

MINUTES of MEETING of ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL held ON A HYBRID BASIS IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD AND BY MICROSOFT TEAMS on THURSDAY, 25 APRIL 2024

Present:

Councillor Dougie Philand (Chair)

Councillor John Armour	Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle
Councillor Gordon Blair	Councillor Jim Lynch
Councillor Jan Brown	Councillor Luna Martin
Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess	Councillor Tommy MacPherson
Councillor Garret Corner	Councillor Ian James MacQuire
Councillor Maurice Corry	Councillor Liz McCabe
Councillor Robin Currie	Councillor Dougie McFadzean
Councillor Audrey Forrest	Councillor Julie McKenzie
Councillor Kieron Green	Councillor Yvonne McNeilly
Councillor Amanda Hampsey	Councillor Ross Moreland
Councillor Daniel Hampsey	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Graham Hardie	Councillor Iain Shonny Paterson
Councillor Fiona Howard	Councillor Gemma Penfold
Councillor Willie Hume	Councillor Alastair Redman
Councillor Mark Irvine	Councillor William Sinclair
Councillor Andrew Kain	Councillor Andrew Vennard
Councillor Jennifer Kelly	Councillor Peter Wallace
Councillor Paul Donald Kennedy	

Attending:

Pippa Milne, Chief Executive
Douglas Hendry, Executive Director
Kirsty Flanagan, Executive Director
Evan Beswick, Interim Chief Officer, Argyll and Bute HSCP
David Logan, Head of Legal and Regulatory Support
Ross McLaughlin, Head of Commercial Services
Jim Smith, Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services
Matt Mulderrig, Development Policy and Housing Manager
Shona Barton, Governance Manager
Tim Allison, Director of Public Health and Policy

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence intimated.

NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 14

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Support advised that the following Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 14 had been received as a matter of urgency to allow it to coincide with the launch of a campaign at the weekend led by Councillor Fiona Howard and involving Helensburgh Business Group and Helensburgh Community Council.

Argyll and Bute Council deplores the announced closure of the Helensburgh branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland which will leave Helensburgh and Lomond with only one high street bank to serve the whole population and will have a seriously detrimental effect on the area's many small businesses and retail outlets.

and

a) Agrees that the Leader of the Council should express the Council's concerns to the bank Chief Executive -

and

b) Also ask bank owner NatWest to reconsider their decision while at the same time engaging with Cash Access UK and other banking providers to establish a banking hub in its Helensburgh premises as has been done in a number of other Scottish towns.

Moved by Councillor Fiona Howard, seconded by Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess.

The Executive Director advised that he had received notification from the mover of the Motion that she wished to make an amendment to the Motion in its current form. He advised that as the Motion had now been circulated; assuming the amendment was non-material and the Council agreed to consider the Motion, that this amendment could be picked up at the appropriate point when the Motion was considered.

The Provost ruled and the Council agreed to consider the Motion after item 20 of the agenda.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Maurice Corry declared a non-financial interest in item 12 of the agenda (UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Vibrant and Living Spaces Grant Fund – Allocation of Funding) due to his role as Chair of one of the organisations recommended to receive funding within the submitted report. He advised that he would leave the room and take no part in the consideration of this item of business.

Councillor Audrey Forrest noted that in relation to item 12 of the agenda (UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Vibrant and Living Spaces Grant Fund – Allocation of Funding) that she had been a Council appointed Director of the Dunoon Community Development Trust and as this had been a Council appointment which had now ceased, she would remain in the room during the consideration of this item of business.

3. APPOINT DEPUTE PROVOST

The Provost invited nominations for the position of Depute Provost.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Jan Brown to the position of Depute Provost of the Council.

4. APPOINT DEPUTE LEADER

The Provost invited nominations for the position of Depute Leader.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Audrey Forrest and Councillor Robin Currie to the positions of Depute Leaders of the Council.

5. MINUTES

(a) **Argyll and Bute Council held on 22 February 2024**

The Minutes of the meeting of Argyll and Bute Council held on 22 February 2024 were approved as a correct record.

(b) **Special Argyll and Bute Council held on 25 March 2024**

The Minutes of the Special meeting of Argyll and Bute Council held on 25 March 2024 were approved as a correct record.

(c) **Special Argyll and Bute Council held on 4 April 2024**

The Minutes of the Special meeting of Argyll and Bute Council held on 4 April 2024 were approved as a correct record.

(d) **Special Argyll and Bute Council held on 15 April 2024**

The Minutes of the Special meeting of Argyll and Bute Council held on 15 April 2024 were approved as a correct record.

6. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES

(a) **Community Services Committee held on 7 March 2024**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 7 March 2024 were noted.

(b) **Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 21 March 2024**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee held on 21 March 2024 were noted.

7. POLITICAL MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Council gave consideration to a report inviting appointments to vacant positions as a result of the decision taken at the Special meeting of the Council held on 4 April 2024.

Motion

The Motion moved by the Administration is attached at Appendix 1 to this Minute.

Moved by Councillor Jim Lynch, seconded by Councillor Audrey Forrest.

Amendment

To accept the Motion by Councillor Jim Lynch, seconded by Councillor Audrey Forrest subject to amending 7(c) and 7(k) as follows -

In relation to 7(c) Area Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs -

Table 7C		
Area Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Bute and Cowal	Cllr Liz McCabe	Cllr Yvonne McNeilly
Helensburgh and Lomond	Cllr Gemma Penfold	Cllr Maurice Corry
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands	Cllr Alastair Redman	Cllr Garret Corner
Oban, Lorn and the Isles	Cllr Amanda Hampsey	Cllr Andrew Vennard

In relation to 7(k) to nominate Councillor Maurice Corry as Armed Forces Champion.

Moved by Councillor Gary Mulvaney, seconded by Councillor Yvonne McNeilly.

