

THE INVERCLYDE COUNCIL – 19 MAY 2022

The Inverclyde Council

Thursday 19 May 2022 at 4pm

Present: Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Clocherty, Crowther, Curley, Daisley, Jackson, Law, McCabe, McCormick, McCluskey, McGuire, McKenzie, McVey, Moran, Nelson, Quinn, Reynolds, Robertson and Wilson.

In attendance: Chief Executive, Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance, Interim Director Environment & Regeneration, Interim Director (Chief Officer) Health & Social Care Partnership, Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development, Head of Legal & Democratic Services, Mr C MacDonald and Ms L Carrick (Legal Services) and Service Manager Communications, Tourism and Health & Safety.

In attendance also: Rev Alan Sorensen.

The meeting was held at the Greenock Town Hall.

The Chief Executive took the Chair in line with guidance set out for the first statutory meeting.

Rev Sorensen opened the proceedings of the Council with a prayer. Thereafter the Chief Executive thanked Rev Sorensen for his dedicated service to the community in consideration of his imminent retirement.

236 Election of Councillors 236

There was submitted a list of Councillors elected following the local government elections on 5 May 2022.

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237 Sederunt, Apologies, Declarations of Interest and Declaration of Acceptance of Office 237

The Head of Legal & Democratic Services took the roll call and advised that all 22 Members of the Council were present, no Members raised any declarations of interests, and the Head of Legal & Democratic Services then confirmed that all Members had executed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Noted

238 Election of the Provost and Depute Provost of the Council 238

The Chief Executive called for nominations for the vacant Office of Convenor of the Council thereafter known as Provost of Inverclyde Council. Councillor McVey seconded by Councillor Robertson moved that Councillor McKenzie be elected as Provost, using that title, the appointment being for the term of this Council. There being no further nominations, Councillor McKenzie accepted the Office of Provost, was invested with the Chains of Office and thereupon, following a brief recess, assumed the Chair.

The Provost then expressed his thanks to the Council for electing him to the position, thanking in particular his predecessor, Martin Brennan, for the manner in which he

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fulfilled his duties as Provost. He also gave an undertaking to commit his full attention and efforts to the role and that he would do so with humility.

The Provost called for nominations for the vacant Office of Depute Provost of Inverclyde Council and Councillor Wilson seconded by Councillor McCabe moved that Councillor Brooks be elected as Depute Provost, using that title, the role being to preside at meetings of full Council in the absence of the Provost and to also deputise for the Provost on civic occasions, the appointment being for the term of this Council. There being no further nominations, Councillor Brooks accepted the Office of Depute Provost.

Decided:

(1) that Councillor McKenzie be elected as the Provost of Inverclyde Council, using that title, the appointment being for the term of this Council; and

(2) that Councillor Brooks be elected as the Depute Provost of Inverclyde Council, using that title, the role being to preside at meetings of full Council in the absence of the Provost and to also deputise for the Provost on civic occasions, the appointment being for the term of this Council.

239 Appointment of Leader, Depute Leader and Leader of the Largest Non-Administration Group 239

Councillor McGuire seconded by Councillor McCluskey moved that Councillor McCabe be appointed Leader of the Council. There were no other nominations.

Decided: that Councillor McCabe be appointed Leader of the Council.

Cllr McCabe thanked those present for the honour of continuing in his role as Leader of the Council and that he was optimistic about the future despite the challenges that lay ahead. He expressed a desire to work in partnership with all Members of the Council and he wanted to pay tribute to Chris McEleny, Jim McEleny and Jim MacLeod as Members who were not returned at the election, expressing his best wishes to them for the future. He also thanked Cllr Clocherty for his long-standing support as Depute Leader of the Council.

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Brennan moved that Councillor McGuire be appointed Depute Leader of the Council. There were no other nominations.

Decided: that Councillor McGuire be appointed Depute Leader of the Council.

Councillor Curley seconded by Councillor McVey moved that Councillor Robertson be appointed Leader of the largest Non-Administration Group. There were no other nominations.

Decided: that Councillor Robertson be appointed Leader of the Largest Non-Administration Group.

