
APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to update Members in relation to a number of vacancies which have arisen on outside bodies in the Oban, Lorn and the Isles area as a result of the resignations of Councillors Hall and Glen Lee. The Area Committee made appointments to a number of outside bodies in June 2012, and the resignation of elected Members has resulted in these vacancies.

The Area Committee has traditionally supported the principal of having elected Members work as part of the committees and frameworks of local organisations as it is an effective way of ensuring good communication and partnership working between the Area Committee and communities and organisations in the area. Many of the appointments which are made originate in a request directly from a community group for an elected Member to be appointed, as the groups see real benefit in having that strong and effective link directly to the Area Committee. For the elected Members who are appointed to these groups there is an opportunity to work directly and effectively within the groups and organisations, and to ensure that actions and priorities taken forward by them are effectively linked to the broad strategic direction which the Council and the Community Planning Partnership are taking forward.

Members are asked to note the vacancies which exist and to consider making appointments to these.

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2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Area Committee note that there are a number of appointments to outside bodies which are currently vacant. The Committee is asked to consider appointing Members to fill the vacant positions.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Oban Lorn and the Isles Area Committee held on 13th June 2012 a number of appointments of elected Members to outside bodies were made in accordance with the decision of the full Council which had been made on 22nd May 2012.
- 3.2 Subsequently a number of changes in membership of such groups have taken place, and there have been further appointments made by the Area Committee in respect of specific requests from groups, for example the appointment of a trustee to the Bridge of Orchy Hall Committee.
- 3.3 Due to the resignations of Cllr Hall and Cllr Glen Lee, and the notification of a vacancy on the ACHA Local Area Committee for an elected Member, the Area Committee is asked to note the following vacancies, and to consider appointing a member of the Committee to each of the following roles:

Outside Body/Organisation	No. of vacancies	Value of Membership to the Council
ACHA Local Area Committee	1	Essential
Catherine McCaig's Trust	1 (3 Members are required; Cllrs Devon and MacDougall are existing appointees)	Essential
Oban Crime Prevention Panel	1	
Oban and Lorn Enterprise Atlantis Leisure	1	
Soroba Community Association	1 (2 Members are required; Cllr McCuish is an existing appointee)	
Bridge of Orchy Hall Committee	1	
Oban, Lorn and the Isles Community Safety Forum	1	Essential

4.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Area Committee is asked to note that following recent resignations from the Council there are a number of vacancies in appointments to outside bodies and is asked to consider making new appointments to enable the Area Committee to continue to work in partnership with local groups who provide a valuable service to local communities.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	In keeping with the Council's commitment to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations
Financial:	Members' expenses in regards travel, etc, to attend meetings
Legal:	None
HR:	None
Equalities:	None
Risk:	None
Customer Service:	None

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