The Leader of the largest Opposition Group advised that their nominations for Members to sit on Council Committees and other bodies would be confirmed to the Leader of the Council and to the Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support.

As the meeting was being held on a hybrid basis, the vote required to be taken by calling the Roll and Members voted as follows –

Motion	Amendment	No Vote
Cllr Armour	Cllr Corner	Cllr MacPherson
Cllr Blair	Cllr Corry	
Cllr Brown	Cllr A Hampsey	
Cllr Campbell-Sturgess	Cllr D Hampsey	
Cllr Currie	Cllr McCabe	
Cllr Forrest	Cllr McNeilly	
Cllr Green	Cllr Mulvaney	
Cllr Hardie	Cllr Penfold	
Cllr Howard	Cllr Redman	
Cllr Hume	Cllr Vennard	
Cllr Irvine	Cllr Wallace	
Cllr Kain		
Cllr Kelly		
Cllr Kennedy		
Cllr Kennedy-Boyle		
Cllr Lynch		
Cllr Martin		
Cllr MacQuire		
Cllr McFadzean		
Cllr McKenzie		
Cllr Moreland		
Cllr Paterson		
Cllr Philand		
Cllr Sinclair		

Decision

The Motion was carried by 24 votes to 11 votes, with one no vote, and the Council resolved accordingly. Full detail of all appointments are noted below (Opposition nominations are in *italics*) –

7(a) - Policy Leads and Depute Policy Leads

Portfolio	Policy Lead	Depute Policy Lead
Economic Development, Islands and Rural Communities, Housing	Cllr Robin Currie	Cllr Jim Lynch
Finance and Commercial Services	Cllr Ross Moreland	Cllr Jim Lynch
Planning and Regulatory Services	Cllr Kieron Green	Cllr Gordon Blair
Care Services	Cllr Dougie McFadzean	Cllr Kieron Green
Roads, Transport and Amenity Services	Cllr John Armour	Cllr Willie Hume
Climate Change, Renewables and Net Zero	Cllr Luna Martin	Cllr Reeni Kennedy-Boyle
Education	Cllr Audrey Forrest	Cllr Fiona Howard
Business Development	Cllr Math Campbell-Sturgess	Cllr Jan Brown
Community Planning and Corporate Services	Cllr Mark Irvine	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson

7(b) - Appointments to Committees

Policy and Resources Committee	Community Services Committee	Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee	Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee
Cllr John Armour	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr John Armour (Chair)	Cllr John Armour
Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Jan Brown	Cllr Robin Currie (Vice Chair)	Cllr Gordon Blair (Vice Chair)
Cllr Robin Currie	Cllr Fiona Howard	Cllr Graham Hardie	Cllr Jan Brown
Cllr Audrey Forrest (Vice Chair)	Cllr Audrey Forrest (Chair)	Cllr Willie Hume	Cllr Audrey Forrest
Cllr Kieron Green	Cllr Graham Hardie	Cllr Jim Lynch	Cllr Kieron Green (Chair)
Cllr Math Campbell-Sturgess	Cllr Paul Donald Kennedy	Cllr Ian MacQuire	Cllr Fiona Howard
Cllr Mark Irvine	Cllr Dougie McFadzean (Vice Chair)	Cllr Luna Martin	Cllr Graham Hardie
Cllr Reeni Kennedy-Boyle	Cllr Julie McKenzie	Cllr Ross Moreland	Cllr Mark Irvine

Cllr Jim Lynch (Chair)	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson	Cllr William Sinclair	Cllr Andrew Kain
Cllr Ross Moreland	Cllr Dougie Philand	Cllr Andrew Kain	Cllr Paul Donald Kennedy
Cllr Dougie McFadzean	Cllr Jennifer Kelly	Cllr Tommy Macpherson	Cllr Dougie Philand
Cllr Dougie Philand	<i>Cllr Yvonne McNeilly</i>	<i>Cllr Gary Mulvaney</i>	<i>Cllr Liz McCabe</i>
<i>Cllr Gary Mulvaney</i>	<i>Cllr Amanda Hampsey</i>	<i>Cllr Alastair Redman</i>	<i>Cllr Peter Wallace</i>
<i>Cllr Yvonne McNeilly</i>	<i>Cllr Gemma Penfold</i>	<i>Cllr Liz McCabe</i>	<i>Cllr Amanda Hampsey</i>
<i>Cllr Amanda Hampsey</i>	<i>Cllr Maurice Corry</i>	<i>Cllr Peter Wallace</i>	<i>Cllr Daniel Hampsey</i>
<i>Cllr Liz McCabe</i>	<i>Cllr Daniel Hampsey</i>	<i>Cllr Andrew Vennard</i>	
Audit and Scrutiny Committee	Argyll and Bute Harbour Board	Argyll Islands Sounding Board	
Cllr Graham Hardie	Cllr Fiona Howard	Cllr Robin Currie (Vice Chair)	
Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	Cllr John Armour (Vice Chair)	Cllr Kieron Green	
Cllr Fiona Howard	Cllr Ross Moreland (Chair)	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	
<i>Cllr Gary Mulvaney (Vice Chair)</i>	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Jim Lynch (Chair)	
<i>Cllr Andrew Vennard</i>	Cllr Dougie McFadzean	Cllr Dougie McFadzean	
<i>Cllr Daniel Hampsey</i>	<i>Cllr Liz McCabe</i>	Cllr Julie McKenzie	
	<i>Cllr Maurice Corry</i>	Cllr Willie Hume	
	<i>Cllr Andrew Vennard</i>	<i>Cllr Liz McCabe</i>	
		<i>Cllr Peter Wallace</i>	
		<i>Cllr Alastair Redman</i>	

7 (c) – Appointment of Area Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Area Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Bute and Cowal	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle
Helensburgh and Lomond	Cllr Mark Irvine	Cllr Fiona Howard
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands	Cllr John Armour	Cllr Dougie McFadzean
Oban, Lorn and the Isles	Cllr Julie McKenzie	Cllr Andrew Kain

