

South Ayrshire Council

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

Subject: SAC LLP (Nominees) Limited

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a change of representation on SAC LLP (Nominees) Limited.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

2.1.1 notes that Mike Newall, former Chief Executive, resigned as a Director of SAC LLP (Nominees) Limited with effect from 6 August 2025, and Councillor Martin Dowe resigned as a Director with effect from 17 August 2025; and

2.1.2 approves the appointment of Councillor Brian Connolly and Kevin Braidwood, Director of Housing, Operations and Development, as Directors of SAC LLP (Nominees) Limited with immediate effect.

3. Background

3.1 On 4 October 2018, the Council updated Elected Members on the need to amend the Ayr Renaissance LLP agreement to reflect that the Board was to be made up of Elected Members or Council Officers. Members also agreed that Ayr Renaissance LLP should be wound up providing that there was no detriment to the current or previous members of the Ayr Renaissance Board or the Council by this decision.

3.2 At its meeting on 27 November 2018, the Leadership Panel:

3.2.1 agreed proposed amendments to the LLP agreement;

3.2.2 noted advice provided in terms of the transfer of assets from Ayr Renaissance LLP to South Ayrshire Council;

3.2.3 requested officers to take the necessary action to transfer the assets in line with the professional advice provided; and

3.2.4 delegated authority to the (then) Head of Regulatory Services to progress the wind up of Ayr Renaissance LLP following the transfer of the assets.

- 3.3 At its meeting of 19 May 2022, South Ayrshire Council agreed the removal of Ayr Renaissance LLP and SAC LLP (Nominees) Limited from the List of Outside Bodies, on conclusion of all matters relating to Ayr Renaissance.
- 3.4 At its meeting on 12 October 2023, the Council agreed the appointment of Councillor Martin Dowey and Mike Newall, Chief Executive, as Directors of SAC LLP (Nominees) Limited. Mike Newall resigned as a Director with effect from 6 August 2025, and Councillor Dowey resigned as a Director with effect from 17 August 2025.
- 3.5 The winding up of Ayr Renaissance is not yet completed, and matters in relation to previous grant funding obtained from the Heritage Lottery Fund and potential claw-back require to be clarified. In the circumstances it is necessary to appoint new Directors to maintain the legal status of the company, until such time as the winding up of Ayr Renaissance LLP can be concluded.

4. Proposals

4.1 Members are asked to:

- 4.1.1 note that Councillor Martin Dowey and Mike Newall, Chief Executive, have resigned as Directors of SAC LLP (Nominees) Ltd with effect from 17 August 2025 and 6 August 2025 respectively; and
- 4.1.2 approve the appointment of Councillor Brian Connolly and Kevin Braidwood, Director of Housing, Operations and Development, as Directors of the company with immediate effect.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 Officers will take the appropriate legal steps to implement the decision of Elected Members.
- 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.

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.

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:

Implementation	Due date	Managed by
Where approved, lodge appropriate form with Companies House to update company information	30 September 2025	Service Lead – Legal and Licensing

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