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Subject:	Scheme of Administration – Political Balance		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the necessary requirements to ensure political balance on Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate) following the resignation from the SNP Group of Councillor Innes Nelson, who has entered into an affiliation with the Conservative Group, and the resignation of Councillor Lynne Quinn from the Internal Independent Coalition.

1.3 The report also requests the Council to nominate an Elected Member to be appointed by the Scottish Ministers to Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board (“NHS Board”) following the resignation of Councillor Martin McCluskey.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) considers the terms of this report;
- (b) approves the re-balancing of Committees as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (c) makes the appropriate adjustments to the membership of its Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies;
- (d) notes that a report will be presented to a future meeting of the Council following a review of the appropriateness of Council nominations to the Boards of organisations which tender for Council contracts; and
- (e) nominates a Member to be appointed by the Scottish Ministers to Greater Glasgow and Clyde NHS Board.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

3.1 The resignations of Councillor Innes Nelson and Councillor Lynne Quinn from the SNP Group and Internal Independent Coalition respectively means that the political balance on Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate) requires to be reviewed in order to comply with the Council's Scheme of Administration.

3.2 Paragraph 59 of the Scheme of Administration requires the Council to ensure that, in so far as is practicable, the appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees, and Outside Bodies (where more than two representatives of the Council are required) reflect the balance of representatives on the Council.

3.3 The previous political balance meant the representation on all of the Council's standing Committees and Boards of 11 Members was as follows:

Labour – 4.5 Members

SNP – 4 Members

Internal Independent Coalition – 1.5 Members

Conservative – 1 Member

3.4 The alteration in political balance means that membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (with more than two representatives) needs to change where appropriate to reflect the position.

3.5 The Independent is not aligned with any group and this means the present political balance for the Standing Committees and Boards comprising of 11 Members requires to be altered as shown in Appendix 1 and as set out as follows:

Labour – 4.5 Members

SNP – 3.5 Members

Independent Alliance – 1 Member

Conservative and Independent Affiliation – 1.5 Members

Independent – 0.5 Member

3.6 The new political balance means that:

- (a) The Labour balance is unaffected;
- (b) The SNP representation is reduced by 0.5 Member in each of the eight main Committees and Boards;
- (c) The Independent Alliance representation is reduced by 0.5 Member in each of the eight main Committees and Boards; and
- (d) The Conservative and Independent Affiliation is increased by 0.5 Member in each of the eight main Committees and Boards.

3.7 For Members' ease of reference, Appendix 1a) sets out the existing and Appendix 1b) sets out the proposed political balance on the main Committees and Boards and Appendix 2 details the existing party-by-party representation on these.

3.8 To give effect to the new political balance with minimal disruption to the main Committees and the General Purposes Board and the Planning Board, it is possible to:-

- Reduce SNP representation by one Member on each of these; and
- Appoint as a replacement, a Conservative and Independent Affiliation member so that the group is equitably appointed to all 8 Committees/Boards

3.9 However, this is, of course, entirely within the discretion of the Council.

3.10 It should be noted that there are currently two Independent Alliance Members on the Audit Committee and the Planning Board. There is a requirement for one member of the Independent Alliance to step down from both the Audit Committee and the Planning Board and to appoint, as a replacement, either a Labour Member, a Conservative and Independent Affiliation Member or the Independent Member.

3.11 In relation to other Boards and Sub-Committees, it should also be noted that Councillor Lynne Quinn is currently a member of the Human Resources Appeals Board. In terms of the new political balance set out at Appendix 1b) there is a requirement for the Council to amend the membership of this Board to reflect the new arrangements.

3.12 The existing and proposed political balance on all Committees is summarised below:

COMMITTEE	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Policy & Resources	5 LAB 4 SNP 1 IND* 1 CON	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Environment & Regeneration	5 LAB 4 SNP 1 IND* 1 CON	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	4 LAB 4 SNP 2 IND* 1 CON	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Audit	4 LAB 4 SNP 2 IND* 1 CON	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Education & Communities	4 LAB 4 SNP 2 IND* 1 CON	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**

General Purposes Board	4 LAB 4 SNP 2 IND* 1 CON	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Planning Board	4 LAB 4 SNP 2 IND* 1 CON	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Local Fire & Police Scrutiny Panel	4 LAB 4 SNP 2 IND* 1 CON	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Human Resources Appeals Board	2 LAB 2 SNP 1 IND*	2 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 0 or 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 IND**
Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee	2 LAB 2 SNP 1 IND* 1 CON	2 or 3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Grants Sub-Committee	2 LAB 2 SNP 1 IND* 1 CON	2 or 3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Petitions Committee	2 LAB 2 SNP 1 IND* 1 CON	2 or 3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**
Local Review Body	3 LAB 2 SNP 1 IND* 1 CON	3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**