7(d) - Appointments to Statutory Boards and Joint Committees

Organisation	Representative	Substitute (where appropriate)
Scotland Excel	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	Cllr William Sinclair
Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board	Cllr Mark Irvine Cllr Ian MacQuire Cllr Dougie McFadzean Cllr Gordon Blair <i>Cllr Peter Wallace</i>	Cllr Math Campbell-Sturgess <i>Cllr Andrew Vennard</i> 3 Vacancies
HITRANS (Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership)	Cllr John Armour	Cllr Gordon Blair
Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson	<i>Cllr Maurice Corry</i>
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson
West of Scotland European Forum	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Mark Irvine
Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board	Cllr Kieron Green Cllr Dougie McFadzean Cllr Ross Moreland <i>Cllr Gary Mulvaney</i>	

7(e) - Appointments of the Licensing Board

Argyll and Bute Licensing Board	
Cllr Jan Brown	Cllr Audrey Forrest
Cllr Kieron Green	Cllr Graham Hardie
Cllr Mark Irvine	Cllr Paul Donald Kennedy
Cllr Dougie Philand	<i>Cllr Liz McCabe</i>
<i>Cllr Amanda Hampsey</i>	1 Vacancy

7(f) – Appointments to COSLA

COSLA Convention

Cllr Jim Lynch

Cllr Fiona Howard

Cllr Daniel Hampsey

COSLA Leaders

Cllr Jim Lynch

COSLA's Policy Boards:

- a) Environment and Economy Board – Cllr Kieron Green
- b) Health and Social Care Board – Cllr Dougie McFadzean
- c) Community Wellbeing Board – Cllr Robin Currie
- d) Children and Young People Board – Cllr Audrey Forrest

COSLA Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees

Cllr Robin Currie

7(g) - Appointments to Outside Bodies

Organisation	Representative/s	Substitute/s as appropriate
Age Scotland Older People's Champion	Cllr Fiona Howard	
Trustee to the Blindcraft Trust Fund	Cllr Graham Hardie	
University of the Highlands and Islands Foundation Committee	Cllr Audrey Forrest	
SOILLSE – National Network for Gaelic Research Consultative Committee	Cllr Robin Currie	
Ionad Chaluum Chille Ile (Islay Gaelic Centre)	Cllr Robin Currie	
PA23BID	1 Vacancy	
Isle of Bute BID Board	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	
Nadair Trust (Scottish Natural Heritage)	Cllr Kieron Green	
Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership	Cllr Fiona Howard	
Argyll, Lomond and the Isles Energy Agency (ALIEnergy) Management Board	Cllr Mark Irvine Cllr Dougie McFadzean	
Argyll and Bute Renewables Alliance (ABRA)	Cllr Robin Currie	
Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust	Cllr Luna Martin	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson
KIMO (Kommuners International Kiljorganisation)	Cllr Luna Martin	
Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances	Cllr Math Campbell Sturgess	
West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint	Cllr Jan Brown	

Committee		
Clyde Marine Planning Partnership	Cllr Kieron Green	
Clyde and Lomond Local Plan Flood District	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	
Highland and Argyll Local Plan Flood District	Cllr Jim Lynch	
Argyll and Bute Care and Repair Agency	Cllr Dougie McFadzean Cllr Graham Hardie	
Fyne Homes Management Committee	<i>Cllr Peter Wallace</i>	
Argyll Community Housing Association	Cllr William Sinclair Cllr Jan Brown	
Argyll and Bute Area Support Team	Cllr Julie McKenzie	
Argyll and Bute Culture and Heritage Assembly (CHARTS)	Cllr Luna Martin	
Live Argyll Board	Cllr William Sinclair Cllr Fiona Howard <i>Cllr Maurice Corry</i>	
Convention of the Highlands and Islands	Cllr Jim Lynch	
Scottish Islands Federation	Cllr Dougie McFadzean	
Islands Strategic Group	Cllr Jim Lynch	
Scottish Government Forum Against Poverty	Cllr Graham Hardie	
Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)	Cllr Gordon Blair	
A83 Taskforce	Cllr John Armour Cllr Robin Currie Cllr Jim Lynch Cllr Jennifer Kelly <i>Cllr Maurice Corry</i>	
Clyde, Kintyre and the Islands Ferry Stakeholder Group	Cllr John Armour Cllr Dougie McFadzean Cllr Robin Currie <i>Cllr Liz McCabe</i>	
Argyll, Lochaber, Skye and Small Isles Ferry Stakeholder Group	Cllr Willie Hume Cllr Julie McKenzie 1 Vacancy	
Northern Roads Collaboration	Cllr John Armour Cllr Willie Hume	
Trustee to the Scottish National War Memorial	Cllr Tommy Macpherson	

7(h) – Appointments to Area Committee Outside Bodies

Organisation	Representative/s
Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning	Cllr Gordon Blair

Group	Cllr Ross Moreland <i>Cllr Peter Wallace</i>
Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group	Cllr Mark Irvine Cllr Fiona Howard <i>Cllr Gemma Penfold</i>
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group	Cllr John Armour Cllr Dougie McFadzean <i>Cllr Garret Corner</i>
Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group	Cllr Julie McKenzie Cllr Kieron Green <i>Cllr A Hampsey</i>

* All other Area Committee Outside Bodies appointments deferred to the next appropriate meeting of each Area Committee

7(i) – Appointments to Employee Joint Consultative Committee

- Leader of the Council – Cllr Jim Lynch
- 8 Policy Lead Councillors – Cllrs Armour, Currie, Forrest, Green, Irvine, McFadzean, Martin and Moreland
- Leader of Opposition Group – *Cllr Gary Mulvaney*

