

Report To: The Inverclyde Council

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Report By: Chief Executive

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Subject: The 'One In Five' Campaign: Involving Disabled People in Politics

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek agreement for the Council to sign up to the 'One in Five' campaign, which calls on organisations to sign up to a charter which pledges to make society and politics more accessible for disabled people.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The 'One in Five' campaign aims to encourage, empower and increase political participation amongst disabled people in Scotland. The campaign calls upon organisations to sign up to a charter which focuses on breaking down barriers by imploring organisations to consider the needs of disabled people.
- 2.2 One in five people of working age in Scotland has a disability, and this campaign aspires to political representation that reflects our wider society.
- 2.3 Organisations are required to show their support for the campaign by signing up to a charter which contains five pledges.
- 2.4 Organisations across Scotland have pledged their support for the 'One in Five' campaign.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that :
- a) The Council agrees to support the 'One in Five' campaign by signing the charter.

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Chief Executive

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 'One in Five' is a campaign to encourage, empower and increase political participation amongst disabled people in Scotland. The campaign calls upon organisations to sign up to a charter which focuses on breaking down barriers by imploring organisations to consider the needs of disabled people.
- 4.2 One in five people of working age in Scotland has a disability, and this campaign aspires to political representation that reflects our wider society.
- 4.3 If the Council were to agree to sign up to the charter, it would involve making the following five pledges:
- All members are asked about individual needs which are actioned to ensure inclusion;
 - Meetings are held in accessible venues;
 - Material is available in a variety of formats;
 - Organisational tasks and responsibilities are clearly defined yet remain flexible enough to empower individual member ability; and
 - Inverclyde Council seeks to increase the awareness and understanding of issues affecting disabled people and strives to include and empower all members.
- 4.4 The Council already does a great deal to meet the needs of disabled people and would be able to satisfy the requirements of the charter.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

One off Costs:

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

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £'000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/A	n/a

There is no direct financial implication in respect of the proposals.

5.2 **Legal**
None

5.3 **Equalities**
None

5.4 **Repopulation**
N/A

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 N/A

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 N/A