

Elected Member Policy Lead - Role Profile

Title	Policy Lead – Island issues
Accountable to: Reports to:	Full Council Leader /Deputy Leader of Council
Portfolio Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversight of strategic direction of policy and services with a specific remit to review their impact on Island communities in collaboration with other policy leads • To articulate and support achievement of corporate priorities and the Single Outcome Agreement within portfolio. • Ensure decisions made by Council are fully informed in relation to key elements of portfolio.
Portfolio focus:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To monitor and facilitate considerations relating specifically to Island issues and to promote awareness of the social economic and cultural influences that impact on Island living ,having regard to the work of other policy leads with and Argyll and Bute wide remit in respect of those matters . • To facilitate effective planning and partnership working at local, national and European levels to sustain. • Deliver policy to promote and support Island communities and build effective partnerships with local and national business communities, the Third Sector and government agencies. • To oversee creation of any specific strategy to attract businesses and entrepreneurs to relocate to Argyll and Bute Islands • Deliver policy and strategy which create the right conditions where Island communities can sustain services and address issues of remoteness. • To engage with ferry and air service providers in collaboration with other relevant policy leads to promote the interests of Island communities • To participate in working groups local and national ,that focus on the development or protection of Island communities and way of life
Key activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a strong and confident figurehead role to represent the portfolio of services at Council, regional and national levels • Provide strategic vision and leadership in development of portfolio • Ensure regular communication and reporting on activities to members of Council, Strategic Management Team and Council Officers to provide clarity on political direction and assist in working through strategies and plans within the portfolio • Promote the policies of the Council to the media and wider community • Work collaboratively with Elected Member Policy Leads and Chief Officers across areas of responsibility

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and support effective partnering with organisations which support and assist in the delivery of strategies, plans and services within portfolio • Chair meetings, sub groups and committees as required ensuring the agenda of the business is properly dealt with; that the opinions of other participants and the advice of officers, are allowed to be expressed: ensure the proper and timely conduct of the meeting in compliance with the Council Constitution and that clear decisions are reached. • Bring forward effectively issues and business for consideration to ensure Council is focused on the right issues at the right time and that decisions are made in light of overall Council policy. • Identify any crosscutting issues which may require corporate or joint working across portfolios, services and/or partnerships • Participate in wider corporate agenda to support effective functioning of Council i.e. contribute to budget working group, participate in appointment panels
Committee and Partnership Working Responsibilities:	TBC
<p><i>This role profile does not supersede the Role of Lead Councillors and associated responsibilities as set out in Appendix 1 of the Argyll and Bute Council Constitution. It has been drawn up to complement this documentation and provide further support and direction in fulfilling the role of Policy Lead.</i></p>	