

## **POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Council on political management arrangements principally arising from the resignations of the Vice Chair of the Bute and Cowal Area Committee and the Elected Member representative of the NHS Highland Board and the NHS Highland, Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Council is invited to:
- (a) Appoint a new Vice Chair to the Bute and Cowal Area Committee;
  - (b) Appoint a Director to the board of the Nadair Trust;
  - (c) Consider making appointments to the following outside bodies and statutory organisations:
    - NHS Highland Board (Non-executive Director)
    - NHS Highland, Health and Wellbeing Partnership (Board Member); and
  - (d) Note the political composition of the Council, as at the date of this report, set out at appendix 1.

### **3.0 DETAIL**

#### Bute and Cowal Area Committee

- 3.1 The Council appointed Councillor Jim Anderson as Vice Chair to the Bute and Cowal Area Committee in May 2017. Following his resignation on 27 February 2020, a vacancy has arisen.
- 3.2 The role of Vice Chair is to support the Chair in the effective management of his duties in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders. Having regard to the division of the Council's area a replacement for this role should be sought from either Electoral Ward 6 (Cowal); Electoral Ward 7 (Dunoon) or Electoral Ward 8

(Isle of Bute). Councillor Bobby Good, Ward 7, is currently Chair of the Area Committee and hence is not included in the list below.

3.2.1 Members of each Electoral Ward are as follows:-

- Electoral Ward 6 (Cowal) – Councillor Yvonne McNeilly; Councillor Alan Reid and Councillor William Gordon Blair
- Electoral Ward 7 (Dunoon) – Councillor Audrey E Forrest, and Councillor Jim Anderson
- Electoral Ward 8 (Isle of Bute) – Councillor Jim Findlay; Councillor Jean Murray Moffat and Councillor Len Scoullar

#### NHS Highland Board

3.4 A vacancy for a Non-executive Director has arisen following the resignation of Councillor Mary-Jean Devon, who was appointed to this role by Council in May 2017. The Board are accountable to the Secretary of State through the Scottish Executive Health Department which governs the accountability and performance of NHS Highland.

#### NHS – Highland, Health and Wellbeing Partnership

3.5 A vacancy for a Board Member has arisen following the resignation of Councillor Mary-Jean Devon who was appointed to this role by Council in May 2017. The Partnership leads the planning of health improvement in Argyll and Bute and is a strategic partner of the Community Planning Partnership.

#### Nadair Trust

3.6 Trust was the delivery vehicle for the 2 phases of National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) projects focused on the Argyll Islands. The projects were completed in 2008. The Trust, does not currently have a quorate Board, and has not been active for some time.

The Trust want to work with former Partner Members to put appropriate governance in place, confirm legacy commitments and decide what to do with the remaining funds. A quorate Board will be needed for this to take place and partner Members who have nominated Directors in the past are now asked to nominate a Director to facilitate that.

## **4.0 CONCLUSION**

4.1 As part of its political management arrangements the Council's practice is to appoint members to a range of bodies including outside bodies and organisations. Members are now invited to make appointments and recommendations on the basis of the detail in the report.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Policy - This is in keeping with the Council's commitment to working in

partnership with other agencies to benefit the people and communities of Argyll and Bute.

- 5.2 Financial – Travel and Subsistence costs for attending meetings if required.
- 5.3 Legal - None
- 5.4 HR - None
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: None
- 5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics – None
- 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - None
- 5.5.3 Islands - none
- 5.6. Risk – addresses risk of underrepresentation in outside bodies.
- 5.7 Customer Service – none

## **6.0 APPENDICES**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Political Composition of the Council as at September 2020

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ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL
POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 2020
<b>THE ARGYLL, LOMOND AND THE ISLES GROUP (20)</b>
Councillor Rory Colville (LD)
Councillor Robin Currie (LD)
Councillor Mary Jean Devon (Ind)
Councillor Bobby Good (Con)
Councillor Kieron Green (Ind)
Councillor Graham Hardie (LD)
Councillor David Kinniburgh (Con)
Councillor Roddy McCuish (Ind)
Councillor Sir Jamie McGrigor (Con)
Councillor Donnie MacMillan BEM (Ind)
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly (Con)
Councillor Aileen Morton (LD)
<b>Councillor Ellen Morton (LD) (Leader of The Argyll, Lomond and the Isles Group)</b>
Councillor Barbara Morgan (Con)
Councillor Gary Mulvaney (Con)
Councillor Alan Reid (LD)
Councillor Alastair Redman (Con)
Councillor Elaine Robertson (Ind)
Councillor Len Scoullar (Ind)
Councillor Andrew Vennard (Con)
<b>ARGYLL AND BUTE SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY (SNP) GROUP (11)</b>
Councillor John Armour
Councillor Gordon Blair
Councillor Lorna Douglas (Depute Leader of the SNP Group)
Councillor Jim Findlay
Councillor Audrey E Forrest (Secretary of the SNP Group)
Councillor Anne Horn
Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Iain Shonny Paterson
<b>Councillor Sandy Taylor (Leader of the SNP Group)</b>
Councillor Richard Trail
<b>ARGYLL AND BUTE FIRST (3)</b>
Councillor George Freeman (Ind)
Councillor Donald Kelly (Con)
<b>Councillor Douglas Philand (Ind) (Leader of Argyll and Bute First)</b>
<b>OTHER COUNCILLORS – NOT POLITICALLY ALIGNED (2)</b>
Councillor Jim Anderson (Ind)
Councillor Jean Moffat (Ind)