7(j) – Appointments to Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers

- Policy Lead for Education – Cllr Audrey Forrest
- Depute Policy Lead for Education – Cllr Fiona Howard
- Policy Lead with responsibility for HR – Cllr Mark Irvine

7(k) – Appointments to other positions

- i) Armed Forces Champion – Cllr William Sinclair
- ii) Bute and Cowal Children’s Champion – Cllr Audrey Forrest
- iii) Helensburgh and Lomond Children’s Champion – Cllr Graham Hardie
- iv) Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Children’s Champion – Cllr Dougie McFadzean
- v) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Children’s Champion – 1 Vacancy
- vi) Representatives on the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee – Cllr Jim Lynch, Leader of the Council and Cllr Mark Irvine, Policy Lead for Community Planning
- vii) Representatives on Oban Common Good Fund – Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Julie McKenzie, Cllr Kieron Green, *Cllr Amanda Hampsey*

7(l) – Councillors Remuneration

- i) Noted that remuneration for the Provost and Leader, as set out by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2024, would be
 - Provost/Civic Head - £32,024
 - Leader of the Council - £42,698
- ii) Agreed that the annual remuneration for a Policy Lead Councillor and Area Committee Chair be set at £32,023 and £25,547 respectively in line with the

approach taken in previous Council terms, and noted that, in the event that the same member holds more than one of these positions, that member would receive the higher amount only in respect of the relevant position;

- iii) Agreed that any future annual percentage increase in Policy Lead Councillor or Area Committee Chair remuneration shall be the same as that determined by regulations for the basic allowances;
- iv) Proposed that a salary of £25,547 be provided to the Leader of the largest Opposition Group.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support dated 9 April 2024, submitted and Motion by Councillor Jim Lynch, seconded by Councillor Audrey Forrest, tabled)

The Head of Legal and Regulatory Support advised that Dr Tim Allison, Director of Public Health and Policy, who had been invited to present the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023 contained at item 8 of the Agenda, had given advance notice that he was to attend an urgent meeting. It was noted that he was not in attendance at this point but would join remotely as soon as he was available. The Provost ruled, and the Council agreed, to reorder the Business as appropriate until Dr Allison was in attendance to present his Director of Public Health Annual Report to the Council.

8. LEARNING ESTATE INVESTMENT PROGRAMME (LEIP): MULL CAMPUS UPDATE

The Council gave consideration to a report providing an update on the Council's Learning Estate Investment Programme (LEIP) to deliver a new Campus on Mull. The report followed on from previous updates to the Policy and Resources Committee on 15 February 2024 and the Council on 22 February 2024.

Decision

The Council –

1. noted the capital and revenue implications of the LEIP / Mull Campus project which were of a strategic financial nature;
2. considered the project to be affordable at this time, and agreed that up to £5m from the previously earmarked LEIP funding be used to commence the Business Case, undertake engagement exercises, commence the site selection process and establish governance arrangements; with updates being brought back to Members at appropriate gateway points;
3. noted the information provided in regard to the Economic, Community & Educational implications relative to the proposed Mull Campus as outlined in the bid and previous reports and that these would be considered further once the project proceeded to a full business case; and
4. noted that capital and revenue budget provision would require to be built into future budget estimates and approved as part of budget setting process.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services and Education; and Executive Director with responsibility for Finance / Section 95 Officer dated 16 April 2024, submitted)

9. NHS HIGHLAND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2023

The Director of Public Health and Policy presented the Council with the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for 2023. The theme of the report was medication and public health.

Decision

The Council-

1. noted the Director of Public Health Annual Report; and
2. supported the recommendations as laid out within the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Director of Public Health and Policy dated 25 April 2024 and Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2023, submitted)

Councillor Maurice Corry left the meeting at this point.

10. LEVELLING UP PARTNERSHIP PROCESS

The Council gave consideration to a report advising that since the announcement by the UK Government in relation to The Levelling Up Partnership, relatively little information had been provided on the process of the fund or how the fund would operate. The report advised that there was up to £20M capital funding that would be available in 2025/26.

Decision

The Council –

1. noted the Levelling Up Partnership process as it was currently understood; and
2. noted the ongoing work and engagement with UK Government officials, and agreed to refer consideration of the prioritisation of the projects as identified within Table 1 within the submitted report to the Policy and Resources Committee at their next meeting.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated March 2024, submitted)

The Provost ruled, and the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting for lunch at this point.

The meeting reconvened at 1.30pm with all those present as per the sederunt with the exception of Councillor Garret Corner.

11. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT ADDRESSING DEPOPULATION ACTION PLAN

The Council gave consideration to a report providing a high level overview of the content of the Scottish Government's Addressing Depopulation Action Plan.

Decision

The Council –

1. noted the publication of the Scottish Government's Depopulation Action Plan and its content; and
2. approved that the Council continue to engage with the Scottish Government to focus on delivering further investment in communities facing depopulation with an increased focus on the key issues of affordable housing, digital and transport connectivity together with employment opportunity.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated February 2024, submitted)

Councillor Maurice Corry, having declared an interest in the following item of business, left the room and took no part in the consideration of this item.

12. UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - VIBRANT & LIVING SPACES GRANT FUND - ALLOCATION OF FUNDING

The Council gave consideration to a report that sought approval of the projects recommended for funding from the Vibrant and Living Spaces Grant Fund.

Decision

The Council agreed that –

1. the recommended projects in paragraph 4.2 of the submitted report were taken forward to be offered a grant at the level of funding set out;
2. the remaining small surplus should be held to address any shortfalls in project budgets as they progress; and
3. delegated authority be given to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Leader and Depute Leaders in regard to any necessary future changes required between specific allocations subject to not exceeding the budget available.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 25 March 2024, submitted)

Councillor Maurice Corry rejoined the meeting at this point.

