

**COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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- 1.2 Council is asked to note the resignation of Councillor Yvonne McNeilly from the Argyll Islands Strategic Group.
- 1.3 Council is asked to agree the replacement of Councillor Alan Reid by an officer for the West of Scotland Loan Fund/Business Loans Scotland.
- 1.4 Council is also asked to agree that as CHArts moves from being a Steering Board to being a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation [SCIO], Councillor Robin Currie continues as the Council appointee.

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**2. INTRODUCTION**

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

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Council is invited to:
1. Note the resignation of Councillor Yvonne McNeilly from the Argyll Islands Strategic Group and to invite an appointment to the Group.
  2. Agree the replacement of Councillor Alan Reid by an officer of the Council for the West of Scotland Loan Fund/Business Loans Scotland.
  3. Agree that as CHArts moves from being a Steering Board to being a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation [SCIO], Councillor Robin Currie continues as the Council appointee.

**4. DETAIL****4.1 Argyll Islands Strategic Group**

The Council established the Argyll Islands Strategic Group on 29 June 2017 to consider strategic issues affecting the inhabited island communities of Argyll and Bute. The current membership of the Group comprises 10 Councillors to include the Leader and Policy Lead for Islands listed below:-

Councillor Yvonne McNeilly  
Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)  
Councillor Anne Horn  
Councillor Jamie McGrigor  
Councillor Aileen Morton  
Councillor Mary Jean Devon  
Councillor Julie McKenzie  
Councillor Elaine Robertson  
Councillor Len Scoullar (V Chair)  
Councillor Jean Moffat

**4.2 West of Scotland Loan Fund/Business Loans Scotland**

Given that many decisions WSLF and BLS Board members are required to make are largely of a technical/operational nature (e.g. decisions on large loan approvals, selection of suppliers etc.) is it recommended that Councillor Alan Reid steps down as a Board member for both funds and is replaced by an officer

- 4.3 representative i.e. the Council's Economic Growth Manager. There is a precedent for this – previously an officer has been a Board Member for WSLF and other local authorities do currently have officers as WSLF/BLS members.

As papers are often issued for Board meetings at the last minute, approval is sought from Argyll and Bute Council that the officer director can make decisions about future funds which cannot be accommodated by the Committee timetable. However, it is noted that if any future funding issues are likely to impact significantly on council resources notification will be made to the Boards that this will need to be agreed by the full council.

#### 4.4 CHArts

The objective of CHArts is to be a regional development network for arts, culture and heritage. The development of CHArts is currently funded by Creative Scotland's Place Partnership Programme and the Argyll and the Islands 2014-2020 LEADER Programme, and is managed by Economic Development's Transformation Projects and Regeneration Team.

Members are asked to consider the request received from the Culture Heritage Arts (CHArts) steering group to nominate a councillor representation on to the board of CHArts which is in the process of becoming a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) for the sector. Councillor Currie is currently the council nominated representative on the steering group, which is seeking to become a constituted organisation.

### 5.0 CONCLUSION

Council is invited to note the update on existing vacancies on Council Committees and take steps to remove the risk in terms of effective elected member engagement in decision making processes by making the required appointments.

### 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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