
Report To:	Inverclyde Council	Date:	3 December 2020
Report By:	Head of Legal & Property Services	Report No:	LP/124/20
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Subject:	Leader of the Largest Minority Group		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek agreement as to how the Leader of the Minority Groups is appointed and the title of the position.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 By convention, the Leader of the Minority Groups is the Leader of the largest non-administration political party, chosen by a vote of the largest non-administration party.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Leader of the Minority Groups be the Leader of the largest non-administration political party, chosen by a vote of the largest non-administration party, and that the title of the position be Leader of the Largest Minority Group.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 By convention, the Leader of the Minority Groups is the Leader of the largest non-administration political party, chosen by a vote of the largest non-administration party, and it has become the practice at the statutory meeting of the Council that the report seeks the appointment of a Leader of the Minority Groups. The purpose of the statutory meeting is to receive notification from the non-administration parties as to who is their Leader.
- 4.2 It was agreed by Inverclyde Council at its meeting on 6 December 2007 that the Council's representation on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities be the Council Leader, Council Depute Leader and Leader of the largest opposition group.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

5.2 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.3 Human Resources

There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

5.4 Equalities

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- (a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
X	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

- (b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
X	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
X	NO

5.5 Repopulation

There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Chief Executive has consulted with representatives of the Political Groups and they agree unanimously with the proposals set out in the report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.