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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>INVERCLYDE COUNCIL</b>	<b>Date:</b> 21 February 2013
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>CORPORATE DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION &amp; RESOURCES</b>	<b>Report No:</b> HC/LA/967/13
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>KIRKIN' OF THE COUNCIL</b>	

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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to review the arrangements for the Kirkin' of the Council Service.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 It is customary that the Council, each year, hosts a Kirkin' Service within the Wellpark Mid Kirk. This practice has been in place since before local government re-organisation in 1996 and was tied to the Annual Council meeting which no longer takes place. The Service is ecumenical and all elected members, Chief Officers, Trades Unions, Schools and other organisations are invited to attend the Service.
- 2.2 Having reviewed the arrangements in place with a number of local authorities, it is generally the case that the majority do not hold annual Kirkin' Services, but arrange a Service following the statutory meeting of the Council, after the periodic ordinary election of councillors.
- 2.3 The options for the Kirkin' of the Council Service are (1) that the annual Kirkin' Service within the Wellpark Mid Kirk continues; or (2) that the Kirkin' of the Council Service be held within the Wellpark Mid Kirk following the statutory meeting of the Council, after the periodic ordinary election of councillors, normally every 5 years.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Council is asked to determine which proposal as detailed at 2.3 they would wish implemented for the Kirkin' of the Council Service.

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#### 4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Finance: There are no financial implications

Financial Implications – One off Costs

<b>Cost Centre</b>	<b>Budget Heading</b>	<b>Budget Year</b>	<b>Proposed Spend this Report</b>	<b>Virement From</b>	<b>Other Comments</b>
n/a					

Financial Implications – Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

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

4.2 Personnel: There are no personnel implications.

4.3 Legal: There are no legal implications.