13. PROPOSED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 3: DEVELOPMENT PLAN SCHEME

The Council gave consideration to a report which sought approval of the Development Plan Scheme (DPS) in relation to proposed Local Development Plan 3, including the associated Participation Statement and governance arrangements; and which sought authority to publish the approved Development Plan Scheme and submit it to Scottish Ministers.

Decision

The Council –

1. noted the content of the submitted report;

2. approved the proposed governance arrangements; and
3. approved the Development Plan Scheme attached at Appendix A to the submitted report for publication and submission to Scottish Ministers.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 25 April 2024, submitted)

14. HOUSING EMERGENCY - STRATEGIC HOUSING FUND APPLICATION: ISLAND OF ULVA

The Council gave consideration to a report providing an update on progress in relation to housing on the island of Ulva since the community buy out of the island by the North West Community Woodland Company in 2018. The report requested a Strategic Housing Fund grant to upgrade the water and sewerage infrastructure to enable the capacity to deliver more affordable homes on the island.

Decision

The Council –

1. approved a grant of up to £80,000 from the Strategic Housing Fund to upgrade the water and sewerage infrastructure on the island of Ulva by constructing a new water treatment shed to facilitate the development of additional affordable houses; and
2. delegated to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support, the terms and conditions to be attached to any grant required as a consequence of the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated 25 April 2024, submitted)

Councillor Iain Shonny Paterson left the meeting at this point.

15. HOUSING EMERGENCY - COLONSAY AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

The Council gave consideration to a report providing an update on the housing project being delivered by Colonsay Community Development Company at Scalasaig, Colonsay. The report confirmed the continuing high level of housing need and demand on Colonsay and the requirement for a multi-tenure approach to address the need and demand on the island.

Decision

The Council –

1. authorised a grant to Colonsay Community Development Company of £100,000 to enable the successful delivery of the multi-tenure housing development at Scalasaig, Colonsay subject to match funding approval from Highland and Islands Enterprise and Scottish Government; and
2. delegated to the Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth, in consultation with the Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and

Regulatory Support, the terms and conditions to be attached to any grant as a consequence of the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Development and Economic Growth dated April 2024, submitted)

16. CAPITAL CONTRACT INCREASES FUND - REQUEST FOR SPEND

The Council gave consideration to a report setting out two instances where the Council had allocated budget for capital works, and had experienced a price increase to the works. The report sought funding to be approved from the Capital Contract Increases Fund in relation to road works as a result of a landslip at Auchmeanach Farm, Claonaig and a Road Marking Machine.

Decision

The Council agreed –

1. to fund £706k from the Capital Contract Increases Fund to contribute to the landslip works at Claonaig;
2. to fund £28k from the Capital Contract Increases Fund to contribute towards the purchase of the Road Marking Machine; and
3. that delegated authority be granted for the use of the Capital Contract Increases Fund to the Council's Chief Executive and two Executive Directors in consultation with the Leader, Depute Leaders and Leader of the largest Opposition Group.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated April 2024, submitted)

17. PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR ISLANDS CONNECTIVITY PLAN

The Council gave consideration to a draft response to the Scottish Government's consultation titled 'Public Consultation for Island Connectivity plan'.

Decision

The Council approved the consultation response to be returned to Transport Scotland subject to –

1. amending the response to question 12 to read yes instead of no; and
2. strengthening the response around capacity and demand to note the difficulty around residents ability to book ferries at short notice due to block bookings for freight.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated March 2024, submitted)

18. OCTOBER 2023 WEATHER EVENT - UPDATE

The Council gave consideration to a report summarising the rain event that caused significant travel disruption and damage during the weekend of 7 October 2023. The

report also summarised the extent of works that had been carried out to repair the damage and considered what the next steps should be.

Decision

The Council noted the content of the submitted report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Roads and Infrastructure Services dated April 2024, submitted)

19. CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN DESIGNATED PLACES BYELAWS

The Council gave consideration to a recommendation from the Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee in relation to a review of the Byelaw prohibiting the consumption of alcohol in designated places in Argyll and Bute, which was due in 2024.

Decision

The Council agreed that no change to the Byelaw was required at this time in the knowledge that should there be any changes in circumstances, that a formal review could take place at any point before the next period of review, subject to adherence to the Scottish Government Guidelines and their consequent approval and confirmation.

(Reference: Extract of Minute of Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee held on 18 October 2023, and report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support dated 18 October 2023, submitted)

Councillor Tommy MacPherson left the meeting at this point.

20. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 13

The following Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 13 was before the Council for consideration:

Argyll and Bute Council recognises the huge contribution made by our farmers, crofters, growers and fishermen to our local economy, environment and wider rural communities. Consequently, Argyll and Bute Council commits to maintaining and where possible enhancing our working relationships with local arable, livestock, crofting, dairy farmers and fishermen by:

- (a) where possible, ensuring that food and drinks provided at Council organised events includes items sourced from local suppliers; to always include where possible meat, dairy and fish produce, alongside arable produce;
- (b) as part of tackling the environmental priorities for Argyll and Bute Council; The Council will consider ways to encourage residents, where possible, to shop locally taking advantage of our Love Local marketing work, and taking advantage of home-grown, affordable and nutritious produce, including meat, dairy, fish and arable options. Thus reducing food miles to our tables and boosting the local economy.
- (c) to continue to advocate to the Scottish and UK Governments the importance of supporting Argyll and Bute's Food and Drink sector to our economy and way of life.

Moved by Councillor Alastair Redman, seconded by Councillor Liz McCabe.

