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Subject:	Appointment of Council Leader and Political Balance		

1.0 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to (a) request that Council appoints a new Leader following the resignation of Councillor McCabe as Leader of the Council and (b) advise Council of amendments required to ensure political balance and compliance with other governance requirements on Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate) following (i) the election of Councillor Ian Hellyer as an Elected Member of the Council representing Ward 5 (Inverclyde West) following a by-election on 7 November 2024; (ii) the resignation as the Leader of the Council of Councillor McCabe; and (iii) the administrative suspension of Councillor McCabe from the Labour Party therefore Councillor McCabe currently sits on the Council as an independent member. In addition, some changes to such memberships which are not related to these events and have been requested by Members.
- 1.3 Appendix 6 sets out a proposal in relation to membership of such Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council:
- (a) appoints a Leader of the Council;
 - (b) notes the new political balance applying to Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as detailed in the Appendices;
 - (c) makes adjustments to the membership of its Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as required; and
 - (d) notes the proposals for such membership as set out in Appendix 6.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 Councillor McCabe was appointed as Leader of the Council at its statutory meeting in May 2022. On 15 November 2024, Councillor McCabe resigned as Leader of the Council.
- 3.2 The Council has been notified that Councillor McCabe has been administratively suspended from the Labour Party and, as such, Councillor McCabe currently sits on the Council as an independent member.
- 3.3 Following a by-election on 7 November 2024, Councillor Ian Hellyer was elected as a member of the Council in respect of Ward 5 (Inverclyde West).
- 3.4 As a result of Councillor McCabe's resignation as Leader, it is recommended that the Council elects a new Leader and nominations to this post are invited. Elected Members have been provided with more information on the role of the Leader in the Members' Handbook.
- 3.5 Further, the occurrence of each of the events set out in paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 means that the membership of the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies (where appropriate) requires to be reviewed. 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.
- 3.6 The previous political balance approved at the 26 September 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 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

- 3.7 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.
- 3.8 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

Independent (Councillor McCabe) – 0.5 Member

- 3.9 The new political balance means that representation of all parties and each existing independent member is unchanged and that, as an independent member, Councillor McCabe entitled to representation of 0.5 on each of these Committees and Boards.
- 3.10 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.
- 3.11 A proposal for membership of the Council's Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies to give effect to the new political balance, is set out Appendix 6. This is simply a proposal and its acceptance is, of course, entirely within the discretion of the Council.
- 3.12 It should be noted that the proposal in Appendix 6 include changes requested by some members or political groups which are not as a result of and do not impact political balance. It should also be noted that the proposals set out in Appendix 6 do not represent exact political balance and it is for members to decide whether to agree to these or not.
- 3.13 The existing and new political balance on all Committees is summarised below:

COMMITTEE	EXISTING	NEW
Policy & Resources	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	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC).
Environment & Regeneration	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	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC).
Social Work & Social Care Scrutiny Panel	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	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC).

Audit	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	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC).
Education & Communities	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	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC).
General Purposes Board	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	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC).
Planning Board	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	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC).
Local Fire & Police Scrutiny Panel	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	4 LAB 3 SNP 1 or 2 CON 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC).
Human Resources Appeals Board	2 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 0 or 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 IND (CQ) 0 IND (CL) 0 IND Vacancy to be filled at the forthcoming by-election	2 LAB 1 or 2 SNP 0 or 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 IND (CQ) 0 IND (CL) 0 IND (CMcC).

Policy & Resources Executive Sub-Committee	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	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 IND (CMcC)
Grants Sub-Committee	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	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 IND (CMcC)
Petitions Committee	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	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 IND (CMcC)
Local Review Body	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	3 LAB 2 SNP 1 CON 0 or 1 IND ALL 0 or 1 IND (CQ) 0 or 1 IND (CL) 0 or 1 IND (CMcC)

CON = Conservative & Independent Affiliation

IND ALL = Independent Alliance

IND (CQ) = Councillor Quinn

IND (CL) = Councillor Law

IND (CMcC) = Councillor McCabe

- 3.14 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.
- 3.15 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.

- 3.16 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 complete mandatory training before sitting on the Board. In the circumstances it is proposed that the Licensing Board is excluded from the re-balancing exercise.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- 3.17 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.
- 3.18 The Council's Scheme of Administration requires that appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards reflect as far as possible the political balance of the Council. In respect of Outside Bodies where more than 2 representatives of the Council are required the same requirements apply, albeit that wider discretion is often required in this case. 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.
- 3.19 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.
- 3.20 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.
- 3.21 Appendix 5 sets out the new political balance in respect of Outside Bodies (more than 2 representatives) following the events detailed at paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.
- 3.22 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. As stated above, this includes additional changes requested by some members or political groups which are not as a result of and do not impact. political balance. This sets out a suggestion only and it is, of course, entirely within the discretion of the Council to agree. It should be noted that the proposals set out in Appendix 6 do not represent exact political balance.

4.0 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that the Council:

- (a) elects a new Leader of the Council after having considered nominations to this position.
- (b) notes the new political balance applying to Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as detailed in the Appendices; and
- (c) makes adjustments to the membership of its Committees, Sub-Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies as required; and
- (d) notes the proposals for such membership as set out in Appendix 6.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 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

5.2 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					

5.3 Legal/Risk

There are no legal or risk implications.

5.4 Human Resources

There are no human resource implications.

5.5 Strategic

There are no strategic plan implications.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 N/A

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 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	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	3	13.64	1.5	1.5	1 or 2
Independent Member (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1
Independent Member (Councillor Quinn)	1	4.55	0.5	0.5	0 or 1
Vacancy to be filled after 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.

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	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 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	0.28	0.5	0 or 1
Independent (Councillor Law)	1	4.55	0.28	0.5	0 or 1
Vacancy to be filled at by-election	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	8	36.36	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 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.

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
Independent (Councillor McCabe)	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
Independent (Councillor McCabe)	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
Independent (Councillor McCabe)	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
Independent (Councillor McCabe)	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 (CLLR QUINN)	IND (CLLR LAW)	VACANCY TO BE FILLED AT 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

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)	IND (CLLR MCCABE)
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
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- **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 Independent (Councillor Quinn), Independent (Councillor Law) and Independent (Councillor McCabe). 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 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 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 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 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.

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
Independent (Councillor McCabe)	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
Independent (Councillor McCabe)	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
Independent (Councillor McCabe)	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.