Council is invited to make appointments to the following Council Committees –

Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee (1 vacancy)  
Community Services Committee (2 vacancies)  
Environment, Development and Infrastructure Services Committee (1 vacancy)  
Special Committee – Adult Services (as detailed at para 4.4)

- 3.2 The Council is invited to make appointments to the following Outside Bodies –

SOILLSE National Network for Gaelic Research – Consultative Committee (1 vacancy for substitute member)

Scotland Excel (1 vacancy)

Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership (1 Vacancy)

**4.0 DETAIL**

**4.1 Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee**

One vacancy exists on the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing

Committee and the Council should make one appointment. There should be a total of 15 Members appointed to this Committee.

#### **4.2 Community Services Committee**

Two vacancies exist on the Community Services Committee and the Council should make two appointments. This Committee should have a total of sixteen members.

#### **4.3 Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee**

One Vacancy exists on the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee and the Council should make one appointment. This Committee should have a total of sixteen members.

#### **4.4 Special Committee – Adult Services**

Consideration should also be given to appointments to the Special Committee – Adult Services given the change in administration agreed at the Council meeting held on 26 September 2013.

Membership of this Committee currently comprises the following positions which does not take account of the change to Policy Leads -

- Leader
- Depute Leader
- Spokespersons for Social Affairs; Third Sector and Communities; Rural and Island Affairs, Housing and Gaelic; and European Issues
- Two other Members from the Ruling Administration
- Two Members of the Opposition

#### **4.5 Outside Bodies**

- SOILLSE National Network for Gaelic Research – Consultative Committee which is a project which aims to provide an enhanced research capacity to inform public policy towards the maintenance and revitalisation of the Gaelic language and culture. The Committee meet once per year. Councillor Robin Currie is currently the representative on this and the Council should appoint a substitute member as a result of Councillor Glen Lee's resignation.
- Scotland Excel which is the Centre of Procurement Expertise for Scotland's local government sector. The Councillor should appoint one representative.
- Argyll and Bute Community Health Partnership which provides Primary Care, Community services and some acute services including a wide range of outpatient and inpatient services at community hospitals across the area.

#### **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- ##### **5.1**
- At its meeting on 26 June 2014 the Council agreed to defer consideration of this item until after the Oban, North and Lorn By-Election. This was following its decision on 24 April 2014 to delegate to the Executive Director of Customer

Services in consultation with the Leader, Depute Leader and Leader of the opposition any consequential appointments required and arising out of the changes to Committees at the Council Meeting. No further appointments have been made in this period and these vacancies are now remitted to Council for consideration and Council is invited to consider appointments to the Committees and outside bodies as highlighted within the report. It may also wish to consider deferring some appointments until its next meeting in light of the forthcoming by-election in Oban North and Lorn.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Policy - None

6.2 Financial - Travel and Subsistence costs of Members attending meetings

6.3 Legal - None

6.4 HR - None

6.5 Equalities - None

6.6 Risk - None

6.7 Customer Service - None

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