

AGENDA ITEM 9 REPORT NO. LA/30/18

HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: LOCHABER AREA COMMITTEE

Date: 7 NOVEMBER 2018

Report Title: Isle of Rum Community Trust - appointment of Director

Report By: Acting Head of Policy

1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report seeks approval for the appointment of Councillor Denis Rixson to the Isle of Rum Community Trust

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- i. approve the appointment of Councillor Denis Rixson to the Isle of Rum Community Trust.

3 Information

- 3.1** The Isle of Rum sits within Ward 11 (Caol and Mallaig). Councillor Allan Henderson has been The Highland Council's Director on the Trust since March 2008 and now wishes to step down. Councillor Denis Rixson is content to be appointed to the role and would bring with it his particular interest in Highland culture and the environment as well as his business experience.
- 3.2** The Isle of Rum Community Trust (Company Number SC321870) was established in 2007 in response to a transfer of ownership of some of the land to the community by

Scottish Natural Heritage who own the remainder of the island. The Trust is also a charity - (charity number SC039637).

3.3 The Memorandum of Association sets out the Purposes of the Trust as follows:

- a) to manage community land and associated assets for the benefit of the Community and the public in general as an important part of the protection and sustainable development of Scotland's natural environment, where "sustainable development" means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs;
- b) to advance the education of the Community about its environment, culture and/or history;
- c) to promote for the public benefit rural regeneration, following principles of sustainable development where "sustainable development" means development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, in areas of social and economic deprivation within the Community by the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing.

3.4 Membership of the Company is open to everyone over the age of 11 who is either resident on or has an interest in the Island. Categories of membership are Ordinary; Associate and Junior. There are also two nominated members – The Highland Council and Scottish Natural Heritage. Both bodies are allowed to appoint one Director and one Alternate Director who may substitute / vote if the appointed Director is unable to.

4. Implications

4.1 There are no Resource, Legal, Gaelic, Community (Equality, Poverty and Rural); Climate Change/Carbon Clever or Risk implications.

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Background Papers: None