

**WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL****Report by Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration****Requisitioned Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council: 25 September 2024**

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**Subject: Vacancies on Council Committees, etc.– September 2024****1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Council to fill the current list of vacancies on council committees, senior councillor positions, working groups and outside bodies as a result of recent resignations by elected members.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council nominates elected members to fill the various vacant positions listed in the appendix to this report.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 In the past month, the Chief Executive has been notified of a number of resignations by individual members of the Council which has resulted in a number of vacancies on committees and working groups. In addition, at the meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 August 2024, the Council Leader informed the Council that the Labour Administration intended to resign, which would result in a number of senior councillor positions becoming vacant including the Leader of Council, Depute Leader of Council and Depute Provost. This was subsequently confirmed in writing following the Council meeting.

**4. Main Issues**

- 4.1 It is important that all vacancies are filled as soon as possible to ensure the effective running of Council.

**5. People Implications**

- 5.1 There are no direct implications for employees of this Council.

**6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications arising from this report.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1** There is a risk of reputational damage if the Council does not fill these positions, especially those which are senior councillor positions. In the absence of any political direction, senior officers will continue to deliver services based on existing policies and direction but this is not desirable in the long term.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1** There are no impacts on equalities groups arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **9. Consultation**

- 9.1** Officers from legal and finance have been consulted on the content of this report.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

- 10.1** This report does not have a direct impact on the Council's Strategic priorities but the non-filling of senior councillor positions could have a detrimental impact on the delivery of those priorities in the longer term.

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**Appendices:** List of vacancies on council committees, etc., on 16 September 2024.

**Background Papers:** EIA screening.

**Wards Affected:** All