

Item: 2

Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee: 8 September 2026.

KIMO.

Report by Deputising Chief Executive.

1. Overview

- 1.1. This report seeks appointments to KIMO, for members' consideration.
- 1.2. The Council has appointed elected members to KIMO since 2019. Representation comprises one member of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee, together with a substitute.
- 1.3. Following the resignation of Councillor Kristopher Leask as Chair of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee with effect from 15 May 2026, this created a vacancy in the Council's representatives to KIMO.
- 1.4. Existing constitutional arrangements regarding the Council's representation on KIMO are set out in section 4.
- 1.5. Proposals in respect of appointments to the vacancies are outlined in section 5.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. It is recommended that members of the Committee:
 - i. Nominate two substitute Members to represent the Council at KIMO, bearing in mind the existing constitutional arrangements and the proposals set out in section 5 of this report.

3. KIMO

- 3.1. KIMO is a local authority international environmental organisation designed to give municipalities a political voice at regional, national and international level, with a clear mission statement and is committed to the development of coastal communities.
- 3.2. There are over 70 members in Belgium, Denmark, the Faroe Islands, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden and the United Kingdom. KIMO International was formed in

1990, quickly followed by national organisations with KIMO UK being formed in 1991.

3.3. The stated mission of KIMO International is a commitment to the development of sustainable coastal communities by:

- Preventing pollution of the seas and coastal waters of North West Europe and preserving, improving and enhancing them for future generations.
- Protecting coastal communities from the impacts of marine pollution and climate change.
- Representing its member local authorities and associated members at an international and national level.

4. Constitutional Arrangements

4.1. The Council has previously agreed that it should be represented at KIMO by a member, with a substitute member also appointed. Both appointees are members of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee.

4.2. Current appointments are Councillor Heather Woodbridge as the substantive appointee, with Councillor Kristopher Leask as the substitute.

4.3. As Councillor Leask was a member of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee by virtue of being Chair of the Enterprise and Infrastructure committee, following his resignation from that post, with effect from 15 May 2026, he is de facto no longer a member of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee.

4.4. On 30 June 2026, the Council elected Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson as Chair of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, having previously served as Vice Chair.

4.5. The Vice Chair of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee will be appointed at this meeting.

4.6. Existing membership of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee is as follows:

- Chair, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.
- Vice Chair, Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee – to be appointed at this meeting.
- Three other Members of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee:
 - o Councillor P Lindsay Hall.
 - o Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

- o Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.
- Two other Members of the Council:
 - o Councillor Graham A Bevan (also a member of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee).
 - o Councillor Ivan A Taylor.

5. Vacancies

- 5.1. With Councillor Leask's resignation as Chair of the Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee, there is now a vacancy in the Council's representation on KIMO.
- 5.2. The Committee is requested to appoint a member of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee as a substitute representative to KIMO.
- 5.3. The Committee is also asked to consider the appointment of a second substitute to provide more resilience.
- 5.4. It is open to the Committee to revisit the constitutional arrangements as set out in section 4 above, namely whether the appointments should be restricted to members of the Harbour Authority Sub-committee, the wider Enterprise and Infrastructure Committee or indeed from across all 21 Elected Members.

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Implications of Report

1. **Financial:** none arising directly from the recommendations of this report.
2. **Legal:** none arising directly from the recommendations of this report.
3. **Corporate Governance:** Council policy relating to the appointment of elected members to external bodies has ceased with the exception of the following:
 - Organisations which are wholly owned by the Council.
 - Organisations in which the Council has a majority financial interest.
 - Statutory organisations or other bodies to which a Council appointment would be prudent.
4. **Human Resources:** none.
5. **Equalities:** not applicable.
6. **Island Communities Impact:** not applicable.
7. **Links to Council Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Council Plan strategic priorities:

- ☐ Growing our economy.
- ☐ Strengthening our Communities.
- ☐ Developing our Infrastructure.
- ☐ Transforming our Council.

8. Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan: The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities:

- ☐ Cost of Living.
- ☐ Sustainable Development.
- ☐ Local Equality.
- ☐ Improving Population Health.

9. Environmental and Climate Risk: not applicable.

10. Risk: not applicable.

11. Procurement: not applicable.

12. Health and Safety: not applicable.

13. Property and Assets: not applicable.

14. Information Technology: not applicable.

15. Cost of Living: not applicable.

List of Background Papers

Development and Infrastructure Committee, 12 November 2019: Item 11 – KIMO.

Development and Infrastructure Committee, 7 June 2022: Item 5 – Appointments to Sub-committees, Group and Other Bodies.

Development and Infrastructure Committee, 4 June 2024: Item 4 – Appointments to Sub-committees, Group and Other Bodies.