*IND = Internal Independent Coalition

**CON = Conservative & Independent Affiliation

**IND ALL = Independent Alliance

**IND = Independent

- 3.13 When considering adjustments to the membership of Committees to reflect the present political balance, the Council should seek to ensure that the replacement Member on each of the main Committees reflects the political balance as far as possible and in line with what each member may wish as individuals.
- 3.14 Appendix 2 sets out the existing membership of the Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards. Appendix 3 sets out the proposed membership to address the political balance.
- 3.15 The Licensing Board is a separate statutory body and there is no formal requirement to include it in the current re-balancing exercise. Furthermore, there is a requirement that any Member of the Licensing Board must completed mandatory training before sitting on the Board. In the circumstances it is proposed that the Licensing Board is excluded from the re-balancing exercise.

4.0 REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- 4.1 In terms of Paragraph 59 of the Council's Scheme of Administration, the Council requires to ensure that appointments to Outside Bodies reflect as far as practicable the balance of political representation on the Council where more than two representatives of the Council are required.
- 4.2 It is essential to reflect as far as possible the actual political balance of the Council in Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards. With Outside Bodies, however, it remains important but not essential to apply the political balance and some discretion is possible. This discretion can take into account Member availability for the range of tasks and attendances involved with the respective Outside Bodies. This discretion appears also to have accommodated, at times, a less formal political balance among the individual political parties with a general balance being attained informally between the Administration and the Non-Administration groups overall, rather than a party-by-party split.
- 4.3 As listed in Appendix 4, there are 12 Outside Bodies where more than 2 representatives of the Council are required and the current Political membership of each Outside Body with more than 2 representatives is set out.
- 4.4 The current party-by party balance is set out for information and guidance in Appendix 4. The party-by-party approach can be modified by the Council if it wished to take account of pressures on Members or their individual wishes for representation on the Outside Bodies by a more general arrangement based on the overall proportion of Administration Members to all Non-Administration Members.
- 4.5 Appendix 5 sets out the proposed representation on Outside Bodies (more than 2 representatives) following the resignations detailed at paragraph 1.2. This proposed representation is for Members' decision given the requirement for political balance, on the one hand, yet recognising the discretion allowed for the availability of and pressures on these duties with Outside Bodies.

5.0 COUNCIL NOMINATIONS TO BOARDS

- 5.1 On 21st November 2023, the Policy & Resources Committee agreed that a report be presented to Inverclyde Council by the Chief Executive following a review of the appropriateness of Councillor nominations to the boards of organisations which tender for Council contracts. This matter has been discussed at the Strategic Leadership Forum and officers will bring back a report to a future meeting of Inverclyde Council.

6.0 MEMBERSHIP OF GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE NHS BOARD

- 6.1 Councillor Martin McCluskey has recently intimated his formal resignation as Inverclyde Council's Non-Executive Member on the NHS Board.
- 6.2 This is a Ministerial appointment and the NHS Board has, in accordance with NHS requirements, invited the Council to nominate a replacement on the NHS Board.
- 6.3 The Council is asked to nominate a member to be appointed by the Scottish Ministers to the NHS Board.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

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

SUBJECT	YES	NO
Financial		x
Legal/Risk		x
Human Resources		x
Strategic (Partnership Plan/Council Plan)		x
Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		x
Environmental & Sustainability		x
Data Protection		x

7.2 Finance

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					

7.3 Legal/Risk

There are no legal or risk implications.

7.4 Human Resources

There are no human resource implications.

7.5 Strategic

There are no strategic plan implications.

7.6 Equalities, Fairer Scotland Duty & Children/Young People

(a) Equalities

This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) process with the following outcome:

	YES – Assessed as relevant and an EqIA is required.
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, assessed as not relevant and no EqIA 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 – Assessed as not relevant under the Fairer Scotland Duty for the following reasons: Provide reasons why the report has been assessed as not relevant.

(c) Children and Young People

Has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – Assessed as relevant and a CRWIA is required.
X	NO – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve a new policy, function or strategy or recommends a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy which will have an impact on children's rights.

7.7 Environmental/Sustainability

Has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been carried out?

	YES – assessed as relevant and a Strategic Environmental Assessment is required.
X	NO – This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme, strategy or document which is like to have significant environmental effects, if implemented.

