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| Report To: | Inverclyde Council | Date: | 21 February 2019 |
| Report By: | Head of Legal & Property Services | Report No: | RMcG/LP/035/19 |
| Contact Officer: | Rona McGhee | Contact No: | 01475 712113 |
| Subject: | Flying the Pride Flag for LGBT History Month – Request from Councillor McCabe | | |

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of a request received from Councillor McCabe that consideration be given to the attached letter received from LGBT Labour Scotland.
- 1.2 The letter provides background to LGBT History Month and requests that the Council display the Pride Flag in recognition of LGBT History Month.
- 1.3 The request is that the Council flies the Pride Flag at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock from Friday 22 to Thursday 28 February 2019 and for the whole of the month of February in future years in support and recognition.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Council is asked to consider the request from Councillor McCabe.

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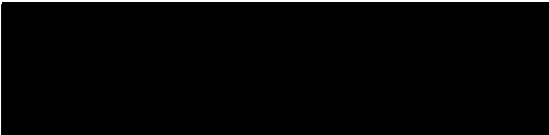
Dear Gerard

Flying the Pride Flag for LGBT History Month

I write to propose that Inverclyde Council recognises and supports February 2019 as LGBT History Month in order to recognise and reflect on the history of LGBT and civil rights movements across the world.

I move that the Council flies the Pride Flag at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock from Friday 22 to Thursday 28 February 2019 and for the whole of the month of February in future years in support and recognition of the above.

Yours sincerely


Stephen McCabe
Leader of the Council





To: Scottish Labour Group Leaders

Date: 31 January 2019

Dear Comrades

Flying the Pride Flag for LGBT History Month

We are writing to you as the committee of LGBT Labour Scotland, the Scottish Labour campaign for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights.

As you will already know February is LGBT History Month which is an opportunity to recognise and reflect on the history of the LGBT+ and civil rights movements across the world. It provides an opportunity to build our community and make a statement about the contribution of LGBT+ people to our society.

The Scottish Labour Party and our movement has a proud tradition of protecting and improving the rights of LGBT+ people especially in local government. We believe it to be vital that our elected members continue to stand up for LGBT+ people and support LGBT History Month.

We would be grateful if you would consider proposing a motion at a council meeting to ensure that your Council supports LGBT History Month and flies the Pride Flag from the municipal buildings of your Council. We believe this would be a powerful gesture of support from Labour Councillors to LGBT+ constituents and would be welcomed across the political spectrum.

In Solidarity

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