
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	27 February 2025
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Subject:	Scheme of Administration – Appointments and Political Balance		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to: (a) request that the Council appoints a new elected member to the Board of River Clyde Homes following the resignation of Councillor Curley from the Board; (b) advise the Council that Councillor Robertson has resigned as leader of the SNP Group and that Councillor Curley has been appointed as the group's new leader and is now, consequently, the Leader of the Largest Non-Administration Group; (c) advise Council that the administrative suspension of Councillor McCabe from the Labour Party has been lifted meaning that Councillor McCabe now sits on the Council as part of the Labour Group; (d) advise Council of amendments required to ensure political balance and compliance with other governance requirements on Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate); (e) advise Council of proposed changes to the membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies, some of which are required as a consequence of the events referred to above and some of which are requested for other reasons; and (f) ask the Council to agree membership of such Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) appoints a new member to the board of River Clyde Homes;
- (b) notes the appointment of a new leader of the SNP Group and Leader of the Largest Non-Administration Party;
- (c) notes the lifting of the suspension of Councillor McCabe from the Labour Party and that Councillor McCabe now sits on the Council as a member of the Labour Group;
- (d) notes the new political balance applying to Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as detailed in the Appendices; and
- (e) makes adjustments to the membership of its Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as required and/or requested, as set out in Appendix 6.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Councillor Curley was appointed by the Council to the board of River Clyde Homes on 19 May 2022. On 15 October 2024, Councillor Curley tendered his resignation from this appointment. At the meeting of the Council on 5 December 2024, nominations for appointment to this post were sought and no such nominations were received. It is recommended that the Council appoints a new member and nominations to this post are again invited.
- 3.2 Councillor Robertson has notified officers that with effect from 14 February 2025, she stood down from her position as leader of the SNP Group and that Councillor Curley has been appointed to that role with Councillor Armstrong being appointed as deputy leader of the SNP Group. The effect of this is that Councillor Curley has now taken up the Senior Councillor post of Leader of the Largest Non-Administration Group. As a result of this and for other reasons, some changes have been proposed to the appointed members to the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as described at Appendix 6.
- 3.3 In December 2024, the Council was advised that Councillor McCabe had been administratively suspended from the Labour Party and, as such, Councillor McCabe sat on the Council as an independent member from that point. The Council has now been notified that that administrative suspension has been lifted and, as such, Councillor McCabe now sits on the Council as part of the Labour Group.
- 3.4 This change necessitates a review of the membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate). Paragraph 59 of the Scheme of Administration requires the Council to ensure that, in so far as is practicable, the appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees, and Outside Bodies (where more than two representatives of the Council are required) reflect the balance of representatives on the Council.
- 3.5 The previous political balance approved at the 5 December 2024 meeting of the Council meant the representation on all of the Council's Standing Committees and Boards of 11 Members was as follows:
- Labour – 4 Members
- SNP – 3 Members
- Independent Alliance – 1 Member
- Conservative and Independent Affiliation – 1.5 Members
- Independent (Councillor Quinn) – 0.5 Member
- Independent (Councillor Law) – 0.5 Member
- Independent (Councillor McCabe) – 0.5 Member
- 3.6 The alteration in political balance on the Council means that membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (with more than two representatives) needs to change where appropriate to reflect the position.
- 3.7 Following the occurrence of the event set out in paragraph 3.4, the political balance for the Standing Committees and Boards comprising of 11 Members has been altered as shown in Appendix 1(b) and as set out as follows:

Labour – 4.5 Members

SNP – 3 Members

Independent Alliance – 1 Member

Conservative and Independent Affiliation – 1.5 Members

Independent (Councillor Quinn) – 0.5 Member

Independent (Councillor Law) – 0.5 Member

- 3.8 The new political balance means that the Labour Group's representation on each of these Committees and Board comprising 11 members increases to 4.5 members meaning that they should have 5 members on half of these Committees and Boards and 4 members on the other half.
- 3.9 For Members' ease of reference, Appendix 1(a) sets out the existing and Appendix 1(b) sets out the new political balance on the main Committees and Boards and Appendix 2 details the existing party-by-party representation on these.
- 3.10 A proposal for membership of the Council's Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies to give effect to the new political balance, is set out Appendix 6. This is simply a proposal and its acceptance is, of course, entirely within the discretion of the Council.
- 3.11 It should be noted that the proposal in Appendix 6 include changes requested by some members or political groups which are not as a result of and do not impact political balance. It should also be noted that the proposals set out in Appendix 6 do not represent exact political balance and it is for members to decide whether to agree to these or not.
- 3.12 The existing and new political balance on all Committees is summarised below:

