

**MINUTES of MEETING of SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL MANAGEMENT  
ARRANGEMENTS held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD  
on TUESDAY, 17 JANUARY 2017**

**Present:** Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Anne Horn	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Roderick McCuish	Councillor Richard Trail

**Attending:** Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive  
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director of Customer Services  
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law  
Patricia O'Neill, Central Governance Manager  
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager  
Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were intimated by Councillors Aileen Morton and Sandy Taylor.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Short Life Working Group on Political Management Arrangements held on 12 December 2016 were approved as a correct record.

**4. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Short Life Working Group gave consideration to a report which provided them with information they had requested at the previous meeting held on 12 December 2016.

Further information was provided on the Area Model; Programme/frequency of meetings for Cabinet and Traditional Models; Protocol to allow flexibility to respond to consultations; the Harbour Board; Protocol for dealing with reports for noting and a Protocol for Area Committee Business Days meetings and localism.

**Decision**

The Short Life Working Group requested that officers draft a final report with options around the three discussed models and also to make reference to the frequency of meetings that officers look at ensuring that for the area models, in particular area committee meetings that the school holidays for Easter and October are avoided and also to make reference to the Islands Task Force and Rural Affairs with a series of recommendations for the Council.

(Ref: Report by Executive Director of Customer Services dated 9 January 2017, submitted)