240 Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards, Appointments of Convenors and Vice-Convenors, Appointments to Licensing Board and Appointment of Member Champions 240

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McGuire moved that Council agrees the recommendations set out in the officer's report, with the Elected Member appointments in recommendation 3.2, 3.3 and 3.5 being all as set out in the Appendix which has been tabled and shared with all Elected Members. There being no amendments this motion was unanimously agreed.

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Decided:

- (1) that (a) the adoption on 17 February 2022 of those key governance documents as detailed at paragraph 4.2 of the report be noted; and (b) approval be given to the continued adoption of the thematic committee structure that was in place prior to the local government elections, but subject to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services bringing forward a report to the next meeting of the Council to suggest any proposed alterations that might be made to the said governance documents and structure to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council's decision making arrangements and taking into account the decisions taken during this meeting;
- (2) that appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards together with Convenors and Vice-Convenors, and Member Champions, be made as follows:

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McCluskey | 8. Councillor Law |
| 3. Councillor Moran | 9. Councillor Armstrong |
| 4. Councillor McCormick | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor McGuire | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Robertson | |

Convener: Councillor McCabe

Vice-Convener: Councillor McCluskey

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor McCormick | 7. Councillor Robertson |
| 2. Councillor Cassidy | 8. Councillor Nelson |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Councillor Crowther |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor Quinn |
| 5. Councillor McCabe | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Convener: Councillor McCormick

Vice-Conveners: Councillor Cassidy (Environment)
Councillor Clocherty (Regeneration)

EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor Clocherty | 7. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Brennan | 8. Councillor Daisley |
| 3. Councillor McGuire | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Moran | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Armstrong | |

Convener: Councillor Clocherty

Vice-Convener: Councillor Brennan (Education)
Councillor McGuire (Communities)

(+3 religious representatives, 1 parent representative and 1 teacher representative)

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor Jackson | 7. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor McCluskey | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Brennan | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Cassidy | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Armstrong | |
- Convener:** Councillor Jackson
Vice-Convener: Councillor McCluskey

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor McCluskey | 9. Councillor McVey |
| 4. Councillor McCormick | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Nelson | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |
- Convener:** Councillor Nelson
Vice-Convener: Councillor Wilson

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Armstrong |
| 2. Councillor McCluskey | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Cassidy | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Moran | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Curley | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |
- Chair:** Councillor Moran
Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

PLANNING BOARD

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 8. Councillor Law |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Provost McKenzie |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Daisley | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |
- Chair:** Councillor McVey
Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 4. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 5. Councillor Quinn |
| 3. Councillor Law | |
- Chair:** Councillor Brennan
Vice-Chair: Councillor Clocherty

POLICY & RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 4. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McCluskey | 5. Councillor McVey |
| 3. Councillor Robertson | 6. Councillor Wilson |
| Convener: | Councillor McCabe |
| Vice-Convener: | Councillor McCluskey |

HOUSING (LANDLORD REGISTRATION) SUB-COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor McCormick | 4. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 5. Provost McKenzie |
| 3. Councillor Armstrong | |
| Chair: | Councillor McCormick |

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 4. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 5. Provost McKenzie |
| 3. Councillor Crowther | 6. Councillor Brooks |
| Chair: | Councillor Brooks |

INVERCLYDE LICENSING BOARD

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| 1. Councillor McCormick | 5. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Jackson | 6. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Cassidy | 7. Councillor McVey |
| 4. Councillor Robertson | 8. Councillor Brooks |
| Chair: | Councillor Brooks* |
| Vice-Chair: | Councillor Reynolds* |

*subject to ratification by Inverclyde Licensing Board as per paragraph 5.9 of the report.