7.8 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 – Assessed as not relevant as this report does not involve data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 N/A

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 N/A

APPENDIX 1a)**EXISTING POLITICAL BALANCE (STANDING COMMITTEES,
GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD, PLANNING BOARD and LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY)**

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	REPRESENTATION
Scottish Labour Party	9	40.90	4.5	4.5	4 or 5
Scottish National Party	8	36.36	4	4	4
Internal Independent Coalition	3	13.64	1.5	1.5	1 or 2
Scottish Conservative & Unionist	2	9.09	1	1	1
	22	100	11	-	11

* In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

EXISTING POLITICAL BALANCE (OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES ETC)

5 REPRESENTATIVES (2 - Human Resources Appeals Board and Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY
Labour	9	40.90	2.05	2	2
SNP	8	36.36	1.82	2	2
Conservative	2	9.09	0.45	0.5	0 or 1
Internal Independent Coalition	3	13.64	0.68	0.5	0 or 1

6 REPRESENTATIVES (3, P&R Exec Sub-Committee, Grants Sub-Committee and Petitions Committee)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY
Labour	9	40.90	2.45	2.5	2 or 3
SNP	8	36.36	2.18	2	2
Conservative	2	9.09	0.55	0.5	0 or 1
Internal Independent Coalition	3	13.64	0.82	1	1

7 REPRESENTATIVES (1, Local Review Body)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY
Labour	9	40.90	2.86	3	3
SNP	8	36.36	2.55	2.5	2 or 3
Conservative	2	9.09	0.64	0.5	0 or 1
Internal Independent Coalition	3	13.64	0.95	1	1

- *In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

APPENDIX 1b)**PROPOSED POLITICAL BALANCE (STANDING COMMITTEES, GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD, PLANNING BOARD and LOCAL POLICE & FIRE SCRUTINY)**

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION
Scottish Labour Party	9	40.90	4.5	4.5	4 or 5
Scottish National Party	7	31.82	3.5	3.5	3 or 4
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	1	1	1
Scottish Conservative & Unionist & Independent Affiliation	3	13.64	1.5	1.5	1 or 2
Independent	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1
	22	100	11	-	11

- * In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

APPENDIX 1b)**POLITICAL BALANCE (OTHER COUNCIL COMMITTEES ETC)****5 REPRESENTATIVES (2 - Human Resources Appeals Board and Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee)**

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	2.05	2	2
SNP	7	31.82	1.59	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.68	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.45	0.5	0 or 1
Independent	1	4.55	0.23	0	0

6 REPRESENTATIVES (3, P&R Exec Sub-Committee, Grants Sub-Committee and Petitions Committee)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	2.45	2.5	2 or 3
SNP	7	31.82	1.91	2	2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.82	1	1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.55	0.5	0 or 1
Independent	1	4.55	0.28	0.5	0 or 1

7 REPRESENTATIVES (1, Local Review Body)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	2.86	3	3
SNP	7	31.82	2.23	2	2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.82	1	1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.64	0.5	0 or 1
Independent	1	4.55	0.32	0.5	0 or 1

- *In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.
- ** Where alternatives are given (e.g. "0 or 1" or "2 or 3"), then it would be for the groups in question to seek to agree the specific arrangements to effect the solution for their respective numerical entitlement, with the requirement in the Council's Standing Orders to seek to achieve a balance of political representation being capable of being met by those groups agreeing to alternate representation where the same applies to more than 1 appointment.

APPENDIX 2
EXISTING MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

COMMITTEE	NO. MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE	LABOUR	SNP	CONS	INDEPENDENT
Policy & Resources	11	4 or 5	4	1	1 or 2
Environment & Regeneration	11	4 or 5	4	1	1 or 2
Education & Communities	11	4 or 5	4	1	1 or 2
Health & Social Care	11	4 or 5	4	1	1 or 2
Audit	11	4 or 5	4	1	1 or 2
General Purposes Board	11	4 or 5	4	1	1 or 2
Planning Board	11	4 or 5	4	1	1 or 2
Local Review Body	7	3	2 or 3	0 or 1	1
Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee	6	2 or 3	2	0 or 1	1
Human Resources Appeals Board	5	2	2	0 or 1	0 or 1
Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee	5	2	2	0 or 1	0 or 1
Grants Sub-Committee	6	2 or 3	2	0 or 1	1
Local Police & Fire Scrutiny	11	4 or 5	4	1	1 or 2
Inverclyde Licensing Board	8	3 or 4	3	0 or 1	1
Petitions Committee	6	2 or 3	2	0 or 1	1

APPENDIX 3
SUGGESTED MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

COMMITTEE	NO. MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE	LABOUR	SNP	CON & IND	INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE	IND
Policy & Resources	11	4 or 5	3 or 4	1 or 2	1	0 or 1
Environment & Regeneration	11	4 or 5	3 or 4	1 or 2	1	0 or 1
Education & Communities	11	4 or 5	3 or 4	1 or 2	1	0 or 1
Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	11	4 or 5	3 or 4	1 or 2	1	0 or 1
Audit	11	4 or 5	3 or 4	1 or 2	1	0 or 1
General Purposes Board	11	4 or 5	3 or 4	1 or 2	1	0 or 1
Planning Board	11	4 or 5	3 or 4	1 or 2	1	0 or 1
Local Review Body***	7	3	2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee***	6	2 or 3	2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Human Resources Appeals Board***	5	2	1 or 2	0 or 1	0 or 1	0
Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee***	5	2	1 or 2	0 or 1	0 or 1	0
Grants Sub-Committee***	6	2 or 3	2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Local Police & Fire Scrutiny	11	4 or 5	3 or 4	1 or 2	1	0 or 1
Inverclyde Licensing Board	8	3 or 4**	2 or 3**	1**	0 or 1**	0 or 1**
Petitions Committee***	6	2 or 3	2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1

