

VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

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)
 - 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 Council is also invited to agree that the remit of the former Special Committee – Adult Services is now incorporated within the remit of the Community Services Committee.
- 1.5 At the Council meeting in June a decision was taken to defer consideration of appointments until the result of the Oban, North and Lorn By-Election and Council may wish to give further consideration to this option.

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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 Council is also invited to agree that the remit of the former Special Committee – Adult Services is now incorporated within the remit of the Community Services Committee.
- 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)
- 3.2 The Council is invited to agree that the remit of the former Special Committee – Adult Services is now covered within the remit of the Community Services Committee.
- 3.3 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

Prior to the change in administration agreed at the Council meeting held on 26 September the Council had established a Special Committee –Adult Services with the following membership:

- 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

The Committee has not met since 13 June 2013 and following discussions at Committee Development Days it is recommended that this remit is now covered within the Community Services Committee.

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 as well as the recommendation that the remit of the former Special Committee – Adult Services is now covered within the Community Services Committee. 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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