
**KINTYRE INITIATIVE WORKING GROUP – ARRANGEMENTS FOR
CHAIRING**

1. SUMMARY

The working arrangements of the Kintyre Initiative Working Group (KIWG) are such that there has been an informal agreement between Ward 1 and Ward 2 Councillors in place since June 2007 (the first meeting of the Group following introduction of multi-member wards) to the effect that only Ward 1 Councillors can chair the meeting.

Representation has been made that it would be entirely appropriate for a Ward 2 Councillor to chair this meeting given Ward 2 represents Kintyre. As the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Committee appointed all 6 Ward 1&2 Councillors onto the Group, it would be appropriate that the Area Committee take a view on the arrangements for chairing the meeting and in doing so, they may wish to take cognisance of any emerging political management arrangements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay Area Committee formalise arrangements for chairing the Kintyre Initiative Working Group.

3. DETAIL

3.1 KIWG has been administered and Chaired by Argyll and Bute Council since 1995. Since to the introduction of multi-member wards in 2007, there MAKI Area Committee has appointed all 6 members from Wards 1 and 2 who put in place informal arrangement that Ward 1 Councillors only would chair the Group and that these Councillors would each chair the meeting for an 18 month period.

3.2 The need to revisit the appointments of chair and vice-chair has come up recently and it has become evident that there is interest in revisiting the informal agreement to allow Ward 2 Members to be eligible to chair the meeting although it has not been possible to reach a unanimous view.

3.3 As the MAKI Area Committee appointed the 6 Members to the KIWG and in efforts to formalise arrangements for chairing the meeting, there would be benefit in the Area Committee giving consideration to this issue.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Having taken into consideration the detail set out in this report, the MAKI Area Committee are requested to formalise arrangements for chairing the Group and that in doing so, they may wish to take the emerging Political Management Arrangements into consideration.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Policy -	There is no formal procedure in place regarding chairing the KIWG, this report seeks to address this.
Financial –	None
Legal -	None
HR -	None
Equalities -	Ward 2 Members have, subject to informal agreement, been excluded from chairing the KIWG.
Risk -	None
Customer	None
Service -	

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