

POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Council on revised political management arrangements and on vacancies which have arisen on the Councils Committees and other outside bodies/organisations.

It also addresses recommendations arising from other Committees on potential appointments to External Bodies.

1.2 Changes to the political composition of the Council reflect the recent election of Councillor Julie MacKenzie to represent Ward 5, Oban North and Lorn, and the resignation of Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald as a Councillor for Ward 5 on 11th March 2016. Council is also advised of the resignation of Councillor Iain Stewart MacLean as a member of the SNP Group on 14th March 2016 and Councillor Robert E Macintyre as a member of Argyll First on 13th April 2016.

1.3 In light of changes to the political management arrangements and changes in committee membership Council is invited to consider appointment to vacancies which have arisen on Council Committees as follows:

- Audit Committee – 2 vacancies
- Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee - 1 vacancy
- Community Services Committee – 1 vacancy
- Harbour Board - 1 vacancy
- Regulatory Cohort/PPSL Committee – 1 vacancy
- Argyll and Bute Licensing Board – 1 vacancy

1.4 Council is further requested to consider a recommendation from the Short Life Working Group – Argyll Islands Task Force on 16th February 2016 to nominate Councillor Roddy McCuish as an additional member the Task Force.

1.5 Council is also asked to make nomination to vacancies on the West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint Committee and the Argyll Ferries User Group arising from the resignation of Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald

1.6 There are a number of recommendations from other Committees of the Council which if approved by Council will consequently require the nomination of an Elected Member to a number of external bodies. These are as follows:

Recommendation from Policy & Resources Committee 17th March 2016

Appointment of an Elected Member to represent Argyll and Bute's interests on the Board of Business Loans Scotland.

Additionally Members are requested to consider a delegation to the Director of Customer Services, in consultation with the Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, to agree the terms of, and enter into, any documents and agreements in relation to the Council's membership of Business Loans Scotland Limited. This is in order to progress matters relating to the "Articles of Association" and 'Members Agreement' for the BLS.

Recommendation from Policy & Resources Committee 17th March 2016 & from Planning Protective Services and Licensing Committee 16th March 2016

Appointment of an Elected Member to Partnership Board of the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership

Recommendation from Environment, Development and Infrastructure (EDI) Committee 7th April

Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair of EDI to represent the Council on the Northern Roads Collaboration Forum – namely Councillors Ellen Morton and Robert G MacIntyre

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2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Council on revised political management arrangements and on vacancies which have arisen on the Councils Committees and other outside bodies/organisations.

It also addresses recommendations arising from other Committees on potential appointments to External Bodies.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Council is invited to:

- a) Note the updated political composition of the Council
- b) Make appointments to each of the following Committees/Sub committees of the Council:
 - Audit Committee – 2 vacancies
 - Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee - 1 vacancy
 - Community Services Committee – 1 vacancy
 - Harbour Board - 1 vacancy
 - Regulatory Cohort/PPSL Committee – 1 vacancy
 - Argyll and Bute Licensing Board – 1 vacancy
- c) Consider the recommendation from the Short Life Working Group – Argyll Islands Task Force on 16th February 2016 to nominate Councillor Roddy McCuish as an additional member the Task Force.
- d) To make a nomination to vacancies on the West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint Committee and the Argyll Ferries User Group
- e) Subject to the approval by Council of recommendations arising from Strategic Committees to:
 - i. make a nomination to the Board of Business Loans Scotland
 - ii. to authorise the Director of Customer Services, in consultation with the Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, on behalf of the Council to agree the terms of, and enter into, any documents and agreements in relation to the Council's membership of Business Loans Scotland Limited
 - iii. make a nomination to the Partnership Board of the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
 - iv. confirm the nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair of EDI to represent the Council on the Northern Roads Collaboration Forum

4. DETAIL

4.1 Political Composition

The political composition of the Council has been updated to reflect the recent election of Councillor Julie MacKenzie to represent Ward 5, Oban North and Lorn, and the resignation of Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald as a Councillor for Ward 5 on 11th March 2016. Council is also advised of the resignation of Councillor Iain Stewart MacLean as a member of the SNP Group on 14th March 2016 and Councillor Robert E Macintyre as a member of Argyll First on 13th April 2016. Councillor Macintyre remains a member of the Administration as an Independent Councillor. The updated composition is attached at Appendix 1.

