

## POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Political Composition of the Council.
- 1.2 The Council is asked to note the updated political composition of the Council as set out at Appendix 1 and requirement to appoint a member to the Council's PPSL having regard to the requirement for political balance.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Council is asked to note the updated political composition of the Council as set out in Appendix 1 and the requirement to appoint a member to the Council's Planning, Protective and Licensing Committee (PPSL).

### 3. DETAIL

#### 3.1 Political Composition of the Council

At the meeting of Council held on 22 February 2023, a report was considered which provided an update to the Political Composition of the Council. The report provided detail on the formation of the Strategic Opposition Partnership which had been notified to the Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support.

- 3.2 During discussion of the item it became clear that further clarification was required in terms of the membership of the Strategic Opposition Partnership, with it being noted that a further update would be provided to the next meeting of Council.

#### 3.3 PPSL

Councillor Willie Hume has indicated that he wishes to step down from the Council's PPSL, creating a vacancy to be filled. Members are asked,

having regard to the political balance of the Council, to appoint to the PPSL in place of Councillor Hume. It should be noted that any new Member appointed to PPSL will require to undergo training.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1** This report provides, for noting, an update on the Council's political composition and requirement to appoint a member to the Council's PPSL having regard to the requirement for political balance.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy** – none
- 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

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

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Appendix 1 - Political Composition of Argyll and Bute Council, 27 April 2023

<b>Argyll and Bute Council - Political Composition</b>
<p><b>ARGYLL FIRST (2)</b></p> <p>Donald Kelly (Ind) (Depute Leader of Argyll First) <b>Douglas Philand (Ind) (Leader of Argyll First) *</b></p>
<p><b>INDEPENDENT (1)</b></p> <p>Mark Irvine *</p>
<p><b>INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST (1)</b></p> <p>Tommy Macpherson</p>
<p><b>SCOTTISH GREEN PARTY (1)</b></p> <p>Luna Martin *</p>
<p><b>SCOTTISH LABOUR PARTY (1)</b></p> <p>Fiona Howard *</p>
<p><b>SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY (12)</b></p> <p>John Armour * Gordon Blair * Jan Brown * Math Campbell-Sturgess * Audrey E Forrest (Depute Leader, SNP Group) * Willie Hume * Reeni Kennedy Boyle * <b>Jim Lynch (Leader of the Opposition) *</b> Ian James MacQuire * Dougie McFadzean * Julie McKenzie Iain Shonny Paterson *</p>
<p><b>* Member of the Strategic Opposition Partnership (SOP) – an informal partnership arrangement and not a formal political group</b></p>
<p><b>THE ARGYLL, LOMOND AND THE ISLES GROUP (18)</b></p>

Garret Corner (Con)  
Maurice Corry (Con)  
Robin Currie (LibDem)  
Kieron Green (Ind)  
Amanda Hampsey (Con)  
Daniel Hampsey (Con)  
Graham Hardie (LibDem)  
Andrew Kain (Ind)  
Paul Donald Kennedy (LibDem)  
Liz McCabe (Ind)  
**Yvonne McNeilly (Con) (Leader, TALIG)**  
Ross Moreland (LibDem)  
Gary Mulvaney (Con)  
Gemma Penfold (Con)  
Alastair Redman (Ind)  
William Sinclair (LibDem)  
Andrew Vennard (Con)  
Peter Wallace (Con)

*Note:*

*Con - Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party*

*Ind - Independent*

*LibDem - Scottish Liberal Democrat Party*