LOCAL REVIEW BODY

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| 1. Councillor Clocherty | 5. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McCabe | 6. Councillor McVey |
| 3. Councillor McGuire | 7. Councillor Brooks |
| 4. Councillor Crowther | |
| Chair: | Councillor McVey |
| Vice-Chair: | Councillor Curley |

LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Moran | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Crowther | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Daisley | |
| Chair: | Councillor Wilson |
| Vice-Chair: | Provost McKenzie |

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PETITIONS COMMITTEE

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| 1. Councillor Cassidy | 4. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor McCabe | 5. Provost McKenzie |
| 3. Councillor Curley | 6. Councillor Brooks |
| Convener: | Councillor Curley |
| Vice-Convener: | Provost McKenzie |

EDUCATION APPEALS COMMITTEE (PLACING REQUESTS AND EXCLUSIONS)

1 Councillor (**not** on Education and Communities Committee) to serve on a rota basis and 2 lay persons.

MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Older People's Champions: Councillor Wilson
Community Council Champion: Councillor Cassidy
Young People's Champion: Councillor Law
Carers' Champion: Councillor Crowther
Armed Forces Champion: Councillor Brooks
Healthy Lifestyles & Sports Champion: Councillor Reynolds
Welfare and Financial Inclusion Champion: Councillor McCabe
Women's Champion: Councillor Quinn

(3) to note that officers will undertake a review of the current Member Champion arrangements, with any proposed changes being the subject of a future report to the Council;

(4) that (a) it be agreed to continue the use of the Strategic Leadership Forum and Members Budget Working Group, with the membership of those being as set out in paragraph 5.8 of the report, and (b) it be noted that officers will undertake a review of the current arrangements with any proposed changes being the subject of a future report to the Council;

(5) that it be noted that those members of the Education & Communities Committee that are not Elected Members will continue to be appointed by that Committee, as detailed in paragraph 5.13 of the report;

(6) that it be noted that those members of the Education Appeals Committee that are not Elected Members will continue to be appointed by the Education & Communities Committee, as detailed in paragraph 5.14 of the report; and

(7) that it be agreed to appoint all Members, other than those appointed to the Education & Communities Committee, to a panel from which attendance at the Education Appeals Committee will be drawn, as detailed in paragraph 5.15 of the report.

241 Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies – Joint Boards, Joint Committees, Public Bodies and other Public Organisations 241

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McGuire moved that Council agrees to appoint Elected Members to those outside bodies specified in the officer's report, with the Elected Member appointments being all as set out in the Appendix which has been

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tabled and shared with all Elected Members. There being no amendments this motion was unanimously agreed.

Decided: that appointments be made to Outside Bodies – Joint Boards, Joint Committees, Public Bodies and other Public Organisations as follows:

Clyde and Loch Lomond Plan District Joint Committee

Councillor Nelson

Substitute Member: Councillor Curley

Clyde Valley Learning and Development Joint Committee

Councillor Brennan

Substitute Member: Councillor Clocherty

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

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| (1) Council Leader
(Councillor McCabe) | (3) Leader of Largest Opposition
Group
(Councillor Robertson) |
| (2) Council Depute Leader
(Councillor McGuire) | |

COSLA Boards

Children and Young People	Councillor Brennan
Health and Social Care	Councillor McCluskey
Environment and Economy	Councillor Clocherty
Community Wellbeing	Councillor McGuire

Glasgow Airport Consultative Committee

Councillor Wilson

Substitute Member: Councillor Brooks

Glasgow & Clyde Valley City Deal Cabinet (Joint Committee)

Leader of the Council – Councillor McCabe

Substitute Member – Councillor McCluskey

Glasgow & Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority (Clydeplan)

- (1) Councillor Curley
- (2) Councillor Wilson

Greater Glasgow & Clyde NHS Board

Councillor McCluskey (subject to Ministerial confirmation)

Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

- (1) Convener of Health & Social Care Committee (Councillor Jackson)
- (2) Chair elect of Inverclyde Licensing Board (Councillor Brooks)
- (3) Councillor Armstrong

Inverclyde Alliance Board

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| (1) Councillor McCabe | (3) Councillor Robertson |
| (2) Councillor Quinn | (4) Councillor Brooks |

