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# NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

22 June 2022

## North Ayrshire Council

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**Title:** **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

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**Purpose:** To advise the Council of a small number of vacancies in respect of appointments to outside bodies and to invite the Council to make appointments.

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**Recommendation:** That the Council agrees:

- (a) to note the list of current outside body appointments and vacancies set out at Appendix 1;
- (b) to consider nominations to fill the outstanding vacancies; and
- (c) to note that nominations will continue to be sought for any remaining vacancies.

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## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council is requested to make appointments to a range of outside bodies. This report invites the Council to appoint Elected Members to serve.
- 1.2 The Chief Executive also exercises delegated power in relation to officer appointments to outside bodies and to appoint of lead officers to support Members on some key outside bodies.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 The Council appoints Elected Members to represent it on a wide range of outside bodies, both at national and local level. Such appointments ensure that the Council's interests and, therefore, the interests of the people of North Ayrshire, are represented on key bodies.
- 2.2 Where Members or Officers are appointed to an outside body, it is important to note that their primary duty when serving will be to promote the interests of that body and, in the event of a conflict arising between the interests of the body and the Council, a Member may need to declare a conflict of interest. Where a Member serves on a Limited Company, Charity or Partnership, further specific legal duties also arise. Training in these duties will be provided as required. The Chief Executive may also appoint lead officers to support Members serving on some key outside bodies.

- 2.3 In terms of the Council's Scheme of Administration, Elected Member appointments to outside bodies are approved by the Council. At its meeting on 18 May 2022, the Council made a number of such appointments.
- 2.4 A list of the outstanding vacancies (including a small number of new nominations being sought) and one nomination received in respect of these, is set out at Appendix 1. Any further nominations can be considered at this or future Council meetings.

### **3. Proposals**

3.13.1 The Council is invited:

- (a) to note the list of current outside body appointments and vacancies set out at Appendix 1;
- (b) to consider nominations to fill the outstanding vacancies; and
- (c) to note that nominations will continue to be sought for any remaining vacancies.

### **4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty**

#### **Financial**

4.1 The Council will meet the cost of officer and Member attendance at outside body meetings.

#### **Human Resources**

4.2 Support for Elected Members in their role as Council representatives on outside bodies will be met by relevant Services from existing staff resources.

#### **Legal**

4.3 Members and Officers serving on outside bodies, particularly companies or charities, are subject to specific legal duties. The most important duty is that Members, when serving on that body, require to promote the interest and objects of that body. Members are not appointed to promote the interests of the Council. Where a conflict arises between the interests of the body and the Council, and Members cannot in all conscience act in the interests of the outside body, then they will need to declare a conflict of interest and take no part in the particular decision.

The Councillors' Code of Conduct contains a dispensation which allows Councillors who serve on outside bodies to take part in Council decisions relating to that body. This still requires the Member to declare their interest and cannot be used where the outside body is making a planning or other regulatory application to the Council.

#### **Equality/Socio-economic**

4.4 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **Climate Change and Carbon**

4.5 Relevant outside body appointments can support the Council's interest in terms of the environment and sustainability.

## **Key Priorities**

4.6 Relevant outside body appointments support partnership working, which in turn promotes all of the Council's key priorities.

## **Community Wealth Building**

4.7 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **5. Consultation**

5.1 Group Leaders and Independent Members were invited to submit nominations.

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## **Background Papers**

Correspondence with outside bodies



Appendix 1

Outside Body	Current Appointees	Outstanding Vacancies	Nominations Received
APSE Scottish Commercialisation Advisory Group	Scott Davidson	1 vacancy (substitute representative)	
Arran Access Trust	Timothy Billings	-	-
Arran Ferry Committee	Timothy Billings	-	-
Ayrshire Area Support Team	Anthea Dickson	-	-
Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board	Donald Reid (Vice Chair) John Glover Nairn McDonald Donald L. Reid	2 vacancies  Plus optional – 6 vacancies (substitute representatives)	
Clyde, Kintyre and Islands Ferry Stakeholder Group (formerly Clyde Ferry Users Group)	Timothy Billings Alan Hill	-	-
Clyde Local Liaison Committee	Timothy Billings	1 vacancy (substitute)	
Community Justice Ayrshire	Margaret Johnson Anthea Dickson (substitute)	-	-
Community Planning Partnership Board	John Bell Timothy Billings Scott Davidson Alan Hill Margaret Johnson Amanda Kerr Shaun Macaulay	-	-

