

Report To: Policy and Resources Committee

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Subject: Beacon lighting for 90th birthday of HM The Queen on 21 April 2016

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the use of authority via powers delegated to the Chief Executive to approve the involvement of the Provost as civic head in taking part in the lighting of the Beacon on Lyle Hill on Thursday 21 April 2016.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Council was asked to take part in the national celebrations of the 90th birthday of HM The Queen.
- 2.2 The Council was asked to light the Beacon at the top of Lyle Hill, a ceremony which has taken place on a previous occasion – the Silver Jubilee of HM The Queen
- 2.3 As civic head, it was considered appropriate that the Provost be directly involved in this occasion which took place on Thursday 21 April 2016.
- 2.4 Given the particular sensitivities of the pre-election or purdah period and the potential for media coverage, officers requested the use of delegated powers to agree that the Provost can take part as the most appropriate position within Inverclyde Council.
- 2.5 Councillors McCabe, Clocherty and McEleny and the Chief Executive gave their authority to this action under the delegated powers procedure.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee note that the Provost took part in the civic ceremony to light the Beacon on Lyle Hill to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM The Queen.

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