Inverclyde Integration Joint Board

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| (1) Councillor Moran (Vice Chair) | (proxy – Councillor Jackson) |
| (2) Councillor McCluskey | (proxy – Councillor Cassidy) |
| (3) Councillor Robertson | (proxy – Councillor Reynolds) |
| (4) Councillor Quinn | (proxy – Provost McKenzie) |

Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board

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| (1) Councillor Cassidy | Substitute: Councillor McCormick |
| (2) Councillor Daisley | Substitute: Councillor Robertson |
| (3) Councillor Nelson | Substitute: Councillor Reynolds |
| (4) Councillor Brooks | Substitute: Councillor Wilson |

Scotland Excel Joint Committee

Councillor McCluskey
Substitute Member: Councillor McCabe

Shared Services Joint Committee

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| (1) Councillor McCormick | (3) Councillor Cassidy |
| (2) Councillor Curley | (4) Councillor Brooks |

Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee

Councillor Wilson
Substitute Member: Councillor Brooks

Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Councillor Wilson
Substitute Member: Councillor Brooks

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Appointments to Outside Bodies – Council Companies, Local Organisations and Other External Organisations in which the Council has an Interest

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The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised the Council of a typographical error in appendix 1 of the report, and accordingly, the number of Council Members required to sit on the Board of Riverside Inverclyde should read '2', rather than '3' as presented in the hardcopy of the agenda papers. Elected Members had been provided with an electronic copy of the corrected Appendix and updated information on this outside body prior to the meeting.

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McGuire moved that Council agrees to appoint Elected Members to those outside bodies specified in the officer's report, with the Elected Member appointments being all as set out in the Appendix which has been tabled and shared with all Elected Members. There being no amendments this motion was unanimously agreed.

Decided: that appointments be made to Outside Bodies – Council Companies, Local Organisations and Other External Organisations in which the Council has an interest:

Association for Public Service Excellence (A.P.S.E.)

All Members of the Council

The Birkmyre Trust

All Members of the Council

Boglestone Community Association

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- (1) Councillor McCabe
- (2) Councillor Wilson

- (3) Councillor Law

Clyde, Kintyre and Islands Ferry Stakeholders Group

Councillor McCluskey
Councillor Reynolds

Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park Liaison Group

- (1) Councillor Nelson
- (2) Councillor Wilson

David Sharp's Trust - Trustees

Provost McKenzie

George Wyllie Foundation

Councillor McGuire

Gourock – Dunoon Infrastructure and Vessels Project – Reference Group

Councillor McCluskey
Substitute Member: Councillor Quinn

Greenock Arts Guild Board

- (1) Councillor McCluskey
- (2) Councillor Robertson

Inchgreen Marine Park Ltd

Councillor McCabe (Chair)
Councillor Curley

Inverclyde Advice and Employment Rights Centre Committee

Councillor Daisley

Inverclyde Area Support Team

Councillor Armstrong

Inverclyde Community Development Trust

- (1) Councillor Jackson
- (2) Councillor Law
- (3) Councillor Clocherty

Inverclyde Leisure

- (1) Councillor Clocherty
- (2) Councillor Quinn
- (3) Councillor Reynolds
- (4) Councillor Brooks

Inverclyde Local Access Forum

- (1) Councillor Cassidy
- (2) Councillor Crowther

Inverclyde Voluntary Council of Social Service - Executive Committee

- (1) Councillor Jackson
- (2) Councillor Armstrong

James Campbell Buchanan Trust

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| (1) Councillor Brennan | (4) Councillor Daisley |
| (2) Councillor Crowther | (5) Provost McKenzie |
| (3) Councillor Brooks | |

Kilmacolm Community Centre Co Ltd

- (1) Councillor Curley
- (2) Councillor Wilson

Lowland Reserve Forces & Cadets Association

Councillor Brooks

National Association of Councillors

All Members of the Council

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| Designated Representatives: | (1) Councillor Brooks |
| | (2) Councillor Daisley |

Peter Stanton Memorial Trust - Trustees

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| (1) Provost McKenzie | (4) Mrs E L Gowans* |
| (2) Councillor Moran | (5) Ms E McEleney* |
| (3) Councillor Reynolds | (6) Mr J English* |

