

POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** Councillor Robin Currie, who represented Ward 2, Kintyre and the Islands, very sadly passed away on Thursday 9th May 2024. His passing results in a number of vacant positions within the Council, on its committees, and on various external organisations to which Councillor Currie was appointed by the Council.
- 1.2** Separately, there is currently a vacancy for one Council representative on the board of West Highland Housing Association and Council is invited to consider making an appointment in this regard.
- 1.3** Councillor Ross Moreland has confirmed to the Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support that he has been elected
- updated Political Composition of the Council attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.4** The Council is asked to give consideration to the vacancies arising in these circumstances and which are set out in the report below, and to note the updated Political Composition of the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The Council is invited to consider what action it wishes to take in light of

3.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report sets out the vacancies both within the council and with external organisations following the sad passing of Councillor Robin Currie, and invites Council to consider what action it may wish to take in this regard. It also provides the updated Political Composition of the Council.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy** – Appointments to external organisations are in keeping with the benefit the people and communities of Argyll and Bute.
- 5.2 **Financial** – participation in some meetings, except where an external organisation may have its own allowances scheme.
- 5.3 **Legal** – None
- 5.4 **HR** – None
- 5.5 **Fairer Scotland Duty** - None
- 5.5.1 **Equalities - protected characteristics** – None
- 5.5.2 **Socio-Economic Duty** - None
- 5.5.3 **Islands** - None
- 5.6 **Climate Change** - None
- 5.7 **Risk** – None
- 5.8 **Customer Service** – None
- 5.9 **The Rights of the Child (UNCRC)** None

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support

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Appendix 1 - Political Composition of Argyll and Bute Council

Argyll and Bute Council - Political Composition

ARGYLL FIRST (2)

Douglas Philand (Ind) (Leader of Argyll First) *

Jennifer Kelly

INDEPENDENT (3)

Mark Irvine *

Andrew Kain

Kieron Green *

INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST (1)

Tommy Man*

Audrey E Forrest (Depute Leader, SNP Group) *

Willie Hume *

Reeni Kennedy Boyle *

Jim Lynch (Leader of the SNP Group) *

Ian James MacQuire *

Dougie McFadzean *

Julie McKenzie*

Iain Shonny Paterson *

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