

EDUCATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016 – APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Council on the appointment of a Chief Education Officer for Argyll and Bute Council, following the retirement of Louise Connor.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council is invited to note the appointment of Jennifer Crocket as Chief Education Officer for Argyll and Bute Council.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 In terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 2016, the Council is required to appoint a Chief Education Officer. This position was last held by Louise Connor until her retirement.
- 3.2 Although the requirement to appoint a Chief Education Officer is enacted and in force, the Scottish Government have not, as yet, produced the necessary subordinate legislation to specify qualifications etc.
- 3.3 The Council's Chief Executive has appointed Jennifer Crocket, Head of Education – Lifelong Learning and Support to the role of Chief Education Officer.

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 As part of its duties, the Council is required to appoint a Chief Education Officer in line with the Council's Constitution and the Education (Scotland) Act 2016 in exercise of the delegation to her of that responsibility contained in Part C, Section 3 (A) (14) of the Council's Constitution.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy - This appointment is required under the Council's Constitution and the Education (Scotland) Act 2016.
- 5.2 Financial – None
- 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. Climate Change - None
- 5.7 Risk – None
- 5.8 Customer Service – None

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