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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 Council of the necessary requirements to ensure political balance on Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate) following (i) the resignation from the SNP Group of Councillor Kirsty Law who will now sit within the Council as an independent Elected Member; and (ii) the resignation as an Elected Member of the Council in respect of Ward 5 (Inverclyde West) of Councillor Martin McCluskey.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) considers the terms of this report;
- (b) notes the new political balance applying to Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as detailed in Appendices;
- (c) makes adjustments to the membership of its Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as proposed in Appendix 6; and
- (d) notes that political balance will require to be considered again when the result of the forthcoming by-election is confirmed.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

3.1 Councillor Kirsty Law has resigned from the SNP Group now sits on the Council as an independent Elected Member. In addition, following his election as a Member of the UK Parliament at the United Kingdom Parliamentary General Election on 4th July 2024, Councillor Martin McCluskey has resigned as an elected member of the Council and a by-election has been called for 7 November 2024 to contest the Ward 5 (Inverclyde West) seat previously occupied by Councillor McCluskey. The occurrence of these events means that the political balance on the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate) requires to be reviewed. When the result of the by-election is known, such political balance will have to be considered by Council again.

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 approved at the 13 June 2024 meeting of the Council meant the representation on all of the Council's standing Committees and Boards of 11 Members was as follows:

Labour – 4.5 Members

SNP – 3.5 Members

Internal Independent Coalition – 1.5 Members

Conservative – 1 Member

Independent (Councillor Quinn) – 0.5 Member

3.4 The alteration in political balance on the Council 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 Following the occurrence of the events set out in paragraph 3.1, the political balance for the Standing Committees and Boards comprising of 11 Members has been altered as shown in Appendix 1(b) and as set out as follows:

Labour – 4 Members

SNP – 3 Members

Independent Alliance – 1 Member

Conservative and Independent Affiliation – 1.5 Members

Independent (Councillor Quinn) – 0.5 Member

Independent (Councillor Law) – 0.5 Member

Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election – 0.5 Member

- 3.6 The new political balance means that both Labour's and SNP's representation is reduced by 0.5 Member and Councillor Law's representation as an independent Elected Member becomes 0.5 Member in each of the eight main Committees and Boards. It also means that representation of 0.5 Member is reserved for the new Elected Member to be elected at the forthcoming by-election.
- 3.7 For Members' ease of reference, Appendix 1a) sets out the existing and Appendix 1b) sets out the new 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:-
- Transfer the place currently occupied by Councillor Law on Education & Communities Committee to the SNP Group.
 - Transfer one place currently occupied by the SNP Group on Audit Committee, Policy & Resources Committee, Planning Board, Human Resources Appeals Board and Local Policy and Fire Scrutiny Committee to Councillor Law in her capacity as an independent Elected Member.
 - Reduce the number of SNP Members on the General Purposes Board by one with this position being carried as a vacancy until further consideration of political balance following the by-election.
 - Reduce the number of SNP Members on the on Social Work and Social Care Scrutiny Panel by one with this position being carried as a vacancy until further consideration of political balance following the by-election.
 - Reduce the number of Labour Members on the on Social Work and Social Care Scrutiny Panel by one with this position being carried as a vacancy until further consideration of political balance following the by-election.
 - Transfer one of the places currently occupied by the SNP Group on Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee to Councillor Law.
 - Reduce the number of Labour Members on the Environment and Regeneration by one, with this position being carried as a vacancy until further consideration of political balance following the by-election.
 - Replace Councillor McCluskey in the positions that he previously occupied with another Elected Member from the Labour Group, with the exception of Social Work and Social Care Scrutiny Panel which will be dealt with as described above.
- 3.9 A proposal for membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies to reflect this is set out in Appendix 6. However, this is, of course, entirely within the discretion of the Council. Members should note that some additional changes have been proposed as narrated within Appendix 6. It should be noted that the proposals set out in Appendix 6 do not represent exact political balance but do so as far as practicable. Members are reminded that political balance will need to be considered again when the results of the by-election are known.

