

## **POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Political Management Arrangements by inviting Elected Members to nominate to vacancies which have arisen on the Fyne Homes Board, the Argyll and Bute Area Support Team and the Community Services Committee. In addition Members are invited to note the current political composition of the Council arising from changes within the membership of the Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Group (TALIG) which forms the Administration, as of the date of this report.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Council is invited to:
- (a) Nominate a representative to the Fyne Homes Board,
  - (b) Appoint to a vacancy arising on the Argyll and Bute Area Support Team
  - (c) Appoint to a vacancy arising on the Community Services Committee
  - (b) Note the political composition of the Council, and the consequent changes within the Administration as at the date of this report, set out at appendix 1.

### **3.0 DETAIL**

#### **Fyne Homes**

- 3.1 The Council is invited to nominate an Elected Member representative to sit on the Fyne Homes Board. The previous incumbent was the late Provost, Len Scoullar.
- 3.2 Fyne Homes is a Registered Social Landlord, Scottish Charity and Registered society under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Operating in Argyll since 1936. It's main role is as a charitable affordable housing provider, which contributes to the sustainability of rural communities across Argyll and Bute through the provision of high quality affordable housing, with developments delivered in the main towns of Rothesay, Dunoon, Campbeltown and Lochgilphead as well as the rural villages of Strachur, Cairndow, Kilmun, Cairnbaan, and the island of Gigha.

## **Argyll and Bute Area Support Team (AST)**

- 3.3 Councillor Mary Jean Devon has intimated her resignation from the Argyll and Bute Area Support Team. Each local authority can nominate at least one member to the AST of which they are a part. The current practice is that these nominees will ordinarily be elected members but this is not a requirement under the Act. Local authority nominees have an overview of the Children's Hearings System and the Children's Panel in their area. They are aware of local issues and act as an important link between the Children's Panel and the local authority elected members and relevant local authority senior officials and departments. They are not directly involved in panel member recruitment, selection, recommendation for appointment or reappointment, or practice observation and review processes undertaken by the AST panel practice advisors. The Council should consider making an appointment of one elected Member to the vacancy on this outside body.

## **Community Services Committee**

- 3.4 Councillor Alistair Redman has intimated his resignation from the Community Services Committee and Council is invited to make an appointment to the vacancy.

The Community Services Committee, in addition to its responsibilities with regards to the Community Services Department and related functions, discharges the powers and duties of the Council as Education Authority. It has 16 members and the current membership is:

- Councillor Jim Anderson
- Councillor Gordon Blair
- Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
- Councillor Lorna Douglas
- Councillor Audrey Forrest
- Councillor Kieron Green (Vice Chair)
- Councillor Graham Archibald Hardie
- Councillor Donald MacMillan
- Councillor Julie MacKenzie
- Councillor Yvonne McNeilly (Chair)
- Councillor Barbara Morgan
- Councillor Iain Paterson
- Councillor Alan Reid
- Councillor Elaine Robertson
- Councillor Gemma Penfold
- Vacancy - Councillor

## **Political Composition**

- 3.5 The Council is invited to note the updated political composition of the Council as set out in Appendix 1. It sets out a number of changes which have arisen in the membership of the Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Group (TALIG) which forms the Administration.

3.6 Council is further invited to note that Councillor Redman has stood down from the Administration and consequently the role as Policy Lead for Business, Regeneration and Commercial Development.

#### **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 an appointment to the Fyne Homes Group, to the Argyll and Bute Area Support Team and to a vacancy within the Community Services Committee. Council is further invited to note the updated Political Composition of the Council arising from changes within the membership of the Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Group (TALIG) which forms the Administration.

#### **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 and to ensuring appropriate arrangements for strategic direction and oversight by elected members.

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 2021

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## Political Composition of Argyll and Bute Council

<b>ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL</b>
<b>POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2021</b>
<b>ARGYLL AND BUTE FIRST GROUP(3)</b>
Cllr George Freeman (Ind) Cllr Donald Kelly (Con) <b>Cllr Douglas Philand (Ind) – Leader, Argyll and Bute First Group</b>
<b>ARGYLL AND BUTE SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY GROUP (11)</b>
Cllr John Armour Cllr Gordon Blair Cllr Lorna Douglas Cllr Jim Findlay Cllr Audrey E Forrest - <b>Depute Leader, SNP Group</b> Cllr Anne Horn <b>Cllr Jim Lynch- Leader, SNP Group</b> Cllr Julie McKenzie Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson Cllr Sandy Taylor Cllr Richard Trail
<b>THE ARGYLL, LOMOND AND THE ISLANDS GROUP (19)</b>
Cllr Rory Colville (LD) <b>Cllr Robin Currie (LD) – Leader, The Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Group</b> Cllr Mary Jean Devon (Ind) Cllr Bobby Good (Ind Con) Cllr Kieron Green (Ind) Cllr Graham Hardie (LD) Cllr David Kinniburgh (Con) Cllr Liz McCabe (Ind) Cllr Roderick McCuish (ISP) Cllr Sir Jamie McGrigor (Con) Cllr Donald MacMillan BEM (Ind) Cllr Yvonne McNeilly (Con) Cllr Aileen Morton (LD) Cllr Barbara Morgan (Con) Cllr Gary Mulvaney (Con) – <b>Depute Leader, The Argyll, Lomond and the Islands Group</b> Cllr Gemma Penfold (Con) Cllr Alan Reid (LD) Cllr Elaine Robertson (Ind) Cllr Andrew Vennard (Con)
<b>COUNCILLORS NOT POLITICALLY ALIGNED (3)</b>
Cllr Jim Anderson (Ind) Cllr Jean Murray Moffat (Ind)

Cllr Alastair Redman (Con)

**NOTE**

Con – Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party

ISP – Independence for Scotland Party

Ind – Independent\*

LD – Scottish Liberal Democrat

SNP – Scottish National Party

\*Ind prefix + political party name indicates not a member of local political party group

There are 36 seats on Argyll and Bute Council.