Amendment

Argyll and Bute Council recognises the huge contribution made by our farmers, crofters, growers and fishers to our local economy, environment and wider rural communities. Consequently, Argyll and Bute Council commits to maintaining and where possible enhancing our working relationships with our local growers, fishers, delis, independent shopkeepers and traders by-

- a) Where possible, ensuring that food and drinks provided at Council organised events includes items sourced from local suppliers.
- b) As part of tackling the environmental priorities for Argyll and Bute Council; The Council will consider ways to encourage residents, where possible, to shop locally taking advantage of our Love Local marketing work, farmers markets and craft fairs, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable and nutritious produce, and encourage where possible the retention of cash to help support our more remote and rural traders.
- c) To continue to advocate to the Scottish and UK Governments the importance of supporting Argyll and Bute's Food and Drink sector to our economy and way of life.

Moved by Councillor Mark Irvine, seconded by Councillor Dougie McFadzean.

As the meeting was being held on a hybrid basis, the vote required to be taken by calling the Roll and Members voted as follows –

Motion

Councillor Corry
Councillor A Hampsey
Councillor D Hampsey
Councillor McCabe
Councillor McNeilly
Councillor Mulvaney
Councillor Penfold
Councillor Redman
Councillor Sinclair
Councillor Vennard
Councillor Wallace

Amendment

Councillor Armour
Councillor Blair
Councillor Brown
Councillor Campbell-Sturgess
Councillor Currie
Councillor Forrest
Councillor Green
Councillor Hardie
Councillor Howard
Councillor Hume
Councillor Irvine
Councillor Kain
Councillor Kelly
Councillor Kennedy
Councillor Kennedy-Boyle
Councillor Lynch
Councillor Martin
Councillor MacQuire
Councillor McFadzean
Councillor McKenzie
Councillor Moreland
Councillor Philand

Decision

The Amendment was carried by 22 votes to 11 votes and the Council resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 13 by Councillor Alastair Redman, seconded by Councillor Liz McCabe, submitted; and Amendment by Councillor Mark Irvine, seconded by Councillor Dougie McFadzean, tabled)

21. NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 14

Taking into account the amendment to the Motion referred to by the Executive Director at the start of the meeting, the following Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 14 was before the Council as a matter of urgency –

Argyll and Bute Council deplores the announced closure of the Helensburgh branch of the Royal Bank of Scotland which will leave Helensburgh and Lomond with only one high street bank to serve the whole population and will have a seriously detrimental effect on the area's many small businesses and retail outlets.

and

a) Agrees that the Leader of the Council should express the Council's concerns to the bank Chief Executive -

and

b) Also ask bank owner NatWest to reconsider their decision while at the same time engaging with Cash Access UK and other banking providers to explore the possibility of establishing a banking hub in its Helensburgh premises as has been done in a number of other Scottish towns.

Moved by Councillor Fiona Howard, seconded by Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess.

Decision

The Council agreed the terms of the Motion and resolved accordingly.

(Reference: Notice of Motion by Councillor Fiona Howard, seconded by Councillor Math Campbell-Sturgess, tabled)

Administration Motions – Council 25th April 2023

Agenda Item 7 – Political Management Arrangements

7A – Appointment of Policy Leads:

On the nomination of the Leader, the Council appoints the following Policy Lead and Depute Policy Lead roles as set out in Table 7A below:

Table 7A – Policy Lead Appointments		
Portfolio	Policy Lead	Depute Policy Lead
Economic Development, Islands and Rural Communities, Housing	Cllr Robin Currie	Cllr Jim Lynch
Finance and Commercial Services	Cllr Ross Moreland	Cllr Jim Lynch
Planning and Regulatory Services	Cllr Kieron Green	Cllr Gordon Blair
Care Services	Cllr Dougie McFadzean	Cllr Kieron Green
Roads, Transport and Amenity Services	Cllr John Armour	Cllr Willie Hume
Climate Change, Renewables and Net Zero	Cllr Luna Martin	Cllr Reeni Kennedy-Boyle
Education	Cllr Audrey Forrest	Cllr Fiona Howard
Business Development	Cllr Math Campbell-Sturgess	Cllr Jan Brown
Community Planning and Corporate Services	Cllr Mark Irvine	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson

7B – Appointments to Committees

i) Appoints the Administration members, Chairs and Vice Chairs of the following committees, as set out in table 7B below:

- Audit and Scrutiny – 3 Administration places
- Community Services – 11 Administration places
- Environment, Development and Infrastructure – 11 Administration places
- Policy and Resources – 12 Administration places
- Planning, Protective Services and Licensing – 11 Administration members nominated to Regulatory Cohort of 15
- Argyll and Bute Harbour Board – 5 Administration spaces
- Argyll Islands Sounding Board – 7 Administration spaces

ii) Invites the Leader of the Opposition Group to nominate members to sit on the following committees:

- Audit and Scrutiny – 3 spaces in total, and invites nominations for the role of Vice-Chair to be notified to the Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support
- Community Services – 5 spaces in total
- Environment, Development and Infrastructure – 5 spaces in total
- Policy and Resources – 4 spaces in total

- Planning, Protective Services and Licensing – 4 spaces in total, appointed to the Regulatory Cohort of 15
- Argyll and Bute Harbour Board – 3 spaces in total
- Argyll Islands Sounding Board – 3 spaces in total

