
Report To:	Policy & Resources Committee	Date:	17 May 2016
Report By:	Head of Legal & Property Services	Report No:	LP/069/16
Contact Officer:	Sharon Lang	Contact No:	01475 712112
Subject:	Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty – Request by Councillor McCabe		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Policy & Resources Committee to consider a request from Councillor McCabe.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 Councillor McCabe has requested that the Committee consider an invitation from the Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty for the Council to become a member of the Forum. A copy of the letter from the Forum is attached (**APPENDIX**).

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 That the Committee consider the request from Councillor McCabe.

Gerard Malone
Head of Legal & Property Services



Membership Invitation

9 April 2016

Dear Councillor McCabe

On behalf of Councillor Matt Kerr, Chair of the Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty, I write to cordially and formally invite Inverclyde Council to become members of the Forum.

The Forum is a cross-party group of elected members, supported by officer, which meets six times each year at various venues around Scotland. I know Councillor Kerr was delighted to see you at our recent meeting in Paisley and I trust you found it informative and useful.

The Forum is now in its 20th year and in 2016 will be seeking to drive forward some anti-poverty campaigns and ensure that local authorities are fully engaged in the ongoing debate around the nature, design and implementation of extended welfare powers to the Scottish Parliament.

Membership of the Forum entitles a local authority to nominate two elected members to each meeting and play a full part in shaping the direction of the Forum's activities and its governance.

The Forum shares a co-ordinator with Rights Advice Scotland (RAS) – the representative body of local authority welfare rights workers. RAS is an organisation in which the Inverclyde Service Manager, Derek Flood, and Philip Cole, WRO, have played an active part.

The membership fees for the Forum are related to the population within the authority, up to a maximum of £3750. The population of Inverclyde at 80,000 means the fee for your authority would be £800 per annum.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Graham Kerr
Co-ordinator
Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty

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