

South Ayrshire Council

**Report by Chief Governance Officer
to South Ayrshire Council
of 1 May 2025**

Subject: Appointments to Panels

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make alterations to the membership of Panels.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- 2.1.1 **agrees the request by the Conservative Group and Independent Members on Cabinet to remove Councillor Bob Pollock as the Deputy Leader of the Council and appoint Councillor Brian Connolly;**
- 2.1.2 **notes the request for the change in the representative intimated by the Conservative Group and Independent Members on Cabinet as set out in para 4.4;**
- 2.1.3 **requests that officers make the required amendments to the list of Panels to reflect these changes; and**
- 2.1.4 **considers any other amendments which might be required to membership of Panels.**

3. Background

- 3.1 In terms of para 11.1 of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, amendment of the membership of the Cabinet and other Panels, Committees and Sub-Committees is reserved to Council.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 At a special meeting on 26 May 2022, the Council approved a number of appointments.
- 4.2 At a special meeting on 19 August 2024, the Council agreed that Councillor Bob Pollock replace Councillor Lee Lyons as Deputy Leader of the Council.

Depute/

Depute Leader of the Council

- 4.3 The Conservative Group and Independent Members on Cabinet have requested that the Council removes Councillor Bob Pollock as the Depute Leader of the Council and appoints Councillor Brian Connolly.

South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board

- 4.4 The Conservative Group and Independent Members on Cabinet have requested that Councillor Lee Lyons is replaced by Councillor Mark Dixon on the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board.
- 4.5 Members may wish to consider any other amendments which might be required to membership of Panels.

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

Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations

- 8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations

- 8.2.1 There are no risks associated with rejecting the recommendations.

9. 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 Martin Dowey, 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
Publish details of membership of Panels	9 May 2025	Service Lead – Democratic Governance

Background Papers **Report to South Ayrshire Council (Special) of 26 May 2022 – [Appointments to Panel](#)**

Report to South Ayrshire Council (Special) of 19 August 2024 – [Appointments to Panel](#)

[Scheme of Delegation](#)

Person to Contact **Catriona Caves, Chief Governance Officer**
County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr, KA7 1DR
Phone 01292 612556
E-mail catriona.caves@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Date: 25 April 2025