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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**BUTE AND COWAL  
AREA COMMITTEE**

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**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE  
SERVICES**

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**ROTHESAY HARBOUR BOARD**

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### **Executive Summary**

1.1 This report updates members on the proposal to alter the governance model for the harbours within Argyll and Bute. It also provides Members with an update on the appointment of the Council's independent Designated person

1.2 The recommendation is as follows:-

1. That Members note that the Policy and Resources committee agreed the recommendation set out in the paper submitted on 18 December 2014 which was to recommend to full Council approval of the establishment of a harbour board as a sub-committee of the existing Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee for all Council owned ports and harbours.

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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Bute and Cowal Members of the outcome to the paper submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee in December 2014 in respect of the proposed future governance of harbours throughout Argyll and Bute.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Members note that the Policy and Resources committee agreed the recommendation set out in the paper submitted on 18 December 2014 which was to recommend to full Council approval of the establishment of a harbour board as a sub-committee of the existing Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee for all Council owned ports and harbours.

**3. The decision by Policy and Resources committee**

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1. To agree the definition of roles as set out in Section 4 of the report. (submitted to P&R on 18 December 2014)
  2. To agree the publication of a notice confirming who the duty holder for the Council's Harbours is (executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services), as required by paragraph 2.4 of the Code; and
  3. To agree the establishment of a single Harbour Authority as a Sub-committee of the existing Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee for all Council owned ports and Harbours which should have regard to relevant area representation.  
(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Development and infrastructure Services dated 4 December 2014)
- 3.2 The Council has been through a procurement process to appoint an independent Designated Person. Marico has been appointed and already undertaken their first audit, the results of which are awaited.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The present arrangement for the four area committees to act as harbour board for each of the harbours within its area has been considered by the Policy and Resources Committee and the recommendation to establish a single harbour board as a sub-committee of the existing Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee for all Council owned ports and harbours has been endorsed and submitted to Council for their final approval.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

Policy	The proposed governance model would require a change in policy subject to ratification by full Council.
Financial	None.
Personnel	None.
Legal	None.
Equal Opportunities	None
Risk	Failure to comply with the Port marine Safety Code would incur reputational risk to the Council
Customer Service	None.

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