
Report To:	The Inverclyde Council	Date: 2 December 2010
Report By:	Corporate Director Regeneration & Environment	Report No: RMcG/LA/620/10
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Subject:	Councillor McCallum - Resignation from Human Resources Appeals Board Appointments to Outside Bodies	

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to (1) fill a vacancy on the Human Resources Appeals Board, (2) appoint two Elected Members to serve on the Board of Greenock Arts Guild and (3) consider an invitation for a Council representative to join the Board of Directors of Discover Inverclyde.

2.0 HUMAN RESOURCES APPEALS BOARD

2.1 Councillor McCallum has intimated his resignation from the Human Resources Appeals Board and the Council is asked to fill the resultant vacancy.

3.0 GREENOCK ARTS GUILD

3.1 The Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting on 17 November 2009 (para 748) considered a report which provided an update on the Greenock Arts Guild project.

3.2 One of the decisions made by the Committee was to agree that there required to be representation by two Elected Members (one of whom should be the relevant Convener) on the Board of the Arts Guild due to the extent of the funding being made available by the Council and in line with "following the public pound" good practice.

3.3 The Board of the Arts Guild will co-opt the Members initially and the appointments will be formalised in 2011.

4.0 DISCOVER INVERCLYDE

4.1 Councillor McCabe has requested that the attached correspondence from Discover Inverclyde inviting a Council representative to join the Board of Directors be submitted to the Council for consideration.

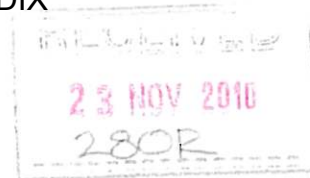
4.2 The objects of the Company include encouraging tourism interests in the Inverclyde area, encouraging the development of and improvements to the quality of visitor services and facilities and to maximise the economic benefit of tourism throughout the district.

4.3 It is understood that the Board meets no more than once per month with meetings commencing at around 4.30 pm and lasting for about an hour. In addition, there are a number of project groups, which meet more regularly, which the Council representative may wish to participate in.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the Council appoint a Member to the Human Resources Appeals Board following the resignation of Councillor McCallum;
- 5.2 That the Council appoint two Elected Members to serve on the Board of Greenock Arts, Guild, one representative being the Convener of the Regeneration Committee (Councillor Clocherty); and
- 5.3 That the Council consider the invitation from Discover Inverclyde for a Council representative to join its Board of Directors.

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Dear Councillor McCabe

Discover Inverclyde - Invitation for a Council representative to join the Board of Directors

As you will be aware, Discover Inverclyde is a not for profit company limited by guarantee which was set up in early 2009 following encouragement and participation from the Greenock Chamber of Commerce and financial support from Inverclyde Council. Since then it has met regularly, created a dynamic information website www.discoverinverclyde.com and has, and will continue to, undertake and participate in a number of initiatives including the recent Taste of Inverclyde weekend and its lead role in the delivery of outcomes identified in the Inverclyde Tourism Strategy & Action Plan. Discover Inverclyde now has close to 100 member businesses in the tourism, retail, leisure and the arts sectors and is continuing to grow.

While Inverclyde Council and other agencies including Riverside Inverclyde and Visit Scotland are active advisors to Discover Inverclyde and a great deal of help, the Discover Inverclyde Directors would now like to offer further Council participation by way of inviting a Councillor representative onto the Board of Directors which will, inter alia, keep the Council very much up to speed and able to participate directly in the further development and success of Discover Inverclyde. Given that we are an independent body and the representative on the Board of Inverclyde should ideally have an interest in local tourism development and events, we wondered if it would be acceptable for you/we to invite Councillor Ronnie Ahlfeld to become the Inverclyde Council representative on the DI Board. The Directorship lasts for a minimum of one year with no set period of office.

As further background, I have attached is a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Discover Inverclyde. As a Director, Board members potential/ultimate financial liability is limited and to up to £1 in common with the other Directors. I would be glad to provide any further information you may require or am happy to have a discussion with you about the role.

Yours sincerely

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 Discover Inverclyde