

REPORT TO: THE MORAY COUNCIL ON 9 MAY 2007

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

BY: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Council of a number of “outside bodies” on which the previous Council was represented and to which the Council are entitled to appoint nominees. The representatives shown are those of the outgoing Council.
- 1.2 The Council is invited to consider either making appointments to the list of ‘outside bodies’ or that they be referred to the appropriate Service Committee for appointments to be made to the respective bodies.
- 1.3 In the event of the Council agreeing to make the appointments at this meeting it may also wish to consider agreeing to delegate any future appointments of Members to outside bodies to the appropriate Service Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Council consider making appointments to the external bodies listed in Section 4 below.**
- 2.2 **It is also recommended that in the event of the Council agreeing to make the appointments at this meeting any future appointments of Members to outside bodies be delegated to the appropriate Service Committee to determine.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Details of the remit and frequency of meetings of the outside bodies referred to in this report are set out in Appendix 1.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- 4.1 The Council is requested to consider making appointments to the following bodies:-

(i) **Aberdeen & North East Deaf Society** : 1 Representative

Former Appointee:- Councillor P.B. Paul

- (ii) **Aberdeen City Council Pension Fund – Joint Investment Advisory Committee** : 2 Representatives

Former Appointees:- Councillors A.R. Wilson & P.B. Paul

- (ii) **Andersons Residential Home Board** : 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Sim

- (iii) **Arts Council for Moray**

Arts Council : 4 Representatives

Former Appointees:- Councillors T. Bothwell, R.J. Burns, L. Gorn and E McGillivray.

Executive Committee : 2 Representatives

Former Appointees:- Councillors J. Hamilton & R. Hossack

- (iv) **Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)** :
1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.R. Wilson

- (v) **Banff Bursary Fund: Board of Governors and Banffshire Educational Trust Scheme (Governors)** : 3 Representatives

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors S.D. I. Longmore, J. Mackay and A.R. Wilson

- (vi) **CAB Management Committee** : 2 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors J.A. Divers and R. Hossack

- (vii) **Cairngorm National Park** : 2 representatives

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors A.R. Wilson and P.B. Paul

- (viii) **Crimestoppers Group** : 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

- (ix) **Convention of the Highlands & Islands:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor W. Jappy
- (x) **COSLA Executive Groups**
- (a) **Arts & Leisure Executive Group:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray
- (b) **Economic Development & Planning Executive Group:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.E. Coutts
- (c) **Education Executive Group:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A. Urquhart
- (d) **Environment, Sustainability and Community Safety Executive Group:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A. Bisset
- (e) **Finance Executive Group:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A. Urquhart
- (f) **Housing Executive Group:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre
- (g) **Modern Governance Executive Group:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.E. Coutts
- (h) **Personnel Resources Executive Group:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor I. Young

(i) **Roads and Transportation Executive Group:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.R. Wilson

(j) **Rural Affairs Executive Group:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

(k) **Social Work & Health Improvement Executive Group:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor W.P Watt

(l) **Urban Affairs Executive Group:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.E. Coutts

(m) **Convention:** 3 Representatives

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors A. Bisset, A.E. Coutts and A. Urquhart

(n) **Leaders Meetings:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.E. Coutts

(xi) **Couple Counselling Grampian:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.R. Wilson

(xii) **Dick Bequest Trust Scheme:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.R. Wilson

(xiii) **Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace:** 4 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset, A.E. Coutts, G. McIntyre & A. Urquhart

(xiv) **Findhorn District Salmond Fishery Board:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

- (xv) **Forres Golf Course Management Committee:** 3 Representatives

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors J. Hamilton, A. Urquhart & I.R. Young

- (xvi) **Forres & District Twinning Association:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

- (xvii) **Grampian Community Care Charitable Trust:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

- (xviii) **Grampian Housing Association Ltd:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor L. Gorn

- (xix) **Grampian Institute of Sport Executive Committee:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor I.R. Young

- (xx) **Grampian Joint Fire Board:** 3 Representatives, 3 Substitutes

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors T. Bothwell, J. Leslie & R. Shepherd

Substitutes:- Councillors R. Burns, J. Divers and S.D.I. Longmore

- (xxi) **Grampian Joint Police Board:** 3 Representatives, 2 Substitutes

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors R. McIntosh, G. McIntyre and R.H. Shepherd

Substitutes:- Councillors R. Hossack & I.R. Young

- (xxii) **Grampian Joint Valuation Board:** 3 Representatives & 3 Substitutes

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors S.D.I. Longmore. W.P Watt and A.R.Wilson

