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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 April 2023</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital &amp; Customer Services</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>LS/039/23</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Appointment of Chair of Social Work &amp; Social Care Scrutiny Panel</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY**

- 1.1  For Decision  For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to request that the Council appoint a Chair for the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel and confirm the Special Responsibility Allowance currently allocated to that position.
- 1.3 This report also requests that the Council make two further appointments, associated with the Chair of the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel, namely to the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and as a proxy for Cllr Moran on the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council appoint a Chair for the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel and confirm the Special Responsibility Allowance currently allocated to that position.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Council appoint the new Chair of the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel to the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and as the proxy for Cllr Moran on the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

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### **3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT**

- 3.1 The Council's Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel comprises 11 Elected Members, its terms of reference being as set out in the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration.
- 3.2 The membership of the Panel comprises Cllrs Armstrong, Brennan, Brooks, Cassidy, Daisley, Jackson, McCluskey, McKenzie, Quinn, Reynolds and Robertson. Cllr Jackson was appointed as the Chair of the Panel at the Council's Statutory Meeting on 19 May 2022, but has resigned from that position. Cllr McCluskey is the appointed Vice-Chair. By way of explanation, in May 2022 the role was Convenor of the then Health & Social Care Committee, this being prior to revisions to the Council's decision-making arrangements which were agreed at the 30 June 2022 meeting of the Council.
- 3.3 Standing Order 58 of the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration requires the Council to ensure, as far as practicable, that in making Committee appointments the balance of political representation on the Council is reflected. On the assumption that there are no proposed changes to actual membership of the Panel, or the associated appointments referred to below, then the existing membership will continue to fulfil these requirements.
- 3.4 At its Statutory Meeting the Council also approved the remuneration payable to certain Elected Members, in terms of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2022 and the Local Government (Allowances and Expenses)(Scotland) Regulations 2007 as amended. As part of this, it was agreed that the Chair of the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel, as it is now known, would be designated as a Senior Councillor, and entitled to the associated special responsibility allowance. With the recent national change in Elected Member salaries, in terms of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2023, this would mean a salary of approximately £22,613 for the Elected Member holding this position. This assumes that the Council does not wish to otherwise review the previous decision of May 2022 in respect of Elected Member remuneration.
- 3.5 At the Statutory Meeting Cllr Jackson was also appointed to two other positions, associated with being the Chair of the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel, namely to the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and as a proxy for Cllr Moran on the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board. Cllr Jackson has also confirmed his resignation from both of those appointments.
- 3.6 A link to the 19 May 2022 report is provided here:  
<https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2450>

### **4.0 PROPOSALS**

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Council appoint a Chair for the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel and confirm the Special Responsibility Allowance currently allocated to that position.
- 4.2 It is also proposed that the Council appoint the new Chair of the Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel to the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and as the proxy for Cllr Moran on the Inverclyde Integration Joint Board.

### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is(are) agreed:

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>
Financial	X		
Legal/Risk	X		
Human Resources		X	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)			X
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty			X
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing			X
Environmental & Sustainability			X
Data Protection			X

## 5.2 Finance

The Council is not permitted to increase the current overall spend on Elected Member remuneration, in terms of the relevant legislative provisions. There is budget in place to continue the current arrangements, including the recent national uplift which was effective from 1 April 2023.

### One off Costs

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

### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

## 5.3 Legal/Risk

The legal considerations are contained within this report.

## 5.4 Human Resources

There are no human resources implications directly arising from this report.

## 5.5 Strategic

There are no strategic implications directly arising from this report.

## 6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer and Head of OD, HR and Communications have been consulted on this report.

## 7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/a