ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

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CUSTOMER SERVICES

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FASLANE PEACE CAMP

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the position in relation to the occupation of Council owned land known as and forming the Faslane Peace Camp. A separate report provides information on issues which have arisen in relation to the Camp.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the position.

3.0 DETAIL

Background/Current Issues

- 3.1 The Council is the owner of the land on which the Faslane Peace Camp is located. The land was owned by Strathclyde Regional Council and passed to Argyll and Bute Council at the most recent reorganisation of local government which took effect in 1996.
- 3.2 The land is leased to an unincorporated organisation known as "Faslane Peace Campers". A copy of the month to month lease entered into by Strathclyde Regional Council in 1982 is attached as appendix 1. This lease remains the basis on which the Camp is currently occupied and sets out inter alia the conditions with which the occupants must comply and the notice required to terminate the occupation.
- 3.3 On 17 May 1992 Dumbarton District Council granted Planning Permission for "Retention of peace camp" in accordance with the plans submitted. A copy of the relevant planning permission is attached as appendix 2.
- 3.4 The site has a current Caravan Sites Licence. A copy of the licence is attached as appendix 3.
- 3.5 On 1st July 1998, Argyll and Bute Council was granted warrant to eject the Faslane Peace Campers (and others mentioned in the Summons) with their goods and possessions, such ejection to be no sooner than 12 noon on 30 July 1998. A copy of the warrant is attached as appendix 4. This has never been implemented.
- 3.6 A separate reports sets out the background on issues recently raised in respect of works recently carried out on the site by the present occupants.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. Policy none
- 4.2. Finance none

- 4.3. Legal - none
- 4.4. Equal Opportunities - none
- 4.5. HR - none
- 4.6 Risk - none
- 4.7 Customer Service - none

5.0 **Appendices**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 Copy Lease to Faslane Peace Campers
- 5.2 Appendix 2 Copy Planning Permission
 5.3 Appendix 3 Copy Caravan Site Licence
 5.4 Appendix 4 Copy Warrant to Eject

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