Substitutes:- Councillors J. Hogg, R. Hossack & R. Sim

- (xxiii) **Grampian NHS Board:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre
- (xxiv) **Grampian Racial Equality Council:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Stewart
- (xxv) **Grampian Society for the Blind:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Stewart
- (xxvi) **Grampian Venture Capital Fund Limited:** 3 Representatives
Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.E. Coutts, J. Hogg & R.F. McIntosh
- (xxvii) **Highlands & Islands Strategic Transport Partnership:**
1 Representative & 1 substitute
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Hossack
Substitute:- Councillor A. Burgess
- (xxviii) **Highland Rail Partnership:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Hossack
- (xxvix) **Highland and Reserve Forces & Cadets Association – North East Committee and Northern Area Committee:** 2 Representatives
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor T. Bothwell (North East Committee)
Councillor I. Young (Northern Area Committee)
- (xxx) **James S Sharpe Trust:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor W.P. Watt

(xxxix) **Joint Consultative Committee:** 6 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset, R. Burns, J. Hogg, A. Keith, A. Urquhart and W.P. Watt

(xxxix) **KIMO, Local Authorities International Environmental Organisation:**
3 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors L. Gorn, J. Hamilton & A.R. Wilson

(xxxix) **Langstane Housing Association:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

(xxxix) **Milne's Institute Trust Scheme (Governors):** 7 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.E. Coutts, L. Gorn, S.D.I. Longmore, J Mackay, R.F. McIntosh, G. McIntyre and R.H. Shepherd

(xxxix) **Moray Chamber of Commerce:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. McIntosh

(xxxix) **Moray Children's Panel Advisory Committee:** 2 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.R. Burgess & J Hamilton

(xxxix) **Moray Children's Panel Training Advisory Committee:**
1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

(xxxix) **Moray Drug & Alcohol Team:** 5 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset, J.A. Divers, J. Hamilton, R. Sim and J. Stewart.

(xl) **Moray Health & Social Care Partnership and Executive Committee:**

6 Representatives for Partnership 5 of which to sit on Executive

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors L. Gorn, R. Hossack, G. McIntyre, R.H. Shepherd, J. Stewart & W.P. Watt

(xli) **Moray Housing Partnership Ltd:** 4 Representatives & 2 Substitutes

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors T. Bothwell, J.A. Leslie, R. Sim & A. Urquhart

Substitutes:- Councillors R.H. Shepherd and I.R. Young

(xlii) **Moray Leisure Centre Board of Directors:** 3 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset, E. McGillivray & A. Urquhart

(xliii) **Moray & Nairn Educational Trust (Governors):** 8 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors T. Bothwell, A. Keith, J.A. Divers, J. Leslie, E. McGillivray, J. Stewart, A. Urquhart and A.R. Wilson.

(xliv) **Moray Property Development Company Ltd:** 2 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset & A.E. Coutts

(xlv) **Moray Society – Elgin Museum:** 4 Representatives

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors J.C. Hogg, R. Hossack, R.F. McIntosh and R. Sim

(xlvi) **Moray Twinning Association:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A. Bisset

(xlvii) **Moray Youthstart Board:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor L. Gorn

- (xlviii) **North East Scotland Tourism Partnership (NESTOUR):** 1
Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray

- (xlvix) **North East Arts Touring (NEAT):** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray

- (l) **North East Scottish Agricultural Advisory Group (NESAAG):** 5
Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors J. Hamilton, J.C. Hogg,
A. Urquhart, W.P. Watt and A.R. Wilson

- (li) **North East Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership
(NESFDP):** 4 Representatives

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors T. Bothwell, J.A. Leslie,
S.D.I. Longmore & R.H. Shepherd

- (lii) **North East Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership Strategy
Group (NESFDPSWG):** 2 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors J.A. Leslie & J. Mackay

- (liii) **North East Scotland Waste Strategy Group:** 2 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors R.F. McIntosh & A.R.
Wilson

- (liv) **Northern Criminal Justice Authority:**
2 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors J.A. Divers & W.P. Watt

- (lv) **North of Scotland War Pensions Committee:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

- (lvi) **Out of Darkness Theatre Company:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Hossack
- (lvii) **Rail Transport Working Party:** 2 Representatives
Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.R. Burgess & R. Hossack
- (lviii) **Scottish Accident Prevention Council – Roads Safety Committee:**
1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J.C. Hogg
- (lvix) **Scottish Amateur Music Association:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Head of Music Instruction Service
- (lx) **Scottish Council on Deafness:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor P.B. Paul
- (lxi) **Scottish Environmental Protection Agency:** 1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray
- (lxii) **Scottish Highlands & Islands Film Commission Board:**
1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray
- (lxiii) **Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees:**
1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Hossack
- (lxiv) **Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty:**
1 Representative
Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Sim

(lxv) **Scottish National Federation – Welfare of the Blind Group:**

1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor L. Gorn

(lxvi) **Sport Moray Executive Committee:** 4 Representatives

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.R. Burgess, J.A. Divers, E. McGillivray & I.R. Young

