

**MINUTES of MEETING of SHORT LIFE WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL MANAGEMENT
ARRANGEMENTS held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 16 MARCH 2017**

Present: Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)

Councillor Rory Colville	Councillor Elaine Robertson
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Len Scoullar
Councillor Roderick McCuish	Councillor Sandy Taylor
Councillor Ellen Morton	

Attending: Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services
Charles Reppke, Head of Governance and Law
Patricia O'Neill, Central Governance Manager
Shirley MacLeod, Area Governance Manager
Graeme Forrester, Area Committee Manager
Shona Barton, Area Committee Manager

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Anne Horn, Aileen Morton, James Robb and Richard Trail.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)

There were no declarations of interest intimated.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Short Life Working Group – Political Management Arrangements held on 17 January 2017 were approved as a correct record.

*** 4. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM
SLWG AND REPORT FOR COUNCIL**

The Short Life Working Group gave consideration to a draft report and associated appendices intended for submission to the Council in April 2017 which contained recommendations made by the Group.

Decision

The Short Life Working Group approved the draft report and associated appendices for submission to the Council on 20 April 2017; subject to the following amendments –

1. Change the recommendation at paragraph 3.1 to read – “Council agrees to refer the report of the Short Life Working Group to the first meeting of the new Council for consideration.”.
2. Paragraph 4.4.2 – change the word “retained” to “reviewed” in the third last line of the paragraph.

3. Paragraph 5.2, bullet point 4 – remove the words “remain separate” and replace with the words “be reviewed”.
4. Add in Councillor Len Scoullar’s name at the end of the report.
5. Appendix 1, paragraph 5 – amend to read “No decision can be taken at such a meeting and officers may attend a meeting if it has been agreed in advance by the Area Chair and the Chief Executive. It is anticipated that such an agreement would only be in exceptional circumstances.”.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Customer Services dated 2 March 2017, submitted; draft report by Short Life Working Group on Political Management Arrangements and associated appendices, submitted)