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**Joint Local British Sign Language Plan for Argyll and Bute**

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**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015 requires public bodies in Scotland to publish local plans every six years, showing how they will promote and support British Sign Language (BSL).

The Joint Local BSL Plan for Argyll and Bute 2018 – 2024 is at Appendix 1 of the attached Policy and Resources Committee Report and sets out how we propose to use BSL in the operation of our functions; including communications with the public, key partners and our employees.

The report is being presented to the Policy and Resources Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> October where the Committee will be asked to recommend approval of the plan by Council. The Council has a statutory duty to publish a BSL Plan in English and BSL by 31 October 2018 and hence approval of any recommendation brought forward by the Policy and Resources Committee is being referred to the Special Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> October. Recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee will be formally advised to the Special Council Meeting on this date.

The Council is therefore invited to:

- a) consider the proposals as outlined in the Joint Local BSL Plan for Argyll and Bute 2018 – 2024
- b) consider any recommendations forthcoming from the Policy and Resources Committee of 18<sup>th</sup> October in relation to approval of the Joint Local BSL Plan for Argyll and Bute 2018 – 2024.
- c) approve adoption of the Joint Local BSL Plan for Argyll and Bute 2018 – 2024

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