COMMITTEE	EXISTING	NEW
Policy & Resources	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	4 or 5 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
Environment & Regeneration	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	4 or 5 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)

Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	4 or 5 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
Audit	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	4 or 5 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
Education & Communities	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	4 or 5 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
General Purposes Board	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	4 or 5 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
Planning Board	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	4 or 5 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
Local Fire & Police Scrutiny Panel	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	4 or 5 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)

Human Resources Appeals Board	2 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 0 or 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 IND (CQ) 0 IND (CL) 0 IND (CMcC).	2 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 0 or 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 IND (CQ) 0 IND (CL)
Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
Grants Sub-Committee	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
Petitions Committee	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)
Local Review Body	3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)	3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL)

CON = Conservative & Independent Affiliation

IND ALL = Independent Alliance

IND (CQ) = Councillor Quinn

IND (CL) = Councillor Law

IND (CMcC) = Councillor McCabe

- 3.13 When considering adjustments to the membership of Committees to reflect the present political balance, the Council should seek to ensure that the replacement Member on each of the main Committees reflects the political balance as far as possible and in line with what each member may wish as individuals.

- 3.14 Appendix 2 sets out the existing membership of the Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards. Appendix 3 sets out the new membership to address the new political balance.
- 3.15 The Licensing Board is a separate statutory body and there is no formal requirement to include it in the current re-balancing exercise. However, the SNP Group has indicated that they would like to make a change in the Member appointed to the Licensing Board and that is set out in Appendix 6. There is a requirement that any Member of the Licensing Board must complete mandatory training before sitting on the Board and that training is being arranged for the new Member of the Licensing Board.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- 3.16 In terms of Paragraph 59 of the Council's Scheme of Administration, the Council requires to ensure that appointments to Outside Bodies reflect as far as practicable the balance of political representation on the Council where more than two representatives of the Council are required.
- 3.17 The Council's Scheme of Administration requires that appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards reflect as far as possible the political balance of the Council. In respect of Outside Bodies where more than 2 representatives of the Council are required the same requirements apply, albeit that wider discretion is often required in this case. This discretion can take into account Member availability for the range of tasks and attendances involved with the respective Outside Bodies. This discretion appears also to have accommodated, at times, a less formal political balance among the individual political parties with a general balance being attained informally between the Administration and the Non-Administration groups overall, rather than a party-by-party split.
- 3.18 As listed in Appendix 4, there are 12 Outside Bodies where more than 2 representatives of the Council are required and the current political membership of each Outside Body with more than 2 representatives is set out.
- 3.19 The current party-by party-balance is set out for information and guidance in Appendix 4. The party-by-party approach can be modified by the Council if it wished to take account of pressures on Members or their individual wishes for representation on the Outside Bodies by a more general arrangement based on the overall proportion of Administration Members to all Non-Administration Members.
- 3.20 Appendix 5 sets out the new political balance in respect of Outside Bodies (more than 2 representatives) following the event detailed at paragraph 3.4.
- 3.21 Appendix 6 sets out a proposal for membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies to reflect the new political balance. As stated above, this includes additional changes requested by some members or political groups which are not as a result of and do not impact political balance. This sets out a suggestion only and it is, of course, entirely within the discretion of the Council to agree. It should be noted that the proposals set out in Appendix 6 do not represent exact political balance.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Council:
- (a) appoints a new member to the board of River Clyde Homes;
 - (b) notes the appointment of a new leader of the SNP Group and Leader of the Largest Non-Administration Party;
 - (c) notes the lifting of the suspension of Councillor McCabe from the Labour Party and that Councillor McCabe now sits on the Council as a member of the Labour Group;

- (d) notes the new political balance applying to Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as detailed in the Appendices; and
- (e) makes adjustments to the membership of its Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as required and/or requested as set out in Appendix 6.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial		X
Legal/Risk		X
Human Resources		X
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		X
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X
Environmental & Sustainability		X
Data Protection		X

5.2 Finance

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.3 Legal/Risk

There are no legal or risk implications.

5.4 Human Resources

There are no human resource implications.

