

**MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2024**

Present: Councillor Maurice Corry (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Jan Brown	Councillor Luna Martin
Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess	Councillor Tommy MacPherson
Councillor Garret Corner	Councillor Ian MacQuire
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Dougie McFadzean
Councillor Audrey Forrest	Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly
Councillor Amanda Hampsey	Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Daniel Hampsey	Councillor Gemma Penfold
Councillor Graham Hardie	Councillor Dougie Philand
Councillor Fiona Howard	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Willie Hume	Councillor William Sinclair
Councillor Mark Irvine	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Andrew Kain	Councillor Peter Wallace
Councillor Jennifer Kelly	

Attending: Pippa Milne, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director
Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director / Section 95 Officer
David Logan, Head of Legal and Regulatory Support
Anne Blue, Head of Financial Services
Shona Barton, Governance Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Reeni Kennedy-Boyle, Gary Mulvaney and Iain Shonny Paterson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. 2022-23 AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Council gave consideration to a report providing an update on the external audit of the Annual Accounts for the Council for the year ended 31 March 2023. There had been a significant delay in the completion of the audit. The audit of the accounts for 2022-23 was complete and Mazars had issued an unqualified opinion.

Decision

Argyll and Bute Council –

1. noted that the audit was complete and Mazars had issued an unqualified opinion on the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023;

2. approved for signature the Council's audited annual accounts for 2022-23;
3. noted Mazars Annual Audit Report and follow up letter for 2022-23;
4. approved for signature the ISA 580 letter of representation; and
5. noted that the Audit of the Charitable Trusts was expected to be completed in April and the Charitable Trust Accounts would be submitted to Council and Audit and Scrutiny Committee thereafter.

(Reference: Report by Section 95 Officer dated 18 March 2024, submitted)