3.10 The existing and new political balance on all Committees is summarised below:

COMMITTEE	EXISTING	NEW
Policy & Resources	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ)	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election.
Environment & Regeneration	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Audit	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Education & Communities	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
General Purposes Board	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ)

		0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Planning Board	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Local Fire & Police Scrutiny Panel	4 or 5 LAB 3 or 4 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON** 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Human Resources Appeals Board	2 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 0 or 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 IND**	2 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 0 or 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 IND (CQ) 0 IND (CL) 0 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee	2 or 3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Grants Sub-Committee	2 or 3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Petitions Committee	2 or 3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	2 or 3 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ)

		0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election
Local Review Body	3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND**	3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON** 0 or 1 IND ALL** 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election

*IND = Internal Independent Coalition

**CON = Conservative & Independent Affiliation

**IND ALL = Independent Alliance

**IND (CQ) = Councillor Quinn

**IND (CL) = Councillor Law

- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 Appendix 2 sets out the existing membership of the Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards. Appendix 3 sets out the new membership to address the new political balance.
- 3.13 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 new political balance in respect of Outside Bodies (more than 2 representatives) following the resignations detailed at paragraph 3.1.
- 4.6 Appendix 6 sets out a proposal for membership of the Council’s Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies to reflect the new political balance. Some additional proposed changes have also been made and are narrated in that appendix. Members should note that the proposals in Appendix 6 do not achieve exact political balance but do so as far as practicable. This, however, entirely for the Council to decide upon.

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 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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

6.2 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					

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6.3 Legal/Risk

There are no legal or risk implications.

6.4 Human Resources

There are no human resource implications.

6.5 Strategic

There are no strategic plan implications.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 N/A

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 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	7	31.82	3.5	3.5	3 or 4
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	1	1	1
Scottish Conservative & Unionist	3	13.64	1.5	1.5	1 or 2
Independent Member (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.5	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.

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*	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 (Councillor Quinn)	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 (Councillor Quinn)	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.

APPENDIX 1b)**NEW 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	8	36.36	4	4	4
Scottish National Party	6	27.27	3	3	3
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	1	1	1
Scottish Conservative & Unionist & Independent Affiliation	3	13.64	1.5	1.5	1 or 2
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1
Vacancy to be filled by forthcoming by-election	1	4.55	0.5	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 1b)**NEW 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	8	36.36	1.82	2	2
SNP	6	27.27	1.36	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 (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election	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	8	36.36	2.18	2	2
SNP	6	27.27	1.64	1.5	1 or 2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.82	1	1
Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.55	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.27	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.27	0.5	0 or 1
Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election	1	4.55	0.27	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	2.55	2.5	2 or 3
SNP	6	27.27	1.91	2	2
Conservative & Ind	3	13.64	0.82	1	1

Independent Alliance	2	9.09	0.64	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.32	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.32	0.5	0 or 1
Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election	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 POLITICAL BALANCE IN RESPECT OF 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

APPENDIX 3**NEW POLITICAL BALANCE IN RESPECT OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

COMMITTEE	NO. MEMBERS ON COMMITTEE	LABOUR	SNP	CON & IND	INDEPENDENT ALLIANCE	IND (CLLR QUINN)	IND (CLLR LAW)	VACANCY TO BE FILLED AT FORTHCOMING BY-ELECTION
Policy & Resources	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Environment & Regeneration	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Education & Communities	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Audit	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
General Purposes Board	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Planning Board	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Local Review Body***	7	2 or 3	2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1

Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee***	6	2	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Human Resources Appeals Board***	5	2	1 or 2	0 or 1	0 or 1	0	0	0
Housing (Landlord Registration) Sub-Committee***	5	2	1 or 2	0 or 1	0 or 1	0	0	0
Grants Sub-Committee***	6	2	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Local Police & Fire Scrutiny	11	4	3	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1
Inverclyde Licensing Board	8	3 **	2	1**	0 or 1**	0 or 1**	0 or 1**	0 or 1**
Petitions Committee***	6	2	1 or 2	1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1	0 or 1

- **The proposed appointments to the Inverclyde Licensing Board are based upon the following numerical entitlements, namely 2.91 (rounded to 3) (Labour), 2.18 (rounded to 2) (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) for both Independent (Councillor Quinn) and Independent (Councillor Law). 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 POLITICAL BALANCE IN RESPECT OF 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*	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)