- **The proposed appointments to the Inverclyde Licensing Board are based upon the following numerical entitlements, namely 3.27 (rounded to 3.5) (Labour), 2.54 (rounded to 2.5) (SNP), 1.09 (rounded to 1) (Scottish Conservative & Unionist & Ind) 0.73 (rounded to 0.5) (Independent Alliance) and 0.36 (rounded to 0.5) Independent. Again, where alternatives are given (e.g. "0 or 1" or "2 or 3"), then it would be for the groups in question to seek to agree the specific arrangements to effect the solution for their respective numerical entitlement, with the requirement in the Council's Standing Orders to seek to achieve a balance of political representation being capable of being met by those groups agreeing to alternate representation where the same applies to more than 1 appointment.
- *** Suggested on the basis of the representations calculated in Appendix 2. Again, where alternatives are given (e.g. "0 or 1" or "2 or 3"), then it would be for the groups in question to seek to agree the specific arrangements to effect the solution for their respective numerical entitlement, with the requirement in the Council's Standing Orders to seek to achieve a balance of political representation being capable of being met by those groups agreeing to alternate representation where the same applies to more than 1 appointment

APPENDIX 4
EXISTING APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES WITH MORE THAN 2 REPRESENTATIVES

3 REPRESENTATIVES (5 Bodies – Boglestone Community Association, Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Inverclyde Alcohol & Drug Partnership, Peter Stanton Memorial Trust (3 elected members including the Provost), Riverside Inverclyde)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY
Labour	9	40.90	1.23	1	1
SNP	8	36.36	1.09	1	1
Conservative	2	9.09	0.27	0.5	0 or 1
Internal Independent Coalition	3	13.64	0.41	0.5	0 or 1

4 REPRESENTATIVES (5 Bodies –Inverclyde Alliance Board, Inverclyde Integration Joint Board, Inverclyde Leisure, Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board and Shared Services Joint Committee)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY
Labour	9	40.90	1.64	1.5	1 or 2
SNP	8	36.36	1.45	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative	2	9.09	0.36	0.5	0 or 1
Internal Independent Coalition	3	13.64	0.55	0.5	0 or 1

5 REPRESENTATIVES (2 Bodies - James Campbell Buchan Trust and Women's Forum)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEAREST 0.5*	REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY
Labour	9	40.90	2.05	2	2
SNP	8	36.36	1.82	2	2
Conservative	2	9.09	0.45	0.5	0 or 1
Internal Independent Coalition	3	13.64	0.68	0.5	0 or 1

- *In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council's political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

APPENDIX 5**SUGGESTED APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES WITH MORE THAN 2 REPRESENTATIVES**

3 REPRESENTATIVES (5 Bodies – Boglestone Community Association, Inverclyde Community Development Trust, Inverclyde Alcohol & Drug Partnership, Peter Stanton Memorial Trust (3 elected members including the Provost), Riverside Inverclyde)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEARERST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	1.23	1	1
SNP	7	31.82	0.95	1	1
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.41	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.27	0.5	0 or 1
Independent	1	4.55	0.14	0	0

4 REPRESENTATIVES (5 Bodies –Inverclyde Alliance Board, Inverclyde Integration Joint Board, Inverclyde Leisure, Renfrewshire Valuation Joint Board and Shared Services Joint Committee)

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Labour	9	40.90	1.64	1.5	1 or 2
SNP	7	31.82	1.27	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.41	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.36	0.5	0 or 1
Independent	1	4.55	0.18	0	0

5 REPRESENTATIVES (2 Bodies - James Campbell Buchan Trust and Women’s Forum)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEARERST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	9	40.90	2.05	2	2
SNP	7	31.82	1.59	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.68	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.45	0.5	0 or 1
Independent	1	4.55	0.23	0	0

- *In order to apply a consistent approach to the suggested representation based upon the Council’s political balance, the numerical entitlement has been rounded (whether that be higher or lower) to the nearest 0.5.

- **Where alternatives are given (e.g. “0 or 1” or “2 or 3”), then it would be for the groups in question to seek to agree the specific arrangements to effect the solution for their respective numerical entitlement, with the requirement in the Council’s Standing Orders to seek to achieve a balance of political representation being capable of being met by those groups agreeing to alternate representation where the same applies to more than 1 appointment. It is, however, to be noted that where 4 representatives are sought all four groups need to be involved in that discussion, and not just two.