

APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the resignation of the Leader of the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council is asked to elect a Leader of the Council.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 Councillor Aileen Morton, Leader of Argyll and Bute Council, has intimated her intention to step down from her current office. The Council Constitution requires the Council to give consideration to filling the vacancy. The roles listed at Appendix 1 are currently filled by Councillor Morton either ex officio or where she has been appointed while occupying the role of Leader. Councillor Morton has indicated her intention to demit from all offices as set out in Appendix 1.

4. IMPLICATIONS:

- 4.1 Policy: The role of Leader of the Council supports and facilitates the development of policy and provides political leadership and direction for the organisation.
- 4.2 Financial: None
- 4.3 Legal: The Council's constitutional arrangements require the Council to elect a Leader following any demission of office.
- 4.4 HR: None
- 4.5 Equalities/Fairer Scotland Duty – It is not anticipated that any of the recommendations in this report will have a potential negative impact on any particular group or discriminate on the basis of age, disability, gender, race, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity or religion and belief.

- 4.6 Socio-Economic Duty: None
- 4.7 Risk: Failure to appoint a Leader could present a risk to the Council's ability to set effective policy and to its community leadership role.
- 4.8 Islands: The Leader of the Council is represented on various local and national groups which focus on island issues.
- 4.9 Customer Service: None

**Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support,
Douglas Hendry**

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Attached:

Appendix 1 – Other Positions Linked to the Role of Leader of the Council

APPENDIX 1

Chair, Policy and Resources Committee
Chair, Policy and Resources Asset Transfer Sub-Committee - Review
Chair, Employee Joint Consultative Committee
Member, Argyll Islands Sounding Board
Chair, Rural Growth Deal Steering Board

Member of Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board

Member of Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership Management Committee and Full Partnership

Argyll and Bute Council Representative on the following:

Convention of the Highlands and Islands
Highlands and Islands Leaders Group
COSLA Leaders
Islands Strategic Group (Scottish Government)
Islands Transport Forum (Scottish Government)