

**South Ayrshire Council**

**Report by Chief Governance Officer  
to South Ayrshire Council  
of 18 September 2025**

**Subject: Representation on Outside Bodies**

**1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make alterations to the list of Outside Bodies.

**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 4.1;**

**2.1.2 notes the proposal that Councillor Gavin Scott be recommended to the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board as Chair from the South Ayrshire Council membership of the Board (identified in 4.4); and**

**2.1.3 considers any other amendments which might be required to representation on Outside Bodies.**

**3. Background**

3.1 In terms of para 11.2 of the Council’s Scheme of Delegation, the selection and de-selection of Councillors and officers to serve on and/ or to represent the Council on Joint Committees, Joint Boards and other external bodies and organisations is reserved to Council.

**4. Proposals**

4.1 Following the untimely death of Councillor Mark Dixon, members of the Administration have requested an amendment to representation to replace him as outlined below:

<b><i>Outside Body</i></b>	<b><i>Proposed Member</i></b>
Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board	Councillor Gavin Scott

4.2 The chairmanship of the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board rotates around the three Ayrshire Councils following each Local Government Election, the Chair being selected from the existing South Ayrshire councillors on the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board for the period 2022 to 2027 term.

- 4.3 At its meeting on 12 December 2024, the Council noted the proposal that Councillor Mark Dixon be recommended to the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board as Chair from the South Ayrshire Council membership of the Board (and his appointment was approved by the Board at its meeting on 28 January 2025).
- 4.4 Members of the Administration have also requested that a proposal be submitted to the Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board that Councillor Gavin Scott be appointed as Chair from South Ayrshire Council membership of the Board. A decision will be taken by the Ayrshire Joint Valuation Board when it next meets on 25 September 2025 if this proposal is agreed by Council.
- 4.5 Members may wish to consider any other amendments which might be required to representation on Outside Bodies.

## **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 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 There are no risks associated with rejecting the recommendations.

## **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 Cabinet in the 'Council and Cabinet 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>
Publish updated details of representation on Outside Bodies	26 September 2025	Service Lead – Democratic Governance
Notification of appointments to all relevant external groups and officers	26 September 2025	Service Lead – Democratic Governance

**Background Papers**    [Scheme of Delegation](#)

[South Ayrshire Council – 12 December 2024 – Minutes \(Item 11, Page 14\)](#)

[Ayrshire Valuation Joint Board – 28 January 2025 – Minutes \(Item 2, Page 1\)](#)

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