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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**CUSTOMER SERVICES**

**24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

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**Performance Review & Scrutiny Committee – Appointment of Vice- Chair.**

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## **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Performance Review and Scrutiny (PRS) Committee have agreed to recommend to Council the creation of a Vice-Chair position for the Committee. This recommendation would bring the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee in line with other Committees across the Council which all have a designated Vice-Chair role.

Should Council be minded to agree to this recommendation it would then require to amend the Constitution to reflect its decision.

### Recommendation

Council is invited to consider the recommendation of the PRS Committee with regards to the creation of a Vice-Chair position and if so determined to then agree to amend the Constitution to reflect its decision.

In the event of an amendment to the Constitution Council is consequently invited to propose nominations for the role of Vice-Chair of the PRS Committee.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Performance Review and Scrutiny (PRS) Committee have agreed to recommend to Council the creation of a Vice-Chair position for the Committee. This recommendation would bring the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee in line with other Committees across the Council which all have a designated Vice Chair role.
- 2.2 Should Council be minded to agree to this recommendation it would then require to amend the Constitution to reflect its decision.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Council is invited to:
- a) consider the recommendation of the PRS Committee with regards to the creation of a Vice-Chair position;
  - b) agree to amend the Constitution to reflect its decision if so determined.
- 3.2 In the event of an amendment to the Constitution Council is consequently invited to propose nominations for the role of Vice-Chair of the PRS Committee.

**4.0 DETAIL**

- 4.1 The Constitution states that the PRS Committee should be comprised of 11 members to be appointed, 4 from the Opposition, 3 from the Administration, 3 Community Planning Partnership nominees and an independent Chair who shall be appointed from time to time as determined by the Council.
- 4.2 The position in respect of a Vice-Chair has been raised at Committee training and development days and the recommendation to appoint a Vice Chair was agreed by the Committee as an improvement action point.
- 4.3 All other strategic committees of the Council have a designated Chair and Vice-Chair. The Audit Committee has two members who are not Councillors and who are respectively appointed as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.
- 4.4 A Vice-Chair could be appointed from within the PRS Committee Members. Alternatively if the Council were to consider the creation of the Vice Chair as an

additional independent member of the committee this would require additional expenditure associated with the recruitment process and payment of expenses for which there is currently no budget allocation.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Council is invited to consider the creation of a Vice-Chair as a recommendation from the Members of the PRS Committee and if so minded to amend the Constitution accordingly.

In the event of an amendment to the Constitution Council is consequently invited to propose nominations for the role of Vice-Chair of the PRS Committee.

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## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Policy - supports focus on effective scrutiny.
- 6.2 Financial - none, unless the appointment is an additional independent member in which case there would be additional expense payments.
- 6.3 Legal - none
- 6.4 HR - none
- 6.5 Equalities - none
- 6.6 Risk - none
- 6.7 Customer Service - none

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