Table 7B – Committee Appointments			
Policy and Resources Committee	Community Services Committee	Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee	Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee
Cllr John Armour	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr John Armour (Chair)	Cllr John Armour
Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Jan Brown	Cllr Robin Currie (Vice Chair)	Cllr Gordon Blair (Vice Chair)
Cllr Robin Currie	Cllr Fiona Howard	Cllr Graham Hardie	Cllr Jan Brown
Cllr Audrey Forrest (Vice Chair)	Cllr Audrey Forrest (Chair)	Cllr Willie Hume	Cllr Audrey Forrest
Cllr Kieron Green	Cllr Graham Hardie	Cllr Jim Lynch	Cllr Kieron Green (Chair)
Cllr Math Campbell-Sturgess	Cllr Paul Donald Kennedy	Cllr Ian MacQuire	Cllr Fiona Howard
Cllr Mark Irvine	Cllr Dougie McFadzean (Vice Chair)	Cllr Luna Martin	Cllr Graham Hardie
Cllr Reeni Kennedy-Boyle	Cllr Julie McKenzie	Cllr Ross Moreland	Cllr Mark Irvine
Cllr Jim Lynch (Chair)	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson	Cllr William Sinclair	Cllr Andrew Kain
Cllr Ross Moreland	Cllr Dougie Philand	Cllr Andrew Kain	Cllr Paul Donald Kennedy
Cllr Dougie McFadzean	Cllr Jennifer Kelly	Cllr Tommy Macpherson	Cllr Dougie Philand
Cllr Dougie Philand			
Audit and Scrutiny Committee	Argyll and Bute Harbour Board	Argyll Islands Sounding Board	
Cllr Graham Hardie	Cllr Fiona Howard	Cllr Robin Currie (Vice Chair)	
Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	Cllr John Armour (Vice Chair)	Cllr Kieron Green	
Cllr Fiona Howard	Cllr Ross Moreland (Chair)	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	
	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Jim Lynch (Chair)	
	Cllr Dougie McFadzean	Cllr Dougie McFadzean	
		Cllr Julie McKenzie	
		Cllr Willie Hume	

7C – Appointment of Area Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs:

The Council appoints the following members to the roles of Area Committee Chair and Vice-Chair as set out at Table 7C:

Table 7C

Area Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
Bute and Cowal	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle
Helensburgh and Lomond	Cllr Mark Irvine	Cllr Fiona Howard
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands	Cllr John Armour	Cllr Dougie McFadzean
Oban, Lorn and the Isles	Cllr Julie McKenzie	Cllr Andrew Kain

7D – Appointments to Statutory Boards and Joint Committees:

The Council

- i) Appoints the Council’s representatives to Statutory Boards and Joint Committees as set out in Table 7D:
- ii) Invites the Leader of the Opposition Group to nominate representatives for the following organisations:
 - a) Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint board – 1 representative, 3 substitutes
 - b) Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee – 1 substitute
 - c) Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board – 1 representative

Table 7D		
Organisation	Representative	Substitute (where appropriate)
Scotland Excel	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	Cllr William Sinclair
Dunbartonshire and Argyll and Bute Valuation Joint Board	Cllr Mark Irvine Cllr Ian MacQuire Cllr Dougie McFadzean Cllr Gordon Blair 1 Opposition councillor	Cllr Math Campbell-Sturgess 3 Opposition councillors
HITRANS (Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership)	Cllr John Armour	Cllr Gordon Blair
Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson	1 Opposition councillor
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson
West of Scotland European Forum	Cllr Gordon Blair	Cllr Mark Irvine
Argyll and Bute Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board	Cllr Kieron Green Cllr Dougie McFadzean Cllr Ross Moreland 1 Opposition Councillor	

7E – Appointments to the Licensing Board:

As set out in Table 7E, the Council appoints the following 7 Administration members of the Regulatory Cohort to Argyll and Bute Licensing Board, and invites the Leader of the Opposition Group to nominate 3 members to fill the remaining spaces, noting that any members appointed to the Regulatory Cohort will require to be suitably trained if this has not already been undertaken:

Table 7E	
Argyll and Bute Licensing Board	
Cllr Jan Brown	Cllr Audrey Forrest
Cllr Kieron Green	Cllr Graham Hardie
Cllr Mark Irvine	Cllr Paul Donald Kennedy
Cllr Dougie Philand	

7F – Appointments to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA):

The Council –

- i) Appoints Cllr Jim Lynch and Cllr Fiona Howard to COSLA Convention.
- ii) Invites the Leader of the Opposition Group to nominate one member in order to fulfil the Council’s allocation of three representatives, reflecting political balance in line with COSLA requirements, to COSLA Convention.
- iii) Notes that Cllr Jim Lynch will represent the Council at COSLA Leaders.
- iv) Appoints the following members to COSLA’s Policy Boards:
 - e) Environment and Economy Board – Cllr Kieron Green
 - f) Health and Social Care Board – Cllr Dougie McFadzean
 - g) Community Wellbeing Board – Cllr Robin Currie
 - h) Children and Young People Board – Cllr Audrey Forrest
- v) Appoints Cllr Robin Currie to the COSLA Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees

7G – Appointments to Outside Bodies:

The Council –

- iii) Appoints the Council’s representatives to outside bodies as set out in Table 7G;
- iv) Invites the Leader of the Opposition Group to nominate representatives for the following organisations:
 - a) A83 Taskforce – 1 representative
 - b) Clyde, Kintyre and Islands Ferry Stakeholder Group – 1 representative
 - c) Argyll, Lochaber, Skye and Small Isles Ferry Stakeholder Group – 1 representative
 - d) Fyne Homes Management Committee – 1 representative
 - e) Live Argyll Board – 1 representative

Table 7G		
Organisation	Representative/s	Substitute/s as appropriate
Age Scotland Older People’s Champion	Cllr Fiona Howard	
Trustee to the Blindcraft Trust Fund	Cllr Graham Hardie	
University of the Highlands and Islands Foundation Committee	Cllr Audrey Forrest	
SOILLSE – National Network for Gaelic Research Consultative Committee	Cllr Robin Currie	
Ionad Chaluum Chille Ile	Cllr Robin Currie	

