

POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report invites the Council to give consideration to filling vacancies on Council Committees and Outside Bodies which have arisen principally as a result of Councillor Barbara Morgan's resignation from the Council on 12 October 2021 and intimation of the resignation of Councillor Roddy McCuish as a Council Representative on the Argyll Community Housing Association Board.

The report also provides an updated Council Political Composition.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council is invited to:
- (a) Appoint a Chair to the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee.
 - (b) Appoint to a vacancy on the Community Services Committee.
 - (c) Appoint an Armed Forces Champion for the Council.
 - (d) Nominate a substitute member to the Dunbartonshire & Argyll and Bute Valuation Board.
 - (e) Nominate a Council representative to the Board of Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA)
 - (f) Note the political composition of the Council set out at Appendix 1.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Chair

A vacancy exists for the role of Chair and an appointment requires to be made from within the H&L area committee membership which is as follows:

Councillor Lorna Douglas
Councillor George Freeman
Councillor Graham Archibald Hardie (Vice Chair)
Councillor David Kinniburgh

Councillor Aileen Morton
Councillor Gemma Penfold
Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Iain Paterson
Councillor Richard Trail
Vacancy

3.2 Community Services Committee

A vacancy exists on 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 McKenzie
- Councillor Yvonne McNeilly (Chair)
- Councillor Iain Paterson
- Councillor Alan Reid
- Councillor Elaine Robertson
- Councillor Gemma Penfold
- Councillor Liz McCabe
- Vacancy

3.3 Armed Forces Champion

The Council is being asked to appoint an Armed Forces Champion for the Council.

The Armed Forces Champion has the specific remit of ensuring that local service provision is mindful of the needs of Service Veterans and responsibilities include highlighting where a potential council decision may impact positively or negatively on the relevant client group, keeping abreast of legislation and initiatives, liaising with recognised organisations and representatives and responding to invitations to attend relevant meetings in respect of the portfolio and oversight of the Armed Forces Covenant which provides an opportunity for the Council and partner organisations to bring their knowledge, experience and expertise to consider positive measures to provide support to the Armed Forces Community.

3.4 Dunbartonshire & Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board (DABJV)

A vacancy exists for a substitute member on the DABVJB and the Council is invited to make an appointment to the vacancy. The current membership is:

Substantive Reps

Cllr D MacMillan
Cllr GA Hardie
Cllr A Redman
Cllr I Paterson
Cllr R Trail

Subs

Cllr J Anderson
Cllr J McGrigor
Cllr L Douglas
Cllr G Blair
Vacancy

3.5 Argyll Community Housing Association (ACHA)

Councillor Roddy McCuish has intimated his resignation as a Council Representative on the ACHA Board and consequently the Council is invited to make an appointment to the vacancy.

ACHA is a community led housing association that manages approximately 5,800 properties across Argyll and Bute as well as delivering associated housing services.

The Council appoints 3 representatives to the Board and the existing representatives are Councillor Donnie MacMillan BEM and Councillor Iain Shonny Paterson.

3.6 Political Composition

The Council is invited to note the updated political composition of the Council as set out in Appendix 1.

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 the appointments referred to in the recommendations and to note the updated Political Composition of the Council.

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

**Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support
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APPENDICES

Appendix 1