4.2 Vacancies on Committees/Sub- Committees

4.2.1 *Audit Committee*

At the Council meeting on 11 February 2016 it was agreed to defer consideration of filling a vacancy on the Audit Committee until after the Oban North and Lorn by-election on Thursday 18 February 2016. As the by-election has now taken place, the Council is invited to reconsider making an appointment of a Member to the Audit Committee. Since this decision a further vacancy has arisen due to the resignation of Councillor MacDonald and therefore there are currently 2 vacancies on the committee.

The Audit Committee is comprised of 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 Richard Trail
Vacancy x 2

4.2.2 *Performance Review and Scrutiny (PRS) Committee*

The PRS Committee is comprised of 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 Robert E Macintyre
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

4.2.3 *Community Services Committee*

The Community Services Committee has 16 Elected Members. It has 1 vacancy arising from resignation of Councillor MacDonald and 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

4.2.4 *Harbour Board*

The Council is the Statutory Harbour Authority for all the piers and harbours under its ownership and has delegated that function to the Harbour Board as a sub-committee of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Committee with due regard to relevant area representation. The Board has 10 members with 1 vacancy arising from resignation of Councillor MacDonald and current membership is:

Councillor John Armour
Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre (Vice Chair)
Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor John McAlpine
Councillor Ellen Morton (Chair)
Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Isobel Strong

4.2.5 *Regulatory Cohort and PPSL Vacancy*

The members of the Regulatory Cohort also sit on the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee and consequently a vacancy requires to be filled on both. Members of the Regulatory Cohort become eligible for selection to various Appeals Committees and Local Review Bodies.

The current membership of the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee and Regulatory Cohort (15 Members) is as follows –

Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Rory Colville
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor George Freeman
Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor Roddy McCuish
Councillor Alistair MacDougall

Councillor Neil MacIntyre
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre
Councillor Donnie MacMillan
Councillor Alex McNaughton
Councillor Jimmy McQueen
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Richard Trail
Vacancy

4.2.6 *Licensing Board*

Members of the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board are appointed from the Council's Regulatory Cohort. There are ten members appointed to the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board and currently there is 1 vacancy.

The current membership of the Argyll and Bute Licensing Board is as follows –

Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Rory Colville (Chair)
Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Roddy McCuish
Councillor Alex McNaughton (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Donnie MacMillan
Councillor James McQueen
Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Richard Trail
Vacancy

4.3 *Short Life Working Group – Argyll Islands Task Force*

At a meeting of the Short Life Working Group (SLWG) – Argyll Islands Task Force on 16th February 2016 it was agreed to recommend to Council the nomination of Councillor Roddy McCuish as an additional member the Task Force. Council is therefore requested to consider this recommendation and if so minded to agree the nomination.

Membership of the SLWG is currently:

Councillor Robin Currie
Councillor Mary Jean Devon
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Alistair MacDougall
Councillor Robert E MacIntyre
Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Isobel Strong

4.4 *Appointments to Outside Bodies*

The resignation of Councillor Iain Angus MacDonald has also given rise to vacancies on the following outside bodies:

West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint Committee which provides information and advice to planning departments and other services of its 12 member councils. A vacancy exists for the council's main representative, and Councillor Mary-Jean Devon is the substitute.

Argyll Ferry User Group which 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 3 other current

members are Councillors Robin Currie, Alistair MacDougall and Elaine Robertson.

4.5 There are a number of recommendations from other Committees of the Council which if approved by Council will consequently require the nomination of an Elected Member to a number of external bodies. These are as follows:

4.5.1 *Recommendation from Policy & Resources Committee 17th March 2016*

Appointment of an Elected Member to represent Argyll and Bute's interests on the Board of Business Loans Scotland

Following on from this meeting and in order to progress matters relating to Business Loans Scotland with regard to the content of the 'Articles of Association' and 'Members Agreement' Members are also requested to consider a delegation to grant authorisation for signing these documents once complete as follows:

"That the Director of Customer Services, in consultation with the Director of Development and Infrastructure Services, is authorised on behalf of the Council to agree the terms of, and enter into, any documents and agreements in relation to the Council's membership of Business Loans Scotland Limited."