5.5 Strategic

There are no strategic plan implications.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 N/A

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A

APPENDIX 1a)**EXISTING POLITICAL BALANCE (STANDING COMMITTEES,
GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD, PLANNING BOARD and LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY)**

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	REPRESENTATION
Scottish Labour Party	8	36.36	4	4	4
Scottish National Party	6	27.27	3	3	3
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	1	1	1
Scottish Conservative & Unionist	3	13.64	1.5	1.5	1 or 2
Independent Member (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Member (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Member (Councillor McCabe)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1

* In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

EXISTING POLITICAL BALANCE (OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES ETC)**5 REPRESENTATIVES (2 - Human Resources Appeals Board and Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee)**

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	8	36.36	1.82	2	2
SNP	6	27.27	1.36	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.68	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.45	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Independent Member (Councillor McCabe)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0

6 REPRESENTATIVES (3, P&R Exec Sub-Committee, Grants Sub-Committee and Petitions Committee)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	8	36.36	2.18	2	2
SNP	6	27.27	1.64	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.82	1	1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.55	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.28	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.28	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Member (Councillor McCabe)	1	4.55	0.28	0.5	0 or 1

7 REPRESENTATIVES (1, Local Review Body)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	8	36.36	2.55	2.5	2 or 3
SNP	6	27.27	1.91	2	2

Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.82	1	1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.64	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.32	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.32	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Member (Councillor McCabe)	1	4.55	0.32	0.5	0 or 1

- *In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

APPENDIX 1b)**NEW POLITICAL BALANCE (STANDING COMMITTEES, GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD, PLANNING BOARD and LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY)**

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION
Scottish Labour Party	9	40.90	4.5	4.5	4 or 5
Scottish National Party	6	27.27	3	3	3
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	1	1	1
Scottish Conservative & Unionist & Independent Affiliation	3	13.64	1.5	1.5	1 or 2
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1

- * In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

APPENDIX 1b)**NEW POLITICAL BALANCE (OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES ETC)****5 REPRESENTATIVES (2 - Human Resources Appeals Board and Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee)**

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	2.05	2	2
SNP	6	27.27	1.36	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.68	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.45	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0

6 REPRESENTATIVES (3, P&R Exec Sub-Committee, Grants Sub-Committee and Petitions Committee)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	2.45	2.5	2 or 3
SNP	6	27.27	1.64	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.82	1	1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.55	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.27	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.27	0.5	0 or 1

7 REPRESENTATIVES (1, Local Review Body)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	2.86	3	3
SNP	6	27.27	1.91	2	2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.82	1	1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.64	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.32	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.32	0.5	0 or 1

- *In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.
- ** Where alternatives are given (e.g. "0 or 1" or "2 or 3"), then it would be for the groups in question to seek to agree the specific arrangements to effect the solution for their respective numerical entitlement, with the requirement in the Council's Standing Orders to seek to achieve a balance of political representation being capable of being met by those groups agreeing to alternate representation where the same applies to more than 1 appointment.

**APPENDIX 2
EXISTING POLITICAL BALANCE IN RESPECT OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

COMMITTEE	NO. MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE	LABOUR	SNP	CON & IND	INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE	IND (CLLR QUINN)	IND (CLLR LAW)	IND (CLLR MCCABE)
Policy & Resources	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Environment & Regeneration	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Education & Communities	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Audit	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
General Purposes Board	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1

Planning Board	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Local Review Body***	7	2 or 3	2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee***	6	2	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Human Resources Appeals Board***	5	2	1 or 2	0 or 1	0 or 1	0	0	0	0
Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee***	5	2	1 or 2	0 or 1	0 or 1	0	0	0	0
Grants Sub-Committee***	6	2	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Local Police & Fire Scrutiny	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1

Inverclyde Licensing Board	8	3 **	2 **	1 **	0 or 1 **			
Petitions Committee***	6	2	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1

**APPENDIX 3
NEW POLITICAL BALANCE IN RESPECT OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

COMMITTEE	NO. MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE	LABOUR	SNP	CON & IND	INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE	IND (CLLR QUINN)	IND (CLLR LAW)
Policy & Resources	11	4 or 5	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Environment & Regeneration	11	4 or 5	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1

Education & Communities	11	4 or 5	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	11	4 or 5	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Audit	11	4 or 5	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
General Purposes Board	11	4 or 5	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Planning Board	11	4 or 5	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Local Review Body***	7	3	2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1

Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee***	6	2 or 3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Human Resources Appeals Board***	5	2	1 or 2	0 or 1	0 or 1	0	0	0
Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee***	5	2	1 or 2	0 or 1	0 or 1	0	0	0
Grants Sub-Committee***	6	2 or 3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Local Police & Fire Scrutiny	11	4 or 5	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Inverclyde Licensing Board	8	3 or 4 **	2	1**	0 or 1**	0 or 1**	0 or 1**	0 or 1**

