

COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

1.0 SUMMARY

This report is intended to provide information to the Council about the formation of a new political group named The Argyll and Bute Independent Councillors comprising Councillors Freeman and Chalmers. Written notification was received by the Executive Director of Customer Services signed by the members who wished to be treated as a political group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

The Council is invited to note the terms of the report.

3.0 DETAIL

3.1 At the date of this report the composition of groups on the Council is as follows:-

Argyll and Bute Council	
Political Composition	
ALLIANCE OF INDEPENDENT COUNCILLORS (13) Vivien Dance Mary-Jean Devon Daniel Kelly Duncan MacIntyre Neil Mackay Donald MacMillan Alex McNaughton James McQueen Bruce Marshall (Secretary) Billy Petrie Elaine Robertson Len Scoullar James Walsh (Leader)	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS GROUP (6) Rory Colville Robin Currie Alison Hay (Deputy Leader) Ellen Morton (Leader) Andrew Nisbet (Secretary) Al Reay SCOTTISH CONSERVATIVE AND UNIONIST GROUP (2) David Kinniburgh (Secretary) Gary Mulvaney (Leader)
Note: The Alliance of Independent Councillors and the Liberal Democrats and Conservative Groups have formed a Partnership for the purposes of the political administration of the Council.	

**SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY
GROUP (9)**

Anne Horn (Secretary)
Alister MacAlister
Donald Macdonald
Roderick McCuish
Donald McIntosh
Robert MacIntyre (Leader)
John Semple
Ron Simon
Isobel Strong (Deputy Leader)

ARGYLL FIRST (3)

Douglas Philand (Leader)
Donald Kelly (Deputy Leader)
John McAlpine

THE ARGYLL AND BUTE INDEPENDENT COUNCILLORS GROUP (2)

George Freeman (Leader)
Gordon Chalmers (Secretary)

OTHER COUNCILLORS (not members of any political group)

James Robb

Douglas Hendry
Executive Director of Customer Services
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