



THE WILLIAM MACKENZIE TRUST – APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

Report by Chief Executive

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to appoint an Elected Member to be proposed as a Trustee on the William Mackenzie Trust.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The William Mackenzie Trust is a charitable trust established by a Deed of Trust of Malcolm Ayers Mackenzie in 1962 and varied by a supplemental Deed of Trust in 2015. Its purpose is essentially to apply the annual income from the Trust fund to assist and relieve aged and infirm persons in need so as to enable them to remain in their homes. It is restricted to residents of Stornoway, defined by reference to a map attached to the Trust Deed. The Trust is not connected to the William Cook Mackenzie Trust, which is administered by the Comhairle.
- 2.2 The three current Trustees are a director of Mann Judd Gordon Chartered Accountants in Stornoway, the incumbent of St Peter's Episcopal Church, and a senior manager of the Bank of Scotland in Stornoway. Meetings of the Trustees are held twice a year, with most business relating to claims being conducted by email between the Trustees. Small claims (those up to £1,000) are administered by Mann Judd Gordon but claims over that sum are decided by the Trustees collectively. Mann Judd Gordon is paid an administration fee in respect of its services, but otherwise Trustees are not remunerated.
- 2.3 The Bank of Scotland has indicated that it no longer wishes to appoint a Trustee. Therefore the remaining Trustees are seeking a third Trustee, and have suggested that it be a Member of the Comhairle. Although beneficiaries of the Trust are limited to the Stornoway area, there is no such limitation on Trustees, so any Elected Member could be appointed, but it would seem sensible for that Member to be one of those representing the Stornoway area.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Comhairle appoints an Elected Member to be proposed as a Trustee for the William Mackenzie Trust.

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Appendix:	None
Background Papers:	None

IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

Resource Implications	Implications/None
Financial	None
Legal	None
Staffing	None
Assets and Property	None
Strategic Implications	Implications/None
Risk	None
Equalities	None
Corporate Strategy	Support caring and resilient communities and quality of life.
Environmental Impact	None
Consultation	None