

APPOINTMENT TO DUNBARTONSHIRE EDUCATIONAL TRUST

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report updates the Area Committee in regards the Dunbartonshire Educational Trust.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the updated position in regards the Dunbartonshire Educational Trust and to consider appointing an Elected Member to serve on the Trust until the next election.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 Following the Council decision of 22 May 2012, at the June meeting of the Helensburgh Lomond Area Committee, Members made a number of appointments to local bodies and organisations within the Helensburgh Lomond area.
- 3.2 At that time discussion ensued about the need to appoint an elected Member to serve on the Dunbartonshire Educational Trust, but it was noted and agreed that since there had been no meetings of the Trust in the preceding five year period there was no need for an appointment to be made at that time.
- 3.3 Recent communication for West Dunbarton Council has intimated that attempts are being made to put in place a meeting of the Trust. The Trust is relatively small and is designed to make payments to applicants who are seeking funding in relation to educational activities.

There are ten Governors of the Trust, all of whom are Councillors: three appointed by West Dunbartonshire Council, three appointed by North Lanarkshire Council, three appointed by East Dunbartonshire Council and one appointed by Argyll and Bute Council.

The Trust has not operated in its present form since the recent Local Government elections of May 2012, and at their first meeting the Governors will be asked to approve a plan for the exercise of powers under the Trust and to approve a method of administering the Trust. The intention is to arrange a meeting for a date which suits at least one Governor from each of the four Councils. It is important to have a Governor present from each Council for the first meeting of the Trust, given the matters which will have to be considered at

that meeting. Once the initial meeting has taken place, there will not be the same need for each Council to be represented at meetings of the Governors.

- 3.4 Given the requirement for a Governor of the Trust to be appointed by Argyll and Bute Council, the Area Committee is asked to consider this request and appoint an elected Member to serve on the Trust until the next election.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Members are asked to consider making an appointment to the Dunbartonshire Educational Trust to ensure the views of the Council are taken into consideration in the delivery of its functions. This is in keeping with the Council's commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations within the Helensburgh Lomond area.

5 IMPLICATIONS

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| 5.1 | Policy | None |
| 5.2 | Financial | The Council will incur costs for the Member participating in Trust meetings. |
| 5.3 | Legal | None |
| 5.4 | HR | None |
| 5.5 | Equalities | None |
| 5.6 | Risk | None |
| 5.7 | Customer Service | None |

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