

South Ayrshire Council
Report by Chief Executive
to South Ayrshire Council (Special)
of 20 May 2025

Subject: Appointment of Provost and Leader

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the intimation of resignation by the Provost and the Leader from their appointed posts and to invite the Council to nominate and appoint replacement Members as Provost and Leader of the Council.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- 2.1.1 **nominates and appoints a new Provost of the Council;**
- 2.1.2 **nominates and appoints a new Leader of the Council; and**
- 2.1.3 **requests officers to make appropriate changes to Elected Member remuneration.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Councillor Iain Campbell and Councillor Martin Dowey have recently tendered their resignations as Provost and Leader of the Council, respectively. These are key roles that should be filled as soon as possible.
- 3.2 A report seeking approval of consequential vacancies on Panels, Outside Bodies, Working Groups and COSLA will be considered at a special meeting of the Council on 23 May 2025.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Council nominates and appoints a new Provost and Leader of the Council.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

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6. Financial Implications

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Risk

8.1 *Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations*

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

8.2 *Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations*

8.2.1 If the recommendations are rejected, then there is a risk that the Council will lack political leadership and direction which may impact on business decisions and efficiency and result in reputational risk for the Council.

9. Integrated Impact Assessment (incorporating Equalities)

9.1 The proposals in this report do not require to be assessed through an Integrated Impact Assessment as they relate to governance matters.

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 ***Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)*** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Priority 4 of the Council Plan: Efficient and effective enabling services.

13. Link to Shaping Our Future Council Yes ☐ No ☒

13.1 Not applicable.

14. Results of Consultation

14.1 There has been no public consultation on the contents of this report.

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15. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

- 15.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Chief Executive will ensure that all necessary steps are taken to ensure full implementation of the decision within the following timescales, with the completion status reported to the Cabinet in the 'Council and Cabinet Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

Implementation	Due date	Managed by
Implement changes to Elected Member remuneration	30 May 2025	Service Lead – Democratic Governance

Background Papers [Scheme of Delegation](#)

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