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Convention of the Highlands and Islands	Marie Burns	-	-
CPP Safer North Ayrshire Partnership	Scott Davidson	1 vacancy (substitute)	
Corporate Equality Group (Internal NAC Group)	Robert Foster Alan Hill Cameron Inglis	-	-
COSLA Convention	Marie Burns Joe Cullinane Shaun Macaulay Tom Marshall	-	-
COSLA Children and Young People Board	Shaun Macaulay	-	-
COSLA Community Wellbeing Board	Alan Hill	-	-
COSLA Environment and Economy Board	Scott Davidson	-	-
COSLA Health and Social Care Board	Margaret Johnson	-	-
COSLA Leaders	Marie Burns	-	-
Cross-Party Group on Armed Forces and Veterans Community	Jim Montgomerie	-	-
Cunninghame Housing Association	Scott Davidson	-	-
Dalgarven Mill Trust	Donald Reid	-	-
Flood Risk Local Plan District Steering Group (Ayrshire)	Scott Davidson	-	-
Glasgow Prestwick Airport Consultative Committee		1 vacancy (main representative) 1 vacancy (substitute)	
Haylie House Board of Trustees	Tom Marshall	-	-
Highland and Islands Regional Economic Partnership	Alan Hill	-	-
Highlands and Islands Territorial Committee	Alan Hill	-	-

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Hunterston Parc Liaison Group (formerly Hunterston Marine Yard Liaison Group)	Tom Marshall Ian Murdoch	-	-
Hunterston Site Stakeholders Group	Todd Ferguson Alan Hill Tom Marshall Ian Murdoch	1 vacancy	
Industrial Communities Alliance (ICA)	Nairn McDonald	Optional – 1 vacancy (substitute representative)	
Kelburn Castle Restoration Works Trust		1 vacancy	
Kilbirnie Loch Management Committee	Ronnie Stalker	-	-
Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	Jim Montgomerie John Glover (substitute)	-	-
National Association of Councillors	Cameron Inglis Scott Gallacher (substitute)	-	-
NHS Ayrshire and Arran	Marie Burns (subject to approval of Cabinet Minister for Health)	-	-
North Ayrshire Carers Strategy Advisory Group	Margaret Johnson Nairn McDonald (substitute)	-	-
North Ayrshire Fairtrade Zone Steering Group		2 vacancies	
North Ayrshire Leisure Limited	Jean McClung Jim Montgomerie Ian Murdoch John Sweeney	-	-

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North Ayrshire Licensing Board	See membership of Licensing Committee	1 vacancy (per Licensing Committee)	
North Ayrshire Outdoor Access Forum		1 vacancy (main representative) 1 vacancy (substitute)	
North Ayrshire Ventures Trust	Alan Hill Louise McPhater	-	-
Scotland Excel Joint Committee	Christina Larsen	1 vacancy (substitute)	
Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances		1 vacancy	
Scottish Older People's Assembly		1 vacancy	Cllr Donald L. Reid
SEEMiS Board of Management		1 vacancy (Education portfolio-holder recommended)	
Spier's Trust Committee	John Bell Anthea Dickson Margaret Johnson Donald L Reid Ronnie Stalker	-	-
Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee	Donald Reid	1 vacancy (substitute representative)	
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Donald Reid	1 vacancy (substitute)	



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West of Scotland Archaeology Joint Committee	Todd Ferguson	1 vacancy (substitute representative)	
West of Scotland European Forum	Scott Davidson	1 vacancy (substitute representative)	