ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL	**OBAN, LORN & THE ISLES AREA COMMITTEE**
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1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The lease arrangement with Oban & Lorn Community Enterprise Board Ltd (OLCEB) in respect of Atlantis Leisure Centre sets out provision for two elected member representatives to serve on the Board of Directors. Those appointments have previously been made by the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee with Councillor Vennard being appointed on 13 September 2023 and Councillor Martin being appointed on 12 June 2024.

Councillor Martin has tendered her resignation and this report invites the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee to fill the vacancy which has arisen.

In considering the report, the committee should bear in mind that an Internal Audit report concluded that a second elected member is required to be nominated to ensure the Council have sufficient oversight of the operational activity of OLCEB.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

2.1 The Area Committee previously appointed Councillor Vennard and Councillor Martin to be their representative on the Oban & Lorn Community Enterprise Board (OLCEB) on 13 September 2023 and 12 June 2024 respectively. Councillor Martin has since intimated her resignation and the Area Committee is invited to consider filling the vacancy on the board.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Area Committee is invited to nominate an additional representative to serve on the Board of Oban & Lorn Community Enterprise Ltd.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 The original lease arrangement with OLCEB states that “the Landlords shall be represented on the Board of Directors of the Tenants by no less than two elected members of the District Council”. While there are some modifications over the years, and the lease has been extended, this provision remains unchanged. The current lease is in place until 30 September 2037.

4.2 While the Board had indicated previously their preference to have one appointed representative when appointments were made to outside bodies following the last Local Government Elections in 2022 an Internal Audit report has concluded

that a second elected member is required to be nominated to ensure the Council have sufficient oversight of the operational activity of OLCE. Councillor Vennard and subsequently Councillor Martin were appointed to fulfil this responsibility.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 This report advises the Area Committee of the current arrangements in place regarding the lease agreement with OLCEB and invites the committee to consider nominating a second representative to serve on the Board, following the resignation of Councillor Martin.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy - None

6.2 Financial - None

6.3 Legal – The lease agreement in place requires a minimum of two elected members to serve on the Board of Directors

6.4 HR - None

6.5 Customer Service - None

6.6 Risk – Internal Audit have concluded that a second representative is required to have sufficient oversight of operational activities

6.7 Climate Change - None

6.8 Fairer Scotland Duty - None

6.9 Equalities - protected characteristics - None

6.10 Consumer Duty - None

6.11 Island Communities - None

6.12 Children's Rights and Wellbeing - None

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