

South Ayrshire Council

Report by Chief Governance Officer to South Ayrshire Council of 26 June 2025

Subject: Appointments to Convention of Scottish Local Authorities

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval to make alterations to the list of representatives on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA).

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

2.1.1 notes the change in the representative nominated by members of the Administration identified in para 4.1 as the Council's representative on the COSLA Environment and Economy Policy Board;

2.1.2 requests that the Conservative Group Leader confirms the appointment as Conservative representative to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities identified in para 4.2; and

2.1.3 considers any other amendments which might be required to COSLA representation.

3. Background

3.1 The Council is currently represented on COSLA's Convention and has four places, with a named substitute for each member. The COSLA Constitution **requires** that delegations reflect the balance of party political representation within the Council.

3.2 At a special meeting on 23 May 2025, the Council agreed that Councillor Brian Connolly, as Leader of the Council, be appointed to the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, and Councillor Alec Clark be appointed as substitute.

4. Proposals

4.1 Members of the Administration have requested that Councillor Chris Cullen replaces Councillor Bob Pollock as the Council's representative on the COSLA Environment and Economy Policy Board.

4.2 The Conservative Group Leader is requested to confirm to the Chief Executive the Conservative representative (currently vacant) on the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities.

4.3 Members may wish to consider any other amendments which might be required to representation on COSLA.

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.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Minimal costs for attending meetings, etc, can be met from existing budget.

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 Rejecting the recommendations will result in the Council not being represented on COSLA.

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 enabling services through the delivery of sound decision making and governance.

13. Link to Shaping Our Future Council Yes No

13.1 Not applicable.

14. Results of Consultation

- 14.1 There has been no consultation on the contents of this report.
- 14.2 Consultation has taken place with Councillor Brian Connolly, Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Strategic, and the contents of this report reflect any feedback provided.

15. Next Steps for Decision Tracking Purposes

- 15.1 If the recommendations above are approved by Members, the Chief Governance Officer 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 Leadership Panel in the 'Council and Leadership Panel Decision Log' at each of its meetings until such time as the decision is fully implemented:

<i>Implementation</i>	<i>Due date</i>	<i>Managed by</i>
Notify COSLA of the change of representation on Convention/ Policy Boards	4 July 2025	Service Lead – Democratic Governance

Background Papers **Report to South Ayrshire Council (Special) of 23 May 2025 - [Appointments to Panel and Representation on Outside Bodies, Working Groups and COSLA](#)**

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