*Members of the public appointed by Inverclyde Council on 17 February 2022

Renfrewshire Educational Trust - Trustees

- (1) Councillor Clocherty
- (2) Councillor Law

River Clyde Homes Board

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| (1) Councillor Curley | (2) Councillor Brooks |
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Riverside Inverclyde Board

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| (1) Councillor Clocherty | (2) Councillor Curley |
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Road Safety West of Scotland

Councillor Reynolds

Scottish Councils' Committee on Radioactive Substances

Councillor Reynolds

Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees

Councillor McCabe

Scottish Negotiating Committee for Teachers

Councillor McCabe

SSERC (Scottish Schools Education Research Centre) Ltd - Board

Councillor Reynolds

Watt Trust

All Members of the Council

West Coast Rail 250

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Councillor Curley

West of Scotland European Forum

Councillor Armstrong

Substitute Member: Councillor Law

Woman's Forum

- (1) Councillor Brennan
- (2) Councillor Reynolds
- (3) Councillor McGuire

- (4) Councillor Armstrong
- (5) Councillor Quinn

243 Administrative Arrangements: Cycle of Council, Committee, Sub-Committee and Board Meetings for June 2022 243

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services seeking approval for a proposed schedule of Committee meetings for the period until the 2022 Summer recess with a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022.

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised the Council of a typographical error in appendix 1 of the report, and accordingly, the reference to the Audit Committee being held on '27 June' should be replaced with '7 June'.

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McGuire moved that approval be given to the proposed meeting dates for June 2022 as set out in the timetable in appendix 1 of the report, subject to the verbal correction that the Audit Committee be held on 7 June. There being no amendments this motion was unanimously agreed.

Decided: that approval be given to the proposed meeting dates for June 2022 as set out in the timetable in appendix 1 of the report, subject to the verbal correction that the Audit Committee be held on 7 June 2022.

244 Councillors' Remuneration 244

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services inviting the Council to consider the remuneration payable to Councillors undertaking additional responsibilities.

Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor McGuire moved that the remuneration payable to the Leader of the Council in terms of the regulations will be paid to Cllr McCabe as the appointed Leader of the Council; that the remuneration payable to the Civic Head of the Council will be £24,467 per annum, and will be paid to Cllr McKenzie as the appointed Provost of the Council; that the following post holders are all designated as Senior Councillors in terms of the regulations and all paid the same remuneration of approximately £22,018 per annum, namely, (a) Leader of the Largest Non-Administration Group; (b) Convenor – Audit Committee; (c) Deputy Leader; (d) Convenor – Education & Communities Committee; (e) Convenor – Environment & Regeneration Committee; (f) Convenor – Health & Social Care Committee; (g) Chair – Inverclyde Licensing Board; (h) Chair – General Purposes Board; and (i) Chair – Planning Board.

There being no amendments this motion was unanimously agreed.

Decided:

- (1) that the remuneration payable to the Leader of the Council in terms of the regulations be approved and paid to Cllr McCabe as the appointed Leader of the Council;
- (2) that the remuneration payable to the Civic Head of the Council will be £24,467

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per annum, and will be paid to Provost McKenzie as the appointed Provost of the Council; and

(3) that the following post holders be designated as Senior Councillors in terms of the regulations and all paid the same remuneration of approximately £22,018 per annum:

- (a) Leader of the Largest Non-Administrative Group
- (b) Convenor – Audit Committee
- (c) Depute Leader
- (d) Convenor – Education & Communities Committee
- (e) Convenor – Environment & Regeneration Committee
- (f) Convenor – Health & Social Care Committee
- (g) Chair – Inverclyde Licensing Board
- (h) Chair – General Purposes Board
- (i) Chair – Planning Board

245 PROVOST MCKENZIE

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At the conclusion of business, Provost McKenzie thanked officers for their organisation of the meeting and Rev Sorensen for his attendance. The Provost encouraged Elected Members to support each other irrespective of party political allegiance and that while there will be debate over the best manner in which to approach the issues affecting Inverclyde, Members should continue to treat each other with dignity and respect.