

**VACANCIES ON STRATEGIC COMMITTEES**

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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1** At the council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015, members considered a report updating them on changes made to the council's strategic committees. This followed changes to the council's political management arrangements agreed at an earlier council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015.
- 1.2** Members noted the updated advice and, in addition, agreed to invite expressions of interest from Councillors Breslin, Dance and Marshall for vacancies on the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee (EDI) and on the Regulatory Cohort with consequential appointments to the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee (PPSL) and to the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board. This report provides an update on these vacancies.

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**2. INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1** The purpose of this report is to update the Council about vacancies on strategic committees.
- 2.2** When the council met on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015, expressions of interest were invited from Councillors Breslin, Dance and Marshall to fill vacancies on EDI and to the Regulatory Cohort, with a consequential appointment to PPSL and also to make an appointment from this cohort to the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board.
- 2.3** The Executive Director of Customer Services has been advised that Councillor Bruce Marshall has expressed an interest in the EDI vacancy. This leaves one vacancy unfilled on the Council's Regulatory Cohort with consequential vacancies on PPSL and the Licensing Board.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1** Members are asked to note the appointment of Councillor Bruce Marshall to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure (EDI) Committee.
- 3.2** Members are asked to note that a vacancy remains on the Regulatory Cohort with consequential vacancies on the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing (PPSL) Committee and the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board.

**4. DETAIL**

- 4.1** When the council met on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2015, members agreed a number of changes to Policy Lead Councillor appointments and remits. The full detail of this decision, including the appropriate report and the new appointments, can be found on the council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=257&MId=6626](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=257&MId=6626)

- 4.2 At the following council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2015, the council considered a report updating them on changes to strategic committees arising from the changes agreed in April. More detail, including the original report, can be found on the council's website at [www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=257&MId=6697](http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=257&MId=6697)
- 4.3 Three members – Councillors Breslin, Dance and Marshall – were invited to express interest in vacancies on EDI , PPSL and the Licensing Board, and to advise the Executive Director of Customer Services of their decision.
- 4.6 Councillor Bruce Marshall subsequently expressed an interest in the EDI committee vacancy, confirming that this was with the consent of Councillors Breslin and Dance.
- 4.7 There have been no expressions of interest in the vacancy on the Regulatory Cohort and thus the vacancy on the PPSL committee and the vacancy on the Licensing Board remain unfilled.

## 5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 Councillor Bruce Marshall, with the agreement of Councillors Breslin and Dance, has indicated his interest in filling the vacancy on the EDI committee.
- 5.2 The vacancy in the Regulatory Cohort and thus the vacancy on the PPSL committee and the vacancy on the Licensing Board remain unfilled as no expressions of interest were received.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy – None
- 6.2 Financial – None
- 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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