Petitions Committee***	6	2 or 3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
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- **The proposed appointments to the Inverclyde Licensing Board are based upon the following numerical entitlements, namely 3.27 (rounded to 3.5) (Labour), 2.18 (rounded to 2) (SNP), 1.09 (rounded to 1) (Scottish Conservative & Unionist & Ind) 0.73 (rounded to 0.5) (Independent Alliance) and 0.36 (rounded to 0.5) for Independent (Councillor Quinn) and Independent (Councillor Law). Please see paragraph 3.15 of the main report for detail on the Licensing Board. Again, where alternatives are given (e.g. "0 or 1" or "2 or 3"), then it would be for the groups in question to seek to agree the specific arrangements to effect the solution for their respective numerical entitlement, with the requirement in the Council's Standing Orders to seek to achieve a balance of political representation being capable of being met by those groups agreeing to alternate representation where the same applies to more than 1 appointment.
- *** Suggested on the basis of the representations calculated in Appendix 2. Again, where alternatives are given (e.g. "0 or 1" or "2 or 3"), then it would be for the groups in question to seek to agree the specific arrangements to effect the solution for their respective numerical entitlement, with the requirement in the Council's Standing Orders to seek to achieve a balance of political representation being capable of being met by those groups agreeing to alternate representation where the same applies to more than 1 appointment

APPENDIX 4
EXISTING POLITICAL BALANCE IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES WITH MORE THAN 2 REPRESENTATIVES

3 REPRESENTATIVES (5 Bodies – Boglestone Community Association, Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Inverclyde Alcohol & Drug Partnership, Peter Stanton Memorial Trust (3 elected members including the Provost), Riverside Inverclyde)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	8	36.36	1.09	1	1
SNP	6	27.27	0.82	1	1
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.41	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.27	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Clr Quinn)	1	4.55	0.14	0	0
Independent (Clr Law)	1	4.55	0.14	0	0
Independent (Clr McCabe)	1	4.55	0.14	0	0

4 REPRESENTATIVES (5 Bodies –Inverclyde Alliance Board, Inverclyde Integration Joint Board, Inverclyde Leisure, Inverclyde Valuation Joint Board and Shared Services Joint Committee)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	8	36.36	1.45	1.5	1 or 2
SNP	6	27.27	1.09	1	1
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.41	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.36	0.5	0 or 1
Independent	1	4.55	0.18	0	0
Independent (Cllr Law)	1	4.55	0.18	0	0
Independent (Cllr McCabe)	1	4.55	0.18	0	0

5 REPRESENTATIVES (2 Bodies - James Campbell Buchan Trust and Women's Forum)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	8	36.36	1.82	2	2
SNP	6	27.27	1.36	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.68	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.45	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Cllr Quinn)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Independent (Cllr Law)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Independent (Cllr McCabe)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0

- *In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

APPENDIX 5**NEW POLITICAL BALANCE IN RESPECT OF APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES WITH MORE THAN 2 REPRESENTATIVES**

3 REPRESENTATIVES (5 Bodies – Boglestone Community Association, Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Inverclyde Alcohol & Drug Partnership, Peter Stanton Memorial Trust (3 elected members including the Provost), Riverside Inverclyde)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEARERST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	1.23	1	1
SNP	6	27.27	0.82	1	1
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.41	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.27	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Cllr Quinn)	1	4.55	0.14	0	0
Independent (Cllr Law)	1	4.55	0.14	0	0

4 REPRESENTATIVES (5 Bodies –Inverclyde Alliance Board, Inverclyde Integration Joint Board, Inverclyde Leisure, Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board and Shared Services Joint Committee)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEARERST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	1.64	1.5	1 or 2
SNP	6	27.27	1.09	1	1
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.41	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.36	0.5	0 or 1
Independent	1	4.55	0.18	0	0
Independent (Cllr Law)	1	4.55	0.18	0	0

5 REPRESENTATIVES (2 Bodies - James Campbell Buchan Trust and Women's Forum)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	2.05	2	2
SNP	6	27.27	1.36	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.68	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.45	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Cllr Quinn)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Independent (Cllr Law)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0

- *In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.
- **Where alternatives are given (e.g. "0 or 1" or "2 or 3"), then it would be for the groups in question to seek to agree the specific arrangements to effect the solution for their respective numerical entitlement, with the requirement in the Council's Standing Orders to seek to achieve a balance of political representation being capable of being met by those groups agreeing to alternate representation where the same applies to more than 1 appointment. It is, however, to be noted that where 4 representatives are sought all four groups need to be involved in that discussion, and not just two.

**MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND BOARDS
WITH CONVENERS AND VICE-CONVENERS**

Pursuant to Recommendation 2(e) of the foregoing Report, the following adjustments are proposed to membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies. The names of all Councillors appointed to each of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards, whether changes are proposed or not, are set out for each of reference. The changes proposed are highlighted in bold below the name of the relevant Committee, Sub-Committee and Board.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Proposed Changes: Councillor McCabe to occupy seat as a Labour Group Member.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Robertson |
| 2. Councillor Moran | 8. Councillor Brooks |
| 3. Councillor McCormick | 9. Councillor Law |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Councillor McCabe |
| 5. Councillor Armstrong | 11. Councillor McVey |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |
- Convener:** Councillor McGuire
Vice-Convener: Councillor Moran

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: Councillor Daisley to replace Councillor Robertson

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| 1. Councillor Cassidy | 7. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 8. Councillor Brooks |
| 3. Councillor Jackson | 9. Councillor Nelson |
| 4. Councillor McCormick | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Crowther | 11. Councillor Quinn |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |
- Convener:** Councillor McCormick
Vice-Conveners: Councillor Cassidy (Environment)
Councillor Clocherty (Regeneration)

EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: No Change

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Robertson |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 8. Councillor Nelson |
| 3. Councillor Hellyer | 9. Councillor Wilson |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Armstrong | 11. Councillor Quinn |
| 6. Councillor Reynolds | |
- Church Representatives:** Rev D Burt, Rev F Donaldson, Mr J Docherty
Parent Representative: Ms Fiona MacDonald
Teacher Representative: Ms Paula McEwan
Convener: Councillor Clocherty
Vice-Conveners: Councillor Brennan (Education)
Councillor McGuire (Communities)

SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Proposed Change: Councillor McCabe to occupy seat as a Labour Group Member.

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Robertson |
| 2. Councillor Cassidy | 8. Councillor Brooks |
| 3. Councillor Hellyer | 9. Councillor Law |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor McCabe |
| 5. Councillor Armstrong | 11. Provost McKenzie |
| 6. Councillor Daisley | |

Convener: Councillor Brennan

Vice-Convener: Councillor Jackson

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: Councillor Reynolds to replace Councillor Robertson.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Councillor Clocherty | 7. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor Hellyer | 8. Councillor Nelson |
| 3. Councillor McCormick | 9. Councillor Wilson |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Councillor Law |
| 5. Councillor Crowther | 11. Councillor McVey |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Convener: Councillor Wilson

Vice-Convener: Councillor Curley

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD

Proposed Change: Councillor Moran to replace Councillor McCabe.

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor Cassidy | 8. Councillor Nelson |
| 3. Councillor Hellyer | 9. Councillor Moran |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Armstrong | 11. Councillor Quinn |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Chair: Councillor Jackson

Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

PLANNING BOARD

Proposed Change: Councillor McCabe to occupy seat as a Labour Group Member.

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

Chair: Councillor McVey

Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD

Proposed Change: No Change

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Councillor Brennan | 4. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Clocherty | 5. Councillor Quinn |
| 3. Councillor Daisley | |

Chair: Councillor Brennan
Vice-Chair: Councillor Clocherty

POLICY & RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: Councillor McCabe to occupy seat as a Labour Group Member. Councillor Curley to replace Councillor Robertson.

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| 1. Councillor Moran | 4. Councillor Brooks |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 5. Councillor McCabe |
| 3. Councillor Curley | 6. Councillor McVey |

Convener: Councillor McGuire
Vice-Convener: Councillor Moran

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

No Proposed Changes

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

Chair: Councillor Brooks

LOCAL REVIEW BODY

Proposed Change: Councillor McCabe to occupy seat as a Labour Group Member.

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

Chair: Councillor McVey
Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: No Change

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor Cassidy | 8. Councillor Wilson |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Councillor Law |
| 4. Councillor Hellyer | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Crowther | 11. Councillor Quinn |
| 6. Councillor Daisley | |

Convener: Councillor Wilson
Vice-Convener: Provost McKenzie

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: No Change

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Councillor Cassidy | 4. Councillor Daisley |
| 2. Councillor Hellyer | 5. Councillor Brooks |
| 3. Councillor Curley | 6. Provost McKenzie |

Convener: Councillor Curley
Vice-Convener: Provost McKenzie

LICENSING BOARD

Proposed Change: Councillor Daisley to replace Councillor Robertson

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Councillor Brooks | 5. Councillor McCormick |
| 2. Councillor Reynolds | 8. Councillor Daisley |
| 3. Councillor Cassidy | 9. Councillor Law |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor McVey |

Chair: Councillor Brooks
Vice-Chair: Councillor Reynolds

No other changes are proposed to any of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees or Boards at this time.

OUTSIDE BODIES

Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

Councillor Robertson to be replaced by Councillor Curley

Inverclyde Task Force

Councillor Robertson to be replaced by Councillor Curley