

**MINUTES of MEETING of SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL MANAGEMENT  
ARRANGEMENTS held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2017**

**Present:** Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Roderick McCuish	Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Ellen Morton	

**Attending:** Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive  
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services  
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law  
Patricia O’Neill, Central Governance Manager  
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager  
Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager  
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anne Horn, Aileen Morton, James Robb and Richard Trail.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Short Life Working Group – Political Management Arrangements held on 17 January 2017 were approved as a correct record.

**\* 4. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SLWG AND REPORT FOR COUNCIL**

The Short Life Working Group gave consideration to a draft report and associated appendices intended for submission to the Council in April 2017 which contained recommendations made by the Group.

**Decision**

The Short Life Working Group approved the draft report and associated appendices for submission to the Council on 20 April 2017; subject to the following amendments –

1. Change the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 to read – “Council agrees to refer the report of the Short Life Working Group to the first meeting of the new Council for consideration.”.
2. Paragraph 4.4.2 – change the word “retained” to “reviewed” in the third last line of the paragraph.

3. Paragraph 5.2, bullet point 4 – remove the words “remain separate” and replace with the words “be reviewed”.
4. Add in Councillor Len Scoullar’s name at the end of the report.
5. Appendix 1, paragraph 5 – amend to read “No decision can be taken at such a meeting and officers may attend a meeting if it has been agreed in advance by the Area Chair and the Chief Executive. It is anticipated that such an agreement would only be in exceptional circumstances.”.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 2 March 2017, submitted; draft report by Short Life Working Group on Political Management Arrangements and associated appendices, submitted)