

## **FUTURE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report provides information on the future governance arrangements for the Argyll, Islands Strategic Group following the decision of Council in September 2019 and seeks agreement of the dates for future meetings for the Argyll, Islands Sounding Board.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are asked to:-

- (1) note the decision by Council in September 2019 and the creation of the Argyll, Islands Sounding Board; and
- (2) agree the dates for meetings of the Sounding Board for 2020.

### **3.0 DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Argyll Islands Strategic Group was formed in June 2017 with the remit as follows:-
- To consider strategic issues affecting the inhabited island communities of Argyll and Bute
  - To link into the work of the Scottish Government's Islands Strategic Group and Islands Transport Forum, contributing to the identification and design of solutions for the unique challenges our island communities face
  - Promote the optimal development of our island communities
  - Make recommendations to Policy and Resources Committee/Council in regard to lobbying national government on key issues which impact on our islands' sustainable economic growth and community development
  - Consider strategic policy issues and challenges to ensure that proper, fit for purpose solutions are considered to stimulate greater economic growth and community development in our island communities

- Consider current and potential new powers to enable improved service delivery and outcomes
- 3.2 In September 2019, the Council agreed that following the meeting of the Argyll, Islands Strategic Group in January 2020 the group would then meet twice yearly thereafter as the Argyll, Islands Sounding Board, retaining the original remit as approved in 2017 and referring any recommendations to the Policy and Resources Committee.
- 3.3 The Sounding Board is not a committee of the Council but is a mechanism which allows discussion around issues and referral of matters to the Policy and Resources Committee. As such meetings will not be published on the Council's website and they will not be open to the public.
- 3.4 Suggested dates for meetings of the Sounding Board for 2020 are:-
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Argyll, Islands Sounding Board will replace the Strategic Group following this meeting. Members are asked to note the change and agree the dates for the Sounding Board for 2020.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy           None
- 5.2 Financial       None
- 5.3 Legal           None
- 5.4 HR               None
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty:
- 5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics           None
- 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty                               None
- 5.5.3 Islands       None
- 5.6. Risk           None
- 5.7 Customer Service                                       None

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