

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE AND INVERCLYDE COUNCILS'
SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE**

At a Hybrid Meeting of the Shared Services Joint Committee held in the Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Thursday, 23 November at 10.01 a.m.

Present: **West Dunbartonshire Council:**
Councillors, David McBride, Michelle McGinty and Martin Rooney.

Inverclyde Council
Councillors Graeme Brooks, Paul Cassidy, Christopher McCurley and Michael McCormick.

Attending: **West Dunbartonshire Council:**
Peter Hessett, Chief Executive; Alan Douglas, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration; Laurence Slavin, Chief Officer – Resources; Andi Priestman – Shared Service Manager – Audit and Fraud; Carol-Ann Burns, Senior Democratic Services Officer and Nicola Moorecroft, Committee Officer.

Inverclyde Council:
Louise Long, Chief Executive and Iain Strachan, Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital and Customer Services.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Lawrence O'Neill.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in the item of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Shared Services Joint Committee held on 18 April 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

SHARED SERVICES REVIEW

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration, West Dunbartonshire Council seeking approval of the winding up of the Committee given that only one employee remains in a shared arrangement and there are no current plans for further sharing between the two Councils.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Joint Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the winding up of the Joint Committee and remit to West Dunbartonshire Council and Inverclyde Council to ratify and agree the decision;
- (2) to note the continuation of shared Internal Audit services between West Dunbartonshire and Inverclyde Councils in the short to medium term, subject to a service level agreement; and
- (3) to note that wider discussions will continue with neighbouring Councils on possible options to create a more sustainable delivery model for Internal Audit services over the longer term.

The meeting closed at 10.05 a.m.