(Islay Gaelic Centre)		
PA23BID	No appointment	
Isle of Bute BID Board	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	
Nadair Trust (Scottish Natural Heritage)	Cllr Kieron Green	
Argyll and Bute Local Biodiversity Partnership	Cllr Fiona Howard	
Argyll, Lomond and the Isles Energy Agency (ALIEnergy) Management Board	Cllr Mark Irvine Cllr Dougie McFadzean	
Argyll and Bute Renewables Alliance (ABRA)	Cllr Robin Currie	
Argyll and the Isles Coast and Countryside Trust	Cllr Luna Martin	Cllr Iain Shonny Paterson
KIMO (Kommuners International Kiljorganisation)	Cllr Luna Martin	
Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances	Cllr Math Campbell Sturgess	
West of Scotland Archaeology Service Joint Committee	Cllr Jan Brown	
Clyde Marine Planning Partnership	Cllr Kieron Green	
Clyde and Lomond Local Plan Flood District	Cllr Reeni Kennedy Boyle	
Highland and Argyll Local Plan Flood District	Cllr Jim Lynch	
Argyll and Bute Care and Repair Agency	Cllr Dougie McFadzean Cllr Graham Hardie	
Fyne Homes Management Committee	1 Opposition councillor	
Argyll Community Housing Association	Cllr William Sinclair Cllr Jan Brown	
Argyll and Bute Area Support Team	Cllr Julie McKenzie	
Argyll and Bute Culture and Heritage Assembly (CHARTS)	Cllr Luna Martin	
Live Argyll Board	Cllr William Sinclair Cllr Fiona Howard 1 Opposition councillor	
Convention of the Highlands and Islands	Cllr Jim Lynch	
Scottish Islands Federation	Cllr Dougie McFadzean	
Islands Strategic Group	Cllr Jim Lynch	
Scottish Government Forum Against Poverty	Cllr Graham Hardie	
Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)	Cllr Gordon Blair	
A83 Taskforce	Cllr John Armour Cllr Robin Currie Cllr Jim Lynch	

	Cllr Jennifer Kelly 1 Opposition councillor	
Clyde, Kintyre and the Islands Ferry Stakeholder Group	Cllr John Armour Cllr Dougie McFadzean Cllr Robin Currie 1 Opposition councillor	
Argyll, Lochaber, Skye and Small Isles Ferry Stakeholder Group	Cllr Willie Hume Cllr Julie McKenzie 1 Opposition councillor	
Northern Roads Collaboration	Cllr John Armour Cllr Willie Hume	
Trustee to the Scottish National War Memorial	Cllr Tommy Macpherson	

7H – Appointments to Area Committee Outside Bodies:

The Council:

- i) Appoints representatives to the four Area Community Planning Groups, as set out in Table 7H;
- ii) Invites the Leader of the Opposition Group to nominate representatives for the four Area Community Planning Groups as set out below:
 - a) Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group – 1 member from Bute
 - b) Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group – 1 member from Helensburgh and Lomond South
 - c) Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group – 1 representative
 - d) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group – 1 member
- iii) Agrees to defer all other Area Committee Outside Bodies appointments to the next appropriate meeting of each Area Committee.

Table 7H	
Organisation	Representative/s
Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group	Cllr Gordon Blair Cllr Ross Moreland 1 Opposition councillor from Ward 8, Isle of Bute
Helensburgh and Lomond Area Community Planning Group	Cllr Mark Irvine Cllr Fiona Howard 1 Opposition councillor from Ward 11, Helensburgh and Lomond South
Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Area Community Planning Group	Cllr John Armour Cllr Dougie McFadzean 1 Opposition councillor from Ward 3, Mid Argyll
Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Community Planning Group	Cllr Julie McKenzie Cllr Kieron Green 1 Opposition councillor from Ward 4, Oban South and the Isles

7I – Appointments to Employee Joint Consultative Committee (EJCC):

The Council:

- i) Notes the Constitution of the Employee Joint Consultative Committee as set out in Appendix I;
- ii) Confirms that the membership of the EJCC will comprise the following:
 - Leader of the Council
 - 8 Policy Lead Councillors – Cllrs Armour, Currie, Forrest, Green, Irvine, McFadzean, Martin and Moreland
 - Leader of Opposition Group

7J – Appointments to the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers (LNCT):

The Council:

- i) Agrees to appoint the following elected members to the LNCT:
 - Policy Lead for Education – Cllr Audrey Forrest
 - Depute Policy Lead for Education – Cllr Fiona Howard
 - Policy Lead with responsibility for HR – Cllr Mark Irvine

7K – Appointments to other positions:

The Council agrees the following appointments and invites the Leader of the Opposition Group to nominate 1 member as the Oban, Lorn and the Isles Children’s Champion, and one Oban, South and the Isles Councillor to the Oban Common Good Fund:

- viii) Armed Forces Champion – Cllr William Sinclair
- ix) Bute and Cowal Children’s Champion – Cllr Audrey Forrest
- x) Helensburgh and Lomond Children’s Champion – Cllr Graham Hardie
- xi) Mid Argyll, Kintyre and the Islands Children’s Champion – Cllr Dougie McFadzean
- xii) Oban, Lorn and the Isles Children’s Champion – 1 Opposition councillor as noted above
- xiii) Representatives on the Community Planning Partnership Management Committee – Cllr Jim Lynch, Leader of the Council and Cllr Mark Irvine, Policy Lead for Community Planning
- xiv) Representatives on Oban Common Good Fund – Cllr Jim Lynch, Cllr Julie McKenzie, Cllr Kieron Green, plus one Opposition councillor from Ward 4, Oban South and the Isles as noted above.

7L – Councillors’ Remuneration:

The Council:

- v) Notes that remuneration for the Provost and Leader, as set out by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2024, will be
 - Provost/Civic Head - £32,024
 - Leader of the Council - £42,698
- vi) Agrees that the annual remuneration for a Policy Lead Councillor and Area Committee Chair be set at £32,023 and £25,547 respectively in line with the approach taken in previous Council terms, and notes that, in the event that the same member holds more than one of these positions, that member will receive the higher amount only in respect of the relevant position;
- vii) Agrees that any future annual percentage increase in Policy Lead Councillor or Area Committee Chair remuneration shall be the same as that determined by regulations for the basic allowances;
- viii) Proposes that a salary of £25,547 be provided to the Leader of the largest Opposition Group.

