

**POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Following the resignation of Ward 5 Councillor Duncan MacIntyre in November 2015, vacancies have arisen on various Committees/Groups of the Council and on various outside bodies/organisations.
- 1.2 The Council is invited to make one appointment to each of the following Committees/Short Life Working Groups of the Council:
- Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee
  - Short Life Working Group – Argyll Islands Task Force
- 1.3 The Council is invited to consider making a nomination to COSLA and also to making an appointment of a substantive member to the Argyll Ferry User Group.
- 1.4 The Council is also advised that Councillor Mary Jean Devon has intimated her resignation from the role of Policy Lead Health and Social Care Integration with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Council will be advised of the arrangements to cover this portfolio in due course.

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### **2. INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 The Council is invited to give consideration to the vacancies which have arisen on Council Committees and Outside Bodies/Organisations as a result of the resignation by Ward 5 Councillor Duncan MacIntyre in November 2015.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Council is invited to make one appointment to each of the following Committees/Short Life Working Groups of the Council:
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  - Short Life Working Group – Argyll Islands Task Force
- 3.2 The Council is invited to consider making a nomination to COSLA and also to make one appointment of a substantive member to the Argyll Ferry User Group.
- 3.2 The Council is also invited to note that Councillor Mary Jean Devon has intimated her resignation from the role of Policy Lead Health and Social Care Integration with effect from 5th January 2016 and that arrangements to cover this portfolio will be advised to Council in due course.

### **4. DETAIL**

- 4.1 The constitution of the Committees/Groups of the Council requiring an appointment is as follows –

4.1.1 Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee

The Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee shall have 16 Members. The current Membership is –

Councillor John Armour  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Councillor David Kinniburgh  
Councillor Alistair MacDougall  
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Donald MacMillan  
Councillor Bruce Marshall  
Councillor Alex McNaughton  
Councillor Aileen Morton  
Councillor Ellen Morton (Chair)  
Councillor Elaine Robertson  
Councillor Len Scoullar  
Councillor Sandy Taylor  
Councillor Richard Trail  
Councillor Dick Walsh

#### 4.1.2 Short Life Working Group – Argyll Islands Task Force

On 23 January 2014 the Council agreed to setting up a Short Life Working Group consisting of seven members to take forward any actions, and to meet with the Scottish Government and UK Government to present the Council's own case, in regard to our islands and their needs. The other Members appointed to the Short Life Working Group are Councillors Currie, R E MacIntyre, Devon, Scoullar, Horn and Strong.

#### 4.2 Further Information on Outside Bodies requiring an appointment -

##### 4.2.1 COSLA

The Council are currently Members of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities and as such are entitled to appoint three Members to the full Convention, for the period up to the next Local Government Elections, having regard to the guidance on political balance issued by COSLA. The current representatives are Councillors Dick Walsh, Ellen Morton and Duncan MacIntyre. The Council is invited to consider making a further nomination to COSLA in place of Councillor MacIntyre.

##### 4.2.2 Argyll Ferry User Group

This Group deals with operational, and some strategic, issues arising from the ferry services operating in the Argyll area. There are 4 elected members appointed to the Group by the Council and the three other current members are Councillors Robin Currie, Iain Angus MacDonald and Alistair MacDougall.

### 5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 Following the resignation of Ward 5 Councillor Duncan MacIntyre in November 2015, the Council is invited to make an appointment of one elected member to the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee and to the Short Life Working Group – Argyll Islands Task Force. The Council is also invited to consider making a nomination to COSLA in place of Councillor MacIntyre and to make one appointment of a substantive member to the Argyll Ferry User Group.

5.2 The Council is also invited to note that Councillor Mary Jean Devon has intimated her resignation from the role of Policy Lead Integrated Health and Social Care with effect from 5th January 2016. Council will be advised of the arrangements to cover this portfolio in due course.

### 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Policy - None
- 6.2 Financial - Travel and Subsistence costs of Members attending meetings
- 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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