4.5.2 *Recommendation from Policy & Resources Committee 17th March 2016 & from Planning Protective Services and Licensing Committee 16th March 2016*

Appointment of an Elected Member to Partnership Board of the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership

4.5.3 *Recommendation from Environment, Development and Infrastructure (EDI) Committee 7th April*

Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair of EDI to represent the Council on the Northern Roads Collaboration Forum – namely Councillors Ellen Morton and Robert G MacIntyre

5.0 CONCLUSION

The Council is invited to note the updated political composition for the Council and to make appointments to fill vacancies on Council Committees, sub committees and external bodies including appointments arising from recommendations of strategic committees.

Additionally there is a request for a delegation to the Director of Customer Services, in consultation with the Director of Development and Infrastructure Services to agree the terms of, and enter into, any documents and agreements in relation to the Council's membership of Business Loans Scotland Limited.

The Council is also invited to consider a recommendation from a meeting of the Short Life Working Group (SLWG) – Argyll Islands Task Force on 16th February 2016 to nominate an additional member the Task Force.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy – Appointments to vacant positions will support focus on policy.

- 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 – On-going vacancies pose a risk to effective elected member engagement in decision making processes.
- 6.7 Customer Service - None

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22 March 2016

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Argyll and Bute Council Political Composition
- Appendix 2 – Extract from SLWG – Argyll Islands Task Force

Argyll and Bute Council Political Composition
ARGYLL FIRST (2)
Donald Kelly (Con) (Leader of Argyll First) Douglas Philand (Ind)
THE ARGYLL, LOMOND AND THE ISLANDS GROUP (10)
Rory Colville (LD) Robin Currie (LD) Aileen Morton (LD) Ellen Morton (LD) (Leader of the Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Group)(Depute Leader of the Council) Maurice Corry (Con) David Kinniburgh (Con) Gary Mulvaney (Con) Elaine Robertson (Ind) Roddy McCuish Mary Jean Devon
ALLIANCE OF INDEPENDENT COUNCILLORS (7)
Dick Walsh (Leader of Alliance of Independent Councillors)(Leader of the Council) Alistair MacDougall (Ind) Donnie MacMillan (Ind) Alex McNaughton (Ind) Jimmy McQueen (Ind) Len Scoullar (Ind) (Provost) Robert G MacIntyre (Ind)
SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY GROUP (8)
Sandy Taylor (Leader of SNP Group) Anne Horn James Robb Isobel Strong Richard Trail William Gordon Blair John Armour Julie McKenzie
REFORM GROUP (3)
Michael Breslin (Leader of the Reform Group) Vivien Dance (Depute Leader of the Reform Group) Bruce Marshall (Secretary of the Reform Group)
George Freeman (Ind) Robert E Macintyre (Ind) Iain Stewart MacLean (Ind) John McAlpine (Ind) Neil McIntyre (LAB)

Note:

Ind = Independent

SNP = Scottish National Party

NPA = Not Politically Affiliated

LD = Liberal Democrat

Con = Conservative

LAB = Labour

**Argyll and Bute Council
Administration Composition (19)**

Rory Colville

Maurice Corry

Robin Currie

Mary Jean Devon

David Kinniburgh (Depute Provost)

Alastair MacDougall

Robert E MacIntyre

Robert G MacIntyre

John McAlpine

Roddy McCuish

Donnie McMillan

Alex McNaughton

Jimmy McQueen

Aileen Morton

Ellen Morton (Depute Leader)

Gary Mulvaney

Elaine Robertson

Len Scoullar (Provost)

Dick Walsh (Leader)

ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL

COUNCIL

CUSTOMER SERVICES

21 APRIL 2016

**EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP – ARGYLL ISLANDS
TASK FORCE HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2016**

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS MOVING FORWARD

The Task Force was presented with a table which set-out initial actions required to progress priorities agreed with North Ayrshire Council and The Highland Council as noted at Council 25 June 2015.

Decision

The Task Force;

- considered the table noting that the availability of resources required within the teams to support the activity had not been determined as agreement from the relevant services and Policy Leads had yet to be obtained;
- agreed the proposed priorities subject to the amendments of item 7 to include reference to the Ambulance Service and Patient Transport arrangements for island communities;
- agreed to invite senior representatives of the Ambulance Service to May's meeting in relation to item 7;
- requested a report come to May's meeting focusing on item 7 of the priorities;
- agreed to recommend to Council the nomination of Councillor McCuish as an additional member the Task Force

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Development and Infrastructure Services dated February 2016, submitted)