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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL  
LEGAL AND REGULATORY SUPPORT**

**COUNCIL  
25 APRIL 2024**

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## **POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

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### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At the Special Meeting of Argyll and Bute Council held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, the Council agreed that, other than the Provost and Leader positions elected at this meeting, all Political management appointments including Depute Provost and Depute Leader would become vacant and removal of existing appointees would be with immediate effect with replacements to be agreed at the Full Council meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

This report sets out the resulting vacancies from that decision and asks Council to consider making appointments to those vacancies.

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### **2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 This report asks Council to consider making appointments to those vacant positions as a result of the decision taken at the Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Council is asked to consider making appointments to:-
- a. Policy Leads and Depute Policy Leads
  - b. Committees of the Council
  - c. Area Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs
  - d. Statutory Boards and Joint Committees
  - e. The Argyll and Bute Licensing Board
  - f. The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)
  - g. Outside Bodies
  - h. Area Committee Outside Bodies
  - i. The Employee Joint Consultative Committee
  - j. The Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers
  - k. Other Appointments

### **4.0 DETAIL**

- 4.1 At the Special Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, the Council agreed that, other than the Provost and Leader positions elected at this meeting, all Political management appointments including Depute Provost and Depute Leader would become vacant and removal of existing appointees would be with immediate effect with replacements to be agreed at the Full Council meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

4.2 This decision meant that all existing Political appointments became vacant as of 4<sup>th</sup> April including Policy Lead positions, Committee appointments and all outside organisation and body appointments. The appointments to NHS Highland Board and The Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park Authority were the only which remained as these are Ministerial appointments with the Council making nomination.

4.3 The detail on the resulting vacancies is as follows:-

### **Policy Lead Appointments**

4.4 The previous Administration had made appointments to 9 Policy Lead and Depute Policy Lead positions. Policy Lead positions are made at the nomination of the Leader and are agreed by Council – detail of the current vacant positions is provided at Appendix A. Policy Lead positions would normally attract a Special Responsibility Allowance which would be agreed by Council. Detail of the previous remuneration paid to Senior Councillors is attached at Appendix L.

### **Membership of Committees**

4.5 The Council is asked to consider the appointments to the various Council Committees as detailed at Appendix B. The Council is also asked to appoint Chair and Vice Chair to each of these Committees. Appointments to Committees should reflect the political balance of the Council which is provided at Appendix B.

### **Area Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs**

4.6 The Council has 4 Area Committees, one for each of the administrative areas. The Council is asked to consider the appointment of 4 Area Committee Chairs and Vice-Chairs as detailed at Appendix C. Practice has been that Area Committee Chairs would be paid a Special Responsibility Allowance which would be agreed by Council – again details of the previous remuneration paid for these positions is attached at Appendix L.

### **Statutory Boards/Joint Committees**

4.7 The Council is asked to consider making appointments to the Statutory Boards and Joint Committees which are detailed in Appendix D.

### **Appointments to the Licensing Board**

4.8 The Council is asked to consider making appointments to the Licensing Board, having regard to the provisions outlined at Appendix E.

### **Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)**

4.9 The Council is asked to consider making appointments to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA). Detail on the COSLA Vacancies are provided at Appendix F.

## **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

- 4.9 The Council is asked to consider making appointments to the Outside Bodies which are detailed in Appendix G.

## **Appointments to Area Committee Outside Bodies**

- 4.10 Appointments to outside bodies on an area level are normally considered by each Area Committee. In order to minimise disruption, Council is asked to consider making appointments to the Area Based Outside Bodies as detailed at Appendix H.

## **Appointments to Employee Joint Consultative Committee**

- 4.11 The Council is invited to appoint Members to the Employee Joint Consultative Committee in line with the Constitution which is attached as Appendix I.

## **Appointments to Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers**

- 4.12 The Council is invited to appoint Members to the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers in line with the Terms of Reference which are attached as Appendix J.

## **Other Appointments**

- 4.13 There are a number of miscellaneous appointments which are also now vacant. Council is invited to make appointments to these as detailed in Appendix K. Included in this list are the appointments to the Oban Common Good Fund.
- 4.14 Since the introduction of Multi-Member Wards in 2011, in respect of Oban where the 2 multi member awards Oban South and the Isles and Oban North and Lorn both have an interest in the former Burgh of Oban, the Council, since January 2011, have appointed 2 members from Oban South and the Isles and 2 members from Oban, North and Lorn wards to serve as the decision making panel for Oban Common Good Fund applications.
- 4.15 In respect of Campbeltown, Dunoon, Rothesay and Lochgilphead, the multi member ward which covers the former Burgh area comprises of 3 Councillors and these Councillors have been identified as the decision making body for common good applications in respect of each of those Common Good Funds so these are not included in the list of appointments.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Following the decision made at the Special Council Meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2024, the Council is asked to consider making appointments to the vacancies as outlined in this report noting the detail at the appropriate appendices.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Policy – ensures that Committees are able to operate to take forward policy decisions.

- 6.2 Financial – some costs associated with Members attending appropriate meetings within the Scheme of Approved Duties.
- 6.3 Legal – the Council is required to make appointments to some bodies such as the Licensing Board.
- 6.4 HR - none
- 6.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
  - 6.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics - none
  - 6.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - none
  - 6.5.3 Islands – appointments to relevant island related bodies/organisations/boards ensures this is a focus for the Council.
- 6.6 Climate Change - none
- 6.7 Risk – if appointments are not made then the Council could be in a position of not being able to make decisions.
- 6.8 Customer Service - none
- 6.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – some appointments to bodies and committees may have direct involvement with this.

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9<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Appointment of Policy Leads

Appendix B – Appointment to Committees

Appendix C – Appointments to Area Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Appendix D - Appointment to Statutory Boards/Joint Committees

Appendix E – Appointments to the Licensing Board

Appendix F – COSLA

Appendix G – Appointments to Outside Bodies

Appendix H – Appointments to Area Committee Outside Bodies

Appendix I – Appointment to Employee Joint Consultative Committee

Appendix J – Appointment to Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers

Appendix K – Other Appointments

Appendix L – Councillors Remuneration