
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	6 March 2025
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Subject:	Appointment of Council Leader		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 ☒ For Decision ☐ For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to: (a) advise Council that Councillor Moran has indicated that he will resign from the role of Leader of the Council with effect from consideration of this report at the meeting of the Council on 6 March 2025; (b) request that Council appoints a new Leader following the resignation of Councillor Moran as Leader of the Council; (c) requests that the Council notes changes to the Council's representatives on certain Outside Bodies as a result of the change in Leader.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) notes that Councillor Moran will resign from the role Leader of the Council with effect from consideration of this report by Inverclyde Council;
- (b) appoints a new Leader of the Council; and
- (c) notes the changes required to the representation on certain Outside Bodies as a result of the change of Leader.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Councillor Moran was appointed as Leader of the Council on 5 December 2024 following the resignation of Councillor McCabe, as the Council’s Leader on 15 November 2024.
- 3.2 Councillor Moran has now given notice that, with effect from the consideration of this report by Council on 6 March 2025, he will resign from the role of Leader of the Council.
- 3.3 As a result of Councillor Moran’s resignation as Leader, it is recommended that the Council elects a new Leader and nominations to this post are invited. Elected Members have been provided with more information on the role of the Leader in the Members’ Handbook.
- 3.4 The Leader of the Council is required to represent the Council on certain Outside Bodies, namely, Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and the Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Cabinet (Joint Committee). Consequently, Members are asked to note that whichever Member is appointed as Leader will also hold these roles.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Council:
 - (a) notes Councillor Moran’s resignation from the role of Leader of the Council with effect from consideration of this report at the meeting of the Council on 6 March 2025;
 - (b) elects a new Leader of the Council after having considered nominations to this position; and
 - (c) notes that the newly appointed Leader will be the Council’s representative to the Outside Bodies referred to in paragraph 3.4 as a result of such appointment.

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