

**ARGYLL COLLEGE UHI GOVERNANCE**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Council had been asked by Andrew Campbell the Chair of Argyll College to comment on a proposal to discontinue the Council Elected Member representation on their Board.
- 1.2 The reason for the request is that Argyll College is reviewing their Board structure in order to bring it in line with other Scottish Colleges. Currently there are two Elected Members nominated by the Council which no other College has with the exception of Shetland and Orkney which remain as Local Authority Colleges.
- 1.3 The proposal relates to Elected Member membership however it should be noted that the College has recently agreed to an Officer from the Council, Fiona Campbell, Education Officer – Secondary, as a Member of the Board and is keen to retain positive and close ties with the Council to benefit from links not only to the Council's education function but also economic development activities. The College is a full partner and is represented on the CPP Management Committee which will continue to form a positive link with Argyll and Bute Council.

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**2.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Council had been asked by Andrew Campbell the Chair of Argyll College to comment on a proposal to discontinue the Council Elected Member representation on their Board.

**3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council give consideration to the proposal to discontinue Elected Member representation on the Board and provide a response to Argyll College.

**4.0 DETAIL**

- 4.1 The reason for the request is that Argyll College is reviewing their Board structure in order to bring it in line with other Scottish Colleges. Currently there are two Elected Members nominated by the Council which no other College has with the exception of Shetland and Orkney which remain as Local Authority Colleges.
- 4.2 The College has recently agreed to an Officer from the Council, Fiona Campbell, Education Officer – Secondary, as a Member of the Board and is keen to retain positive and close ties with the Council to benefit from links not only to the Council's education function but also economic development activities. The College is a full partner and is represented on the CPP Management Committee which will continue to form a positive link with Argyll and Bute Council.
- 4.3 It is understood that the UHI Board has considered the context of this request against the historical position that the local authority representation exists as a legacy of the former local learning partnership and the intention is to seek to change its current Memorandums and Articles of Association at their Annual General Meeting by resolution.

The Chair of the UHI Board has advised in writing that they desire to maintain close links with the Council and believe that this can be achieved in a different way from the existing arrangements to have Elected Member Board appointees and that to make such a change will bring them into line with other colleges elsewhere in Scotland.

**5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy - The Council is keen to work constructively with key partners

within the Council area.

5.2 Financial - None

5.3 Legal - None

5.4 HR – None

5.5 Equalities - None

5.6 Risk - None

5.7 Customer Service - None

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