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**To:** **Houston, Crosslee, Linwood, Riverside & Erskine Local Area Committee**

**On:** **26 May, 2015**

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**Report by:** **Director of Finance & Resources**

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**Heading:** **Scottish Youth Parliament Elections 2015**

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## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report gives an overview of the Scottish Youth Parliament elections in March 2015. The Scottish Youth Parliament is the democratically elected voice of Scotland's young people. The elections were organised by Youth Services along with Corporate Governance.
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## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the contents of the report and the success of Renfrewshire's Scottish Youth Parliament elections be noted.
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## **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Scottish Youth Parliament is made up of 150 young people aged 14 to 25 years. Two Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament (MSYPs) represent each Scottish Parliamentary constituency and are selected through nationally coordinated elections, held throughout Scotland every two years. MSYPs ascertain and represent the views of young people; determine national campaigns and liaise with different levels of government to bring about positive change. The Scottish Youth Parliament meets at least 3 times a year, at national sittings.
- 3.2. Five MSYPs represent the Renfrewshire local authority area, two are returned for the Paisley parliamentary constituency, one for Renfrewshire South and two for Renfrewshire North and West.

- 3.3 Almost 6,500 voters cast their vote online and in polling stations in schools, University of the West of Scotland, West College Scotland and Renfrewshire House, an increase of nearly 700 votes from 2013.
- 3.4 Ten candidates stood for election across the three constituencies. The successful candidates were:

**Paisley constituency:**

Emma Eck  
Osama Nadeem

**Renfrewshire North West:**

Eilidh Harkness  
Mark Dougan

**Renfrewshire South:**

Carrie McIntyre

- 3.5 The new MSYPs will be invited to become members of LACs as appropriate.

**Implications of this report**

**1. Financial Implications**

None.

**2. HR and Organisational Development Implications**

None.

**3. Community Plan/Council Plan Implications**

Children and Young People -

Community Care, Health and Well-being -

Empowering our Communities -

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**4. Legal Implications**

None.

**5. Property/Assets Implications**

None.

**6. Information Technology Implications**

None.

**7. Equality and Human Rights Implications**

- (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because all grant applicants

must submit valid constitutions containing equality statements. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

**8. Health and Safety Implications**

None.

**9. Procurement Implications**

None.

**10. Risk Implications**

None.

**11. Privacy Impact**

None.

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**List of Background Papers**

None

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