

POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates the Council on vacancies which have arisen on the Councils Committees and other outside bodies/organisations.
- 1.2 At the Council meeting on 21 January 2016 it was agreed that the current council representation on the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board (IJB) should remain in place until 31st March 2016 when, upon the start of a new board term, Councillor Maurice Corry shall replace Councillor Douglas Philand, with all other representatives unchanged (Councillors Devon, Robertson and Horn), with the council giving 28 days' notice of the changes in membership as required. Since this decision there has been a material change in circumstances in that Councillor Philand has intimated his decision to resign from the IJB. Consequently, in accordance with standing orders, Council is invited to reconsider its decision in relation to the timing of the appointment of Councillor Corry to the IJB. It is recommended that this should now have immediate effect to avoid a gap in representation.
- 1.2 On 22 January 2016 Councillor Douglas Philand also intimated his wish to the Executive Director of Customer Services to resign from his position on the Community Services Committee and as substantive member of the Stramash Board, with immediate effect. The Council is therefore invited to make one appointment of a member to the Community Services Committee and one appointment of a substantive member to the Stramash Board.
- 1.3 The decision taken at the Council meeting on 21 January 2016 to appoint Councillor Maurice Corry as Policy Lead for Health and Social Care Integration has resulted in him standing down from his position on the Audit Committee with immediate effect, as the Scheme of Administration and Delegation states that no member of the Audit Committee shall be a Policy Lead. The Council is therefore invited to make one appointment to the Audit Committee.

In addition Councillor Corry has intimated his resignation from the Performance Review and Scrutiny (PRS) Committee and consequently in accordance with Committee Constitution the Council is invited to make one appointment of a member of the Administration to the PRS Committee.

- 1.4 In summary the Council is invited to:
- a) Reconsider the timing of the appointment of Councillor Corry to the IJB to take immediate effect
 - b) Make one appointment to each of the following Committees: -
 - Community Services Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - PRS Committee (member of Administration vacancy)
 - c) Make one appointment of a substantive member to the Stramash Board.

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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 following the resignation of Councillor Douglas Philand from the IJB, Community Services Committee and from the Stramash Board; and following the appointment of Councillor Maurice Corry as Policy Lead for Health and Social Care Integration his resignation from the Audit Committee and PRS Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Council is invited to:
- a) Reconsider the timing of the appointment of Councillor Corry to the IJB to take immediate effect
 - b) Make one appointment to each of the following Committees of the Council:
 - Community Services Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - PRS Committee (member of Administration vacancy)
 - c) Make one appointment of a substantive member to the Stramash Board

4. DETAIL

4.1 Integrated Joint Board

At the Council meeting on 21st January 2016 it was agreed that the current council representation on the Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board (IJB) should remain in place until 31st March 2016 when, upon the start of a new board term, Councillor Maurice Corry shall replace Councillor Douglas Philand, with all other representatives unchanged (Councillors Devon, Robertson and Horn), with the council giving 28 days' notice of the changes in membership as required.

Since this decision Councillor Philand has intimated his decision to resign from the IJB and consequently in accordance with standing orders, Council is invited to reconsider the decision in relation to the timing of the appointment of Councillor Corry to the IJB. It is recommended that this should now have immediate effect to avoid a gap in representation at a critical stage in the integration process.

- 4.1 Arising from the resignations on Committees intimated by Councillor Philand and Councillor Corry the constitution of the Committees/Groups of the Council requiring an appointment is as follows –

4.1.1 Community Services Committee

The Community Services Committee shall have 16 Members. The current membership is -

Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Maurice Corry
Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)
Councillor Mary-Jean Devon (Vice Chair)
Councillor George Freeman
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Neil MacIntyre
Councillor Robert E Macintyre
Councillor Roderick McCuish
Councillor Jimmy McQueen
Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Isobel Strong
Vacancy – Councillor

When considering matters relating to the education function of the Council it also has three persons interested in the promotion of religious education who shall be voting members and two non-voting teachers elected by teaching staff employed in local authority schools in the Council's area.

4.1.2 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall have 5 Members, none of which shall be a Policy Lead; and two members who are not Councillors, and who will be respectively Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee. The current membership is –

Martin Caldwell (Chair)
Sheila Hill (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Iain S MacLean
Councillor Michael Breslin
Councillor Iain A MacDonald
Councillor Richard Trail
Vacancy – Councillor

4.1.3 Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee

The PRS Committee shall have 11 members, 4 from the opposition, 3 from the administration, 3 Community Planning Partnership nominees and an independent Chair. The current membership is:

Ian MM Ross – Independent Chair
Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Iain A MacDonald
Councillor Donald MacMillan
Councillor Sandy Taylor (Vice –Chair)
Vacancy

And 3 Community Planning Partnership nominees:

- Grant Manders, Police Scotland
- James Hymas, Fire and Rescue
- Vacancy - awaiting nomination by Community Planning Partnership arising from resignation of Douglas Cowan HIE

4.2 Further Information on Outside Bodies requiring an appointment – Stramash

Stramash is a social enterprise and a registered charity that uses the outdoor environment to provide life changing experiences while at the same time promoting understanding and stewardship of the environment. The Council are entitled to have 2 substantive members on the Board and current membership is as follows:

- Councillor Roddy McCuish
- Vacancy

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The Council is invited to reconsider the timing of the appointment of Councillor Corry to the IJB as agreed at Council on 21 January following the resignation of Councillor Philand from this position. It is recommended that this should take immediate effect to avoid a gap in representation.

5.2 The Council is invited to give consideration to the vacancy which has arisen on the Community Services Committee following the intimation of resignation from the committee by Councillor Douglas Philand.

5.3 The Council is invited to give consideration to vacancies which have arisen on both the Audit Committee and the PRS Committee following the appointment of Councillor Maurice Corry as Policy Lead for Health and Social Care Integration.

5.4 The Council should also give consideration to making an appointment of a substantive member to the Stramash Board following the following the intimation of resignation from the Board by Councillor Douglas Philand.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy – Potential impact on IJB if vacancy exists during critical period.

6.2 Financial – None.

6.3 Legal - None

6.4 HR - None

6.5 Equalities - None

6.6 Risk – Brief period of reduced council representation on IJB

6.7 Customer Service - None

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