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	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 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

- *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**NEW POLITICAL BALANCE IN RESPECT OF 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	8	36.36	1.09	1	1
SNP	6	27.27	0.82	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 (Cllr Quinn)	1	4.55	0.14	0	0
Independent (Cllr Law)	1	4.55	0.14	0	0
Vacancy to be filled at forthcoming by-election	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)

PARTY	NO. OF ELECTED MEMBERS	% OF TOTAL	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT	NUMERICAL ENTITLEMENT ROUNDED TO NEARERST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	8	36.36	1.45	1.5	1 or 2
SNP	6	27.27	1.09	1	1
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
Independent (Cllr Law)	1	4.55	0.18	0	0
Vacancy to be filled at forthcoming by-election	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 NEAREST 0.5*	SUGGESTED REPRESENTATION PARTY-BY-PARTY**
Labour	8	36.36	1.82	2	2
SNP	6	27.27	1.36	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 (Cllr Quinn)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Independent (Cllr Law)	1	4.55	0.23	0	0
Vacancy to be filled at forthcoming by-election	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.

APPENDIX 6

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND BOARDS WITH CONVENERS AND VICE-CONVENERS

Pursuant to Recommendation 2.1(c) of the foregoing Report, the following adjustments are proposed to membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies. The names of all Councillors appointed to each of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards, whether changes are proposed or not, are set out for each of reference. The changes proposed are highlighted in bold below the name of the relevant Committee, Sub-Committee and Board.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Proposed Changes: SNP place to be transferred to Councillor Law as an independent Member, Councillor Moran to replace Councillor McCluskey and Councillor McGuire to be Vice-Convener

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Law |
| 2. Councillor Moran | 8. Councillor Armstrong |
| 3. Councillor McCormick | 9. Councillor McVey |
| 4. Councillor McGuire | 10. Councillor Wilson |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Nelson |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Convener: Councillor McCabe
Vice-Convener: Councillor McGuire

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: Councillor McCabe to come off committee and place to be carried as a vacancy.

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| 1. Councillor McCormick | 7. Councillor Robertson |
| 2. Councillor Cassidy | 8. Councillor Crowther |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Provost McKenzie |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor Quinn |
| 5. [Vacancy] | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Curley | |

Convener: Councillor McCormick
Vice-Conveners: Councillor Cassidy (Environment)
Councillor Clocherty (Regeneration)

EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: Councillor Law to be replaced by Councillor Reynolds

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| 1. Councillor Clocherty | 7. Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. Councillor Brennan | 8. Councillor Nelson |
| 3. Councillor McGuire | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Moran | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Armstrong | |

Church Representatives: Rev D Burt, Rev F Donaldson, Mr J Docherty
Parent Representative: Ms Fiona MacDonald
Teacher Representative: Paula McEwan
Convener: Councillor Clocherty
Vice-Convener: Councillor Brennan (Education)
Councillor McGuire (Communities)

SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Proposed Change: Councillor Reynolds to come off committee and place to be carried as a vacancy. Councillor McCluskey to come off committee and place to be carried as a vacancy. Councillor McCabe to replace Councillor Clocherty.

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| 1. Councillor Jackson | 7. Councillor Armstrong |
| 2. [Vacancy] | 8. Councillor Daisley |
| 3. Councillor Brennan | 9. [Vacancy] |
| 4. Councillor Cassidy | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor McCabe | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Robertson | |

Convener: Councillor Brennan
Vice-Convener: Councillor Jackson

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: Councillor Reynolds to be replaced by Councillor Law. Councillor McCluskey to be replaced by Councillor Clocherty.

