

**POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS: POLITICAL COMPOSITION,  
POLICY LEADS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Council on the current political management arrangements in respect of the political composition of the Council and with regards to revisions to Policy Leads and their portfolios and appointments to Committees and other Bodies.

1.2 The Council is invited to :

- a) Note the updated political composition of the Council.
- b) Note the resignation of the Policy Lead for Sustainable Environment, Renewables and Strategic Tourism, the intimation of retirement by the Policy Lead for Adult Care, and the intention of the Leader of the Council to notify Council of changes to Policy Lead roles and appointments.
- c) Agree the delegation to the Director of Customer Services in conjunction with the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition to advise Elected Members of consequent changes in membership of external bodies associated with revised portfolios.
- d) Consider any consequent changes to membership of Committees, sub – committees or Short Life Working Groups arising from the update to the political management arrangements.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

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**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**4.0 DETAIL**

**4.1 Political Composition**

At the date of this report the composition of groups on the Council is as follows:

**Argyll and Bute Council**

**Political Composition**

**ARGYLL FIRST (5)**

**Donald Kelly (Con) (Leader of Argyll First)**

Duncan MacIntyre

John McAlpine (Ind)

Douglas Philand (Ind)(Depute Provost)

Robert E Macintyre (Ind)

**THE ARGYLL, LOMOND AND THE ISLANDS GROUP (11)**

Rory Colville (LD)  
Robin Currie (LD)  
Aileen Morton (LD)  
**Ellen Morton (LD) (Leader of the Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Group)(Depute Leader of the Council)**  
Maurice Corry (Con)  
David Kinniburgh (Con)  
Gary Mulvaney (Con)  
Elaine Robertson (Ind)  
George Freeman (Ind)  
Roddy McCuish  
Mary Jean Devon

**ALLIANCE OF INDEPENDENT COUNCILLORS (7)**

**Dick Walsh (Leader of Alliance of Independent Councillors)(Leader of the Council)**  
Alistair MacDougall (Ind)  
Donnie MacMillan (Ind)  
Alex McNaughton (Ind)  
Jimmy McQueen (Ind)  
Len Scoullar (Ind) (Provost)  
Robert G MacIntyre (Ind)

**SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY GROUP (9)**

**Sandy Taylor (Leader of SNP Group)**

Anne Horn  
James Robb  
Isobel Strong  
Richard Trail  
William Gordon Blair  
Iain Angus MacDonald  
Iain Stewart MacLean  
John Armour

Vivien Dance (Ind)

Neil McIntyre (LAB)

Bruce Marshall (Ind)

Michael Breslin (NPA)

**Note:**

Ind = Independent

SNP = Scottish National Party

NPA = Not Politically Affiliated

LD = Liberal Democrat

Con = Conservative

LAB = Labour

## **4.2 Policy Leads**

**4.2.1** Councillor Dance resigned the position of Policy Lead for Sustainable Environment, Renewables and Strategic Tourism in December 2014. Councillor Dougie Philand has also intimated his wish to retire as Policy Lead for Adult Care. The Council Leader has intimated that in light of these changes he will notify to the Council changes to the Policy Lead roles and appointments.

**4.2.2** The revised remits may give rise to changes in membership of external bodies associated with revised portfolios and it is proposed that this should be delegated to the Director of Customer Services in conjunction with the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition to advise Elected Members of these consequent changes.

## **4.3 Committee Appointments**

As a consequence of any changes to policy lead portfolios there may be an impact on Committee existing appointments and the Leader of the Council has intimated that he will bring proposals to this meeting.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

**5.1** The Council is invited to note the update on the current political management arrangements in respect of the political composition of the Council, the intimation of a potential change in Policy Leads and associated portfolios following the resignation of Councillor Vivien Dance and intimation of retirement by Councillor Dougie Philand from Policy Lead positions. Council is invited to agree the delegation to the Director of Customer Services in conjunction with the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition to advise Elected Members of consequent changes in membership of external bodies associated with revised portfolios. The Council is also invited to consider any consequent changes to membership of Committees, sub – committees or Short Life Working Groups arising from the update to the political management arrangements

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Policy – The Council will keep under review the appointments to Policy Lead positions.

6.2 Financial – To be confirmed.

6.3 Legal – None

6.4 HR – None

6.5 Equalities – None

6.6 Risk – Any review of PMA should consider consequent risk to the Council.

6.7 Customer Service - None

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