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 8. Councillor Law |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Councillor McVey |
| 4. Councillor McCormick | 10. Councillor Nelson |
| 5. Councillor Robertson | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |

Convener: Councillor Wilson
Vice-Convener: Councillor Curley

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD

Proposed Change: Councillor Crowther to come off committee and place to be carried as a vacancy. Councillor McCluskey to be replaced by Councillor Jackson

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| 1. Councillor Brennan | 7. Councillor Armstrong |
| 2. Councillor Jackson | 8. Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. Councillor Cassidy | 9. Councillor Quinn |
| 4. Councillor Moran | 10. Provost McKenzie |
| 5. Councillor Curley | 11. Councillor Wilson |
| 6. [Vacancy] | |

Chair: Councillor Moran
Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

PLANNING BOARD

Proposed Change: SNP place to be transferred to Councillor Law as an independent Member

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| 1. Councillor McCabe | 7. Councillor Curley |
| 2. Councillor McGuire | 8. Councillor Law |
| 3. Councillor Clocherty | 9. Provost McKenzie |
| 4. Councillor Jackson | 10. Councillor McVey |
| 5. Councillor Armstrong | 11. Councillor Brooks |
| 6. Councillor Crowther | |

Chair: Councillor McVey
Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD

Proposed Change: SNP place to be transferred to Councillor Law as an independent Member

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| 1. | Councillor Brennan | 4. | Councillor Daisley |
| 2. | Councillor Clocherty | 5. | Councillor Quinn |
| 3. | Councillor Law | | |
- Chair:** Councillor Brennan
Vice-Chair: Councillor Clocherty

POLICY & RESOURCES EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: Councillor Curley to be replaced by Councillor Law. Councillor McCluskey to be replaced by Councillor McGuire and Councillor McGuire to be Vice-Convener.

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| 1. | Councillor McCabe | 4. | Councillor Law |
| 2. | Councillor McGuire | 5. | Councillor McVey |
| 3. | Councillor Robertson | 6. | Councillor Wilson |
- Convener:** Councillor McCabe
Vice-Convener: Councillor McGuire

GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

No Proposed Changes

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|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1. | Councillor Brennan | 4. | Councillor Reynolds |
| 2. | Councillor McGuire | 5. | Provost McKenzie |
| 3. | Councillor Crowther | 6. | Councillor Brooks |
- Chair:** Councillor Brooks

LOCAL REVIEW BODY

No Proposed Changes

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|----|----------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1. | Councillor Clocherty | 5. | Councillor Curley |
| 2. | Councillor McCabe | 6. | Councillor McVey |
| 3. | Councillor McGuire | 7. | Councillor Brooks |
| 4. | Councillor Crowther | | |
- Chair:** Councillor McVey
Vice-Chair: Councillor Curley

LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Proposed Change: SNP place to be transferred to Councillor Law as an independent Member

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| 1. | Councillor Brennan | 7. | Councillor Law |
| 2. | Councillor Clocherty | 8. | Councillor Reynolds |
| 3. | Councillor Moran | 9. | Councillor Quinn |
| 4. | Councillor McGuire | 10. | Provost McKenzie |
| 5. | Councillor Crowther | 11. | Councillor Wilson |
| 6. | Councillor Daisley | | |
- Chair:** Councillor Wilson
Vice-Chair: Provost McKenzie

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

No Proposed Changes

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|----|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1. | Councillor Cassidy | 4. | Councillor Daisley |
| 2. | Councillor McCabe | 5. | Provost McKenzie |
| 3. | Councillor Curley | 6. | Councillor Brooks |

Convener: Councillor Curley

Vice-Convener: Provost McKenzie

No other changes are proposed to any of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees or Boards at this time.

OUTSIDE BODIES

COSLA Boards

Councillor Jackson to replace Councillor McCluskey on Health and Social Care

Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Cabinet (Joint Committee)

Councillor McGuire to replace Councillor McCluskey as Substitute Member

Inverclyde Integration Joint Board

Councillor Brennan to replace Councillor McCluskey

Scotland Excel Joint Committee

Councillor Clocherty to replace Councillor McCluskey

Clyde, Kintyre and Islands Ferry Stakeholders Group

Councillor Cassidy to replace Councillor McCluskey

Greenock Arts Guild Board

Councillor McCluskey to be replaced by Councillor Brennan

Gourock – Dunoon Infrastructure and Vessels Project

Councillor McCluskey to be replaced by Councillor Reynolds

No other changes are proposed to any of the Council's Outside Bodies at this time.