(lxviii) **TIGRA (THE INFORMATION IN GRAMPIAN HIGHLAND AND RURAL AREAS):** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor P.B. Paul

(lxvix) **UHI Millennium Institute Foundation:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

(lxx) **Victim Support Moray:** 1 Representative

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Stewart

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**(a) Corporate Development Plan/Community Plan/Service Improvement Plan**

None

(b) Policy and Legal

None

(c) Resources (Financial, Risks, Staffing and Property)

Allowances for nominated Members attendance at meetings of organisations appointed to is covered in the Councillors & Members Allowance Scheme

(d) Consultations

The Chief Executive has been consulted and agrees with the terms of this Report.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 That the Council consider making appointments to the outside bodies detailed in Section 4 above.**
- 5.2 That the Council give consideration to delegating any future appointments to outside bodies to the appropriate Committee**

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Background Papers:

Ref: [h/mcouncil/reports/2007/may/outside bodies](http://h/mcouncil/reports/2007/may/outside%20bodies)

APPENDIX 1**Aberdeen & North East Deaf Society**

Remit:- To promote the benefit of deaf people throughout the City of Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray in any matter by providing in the area of operations:- range of Social Work Services, an interpretation service and communication support for deaf people; spiritual oversight, and religious services in British Sign Language, opportunities for recreation, sport and social intercourse and lectures, exhibitions, public meetings, classes, plays, concerts etc to advance the cause of deaf people and to increase deaf awareness in the hearing community.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor P.B. Paul

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen at two monthly intervals.

Aberdeen City Council Pension Fund – Joint Investment Advisory Committee

Remit:- Appoint the Vice Convener of the Joint Investment Advisory Committee. Advise and make recommendations to the Pensions Panel regarding the investment management and performance of the pension fund and individual fund managers. Receive reports from officers and investment managers as to the investment management and performance of their portfolios. In carrying out the same to have due regard under “The Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Scotland) Regulations 1998 to:-

- a) the need for diversification for the investments of fund moneys;
- b) the suitability of investments of any description of investment which they propose to make and of any investment proposed as an investment of that description, (ie the asset classes – equities, bonds, etc and geographic investments for example in emerging markets must be suitable for the fund and secondly that the specific individual investments within each asset class is suitable); and
- c) proper advice, obtained at reasonable intervals.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.R. Wilson & P.B. Paul

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Once a quarter with two additional training days each year. The Committee meets in Aberdeen for 3 of the meetings and once in London, where the meeting is held over 2 days.

Andersons Residential Home Board

Remit:- The General Anderson Trust is a registered charity (Scottish Charity Number SCO 11277). The sole activity of the Trust is the strategic management of Anderson's a registered care home for up to 56 older adults. The arrangements for appointment of the governing body (The Board of Governors of Anderson's) and its functions are laid down in Statutory Instrument 1982 No 647 (S.95) The General Anderson Trust Scheme 1982. The scheme requires representation on the Board as follows:-

2 ex-officio Governors – nominees of the Sheriff and the Minister of St Giles

8 Appointed Governors – 6 Moray Council and 2 Church of Scotland Presbytery of Moray

4 Co-opted Governors – 1 minister not from Church of Scotland and 3 person of experience which will be of value.

In recent years the Council has accepted the Board's nomination of volunteers with relevant expertise and experience from within the community to act as Council Appointed Governors. The Board, as service provider to The Moray Council, feels that this is of particular value in avoiding any possible issues of conflict for elected members.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Sim

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Elgin. Meetings of the Full Board of Governors are held on a bi-monthly basis on the first Friday of the month. In addition, Governors serve on one or two Committees – House and Refurbishment Committee or Finance Committee. Committee meetings are held monthly on a Thursday.

Arts Council for Moray

Remit:- To encourage interest and participation of the Arts in Moray and to provide a forum enabling arts, clubs and individuals to meet and discuss matters of mutual interest. Also to administer honestly and without bias the funds provided by the Moray Council for the facilitation of artistic endeavours throughout Moray. Where appropriate submit recommendations to The Moray Council to assist them in the discharge of their duties as the Local Authority in relation to the promotion and support of the arts.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors T. Bothwell, R.J. Burns, L. Gorn and E McGillivray.

Name of Former Appointees Executive Committee:- Councillors J. Hamilton & R. Hossack

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Executive Meetings will be held quarterly, Special General Meetings as and when required and Annual General Meetings within the three months at end of Financial year.

Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)

Remit:- There are seven service groups which are as follows:-Building & Housing Services; Roads & Lighting Services; Sports, Leisure & Cultural Services; Waste & Recycling Services; Transport & Mechanical Services; Parks, Grounds & Street Services; and Soft FM Services.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.R. Wilson

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- The location of the meetings are rotated around the areas of Scotland. There are 3 meetings for each service group per year (21 meetings in all), an Annual General Meeting in June, 3 Scottish Seminars and 1 day event on a topical issue.

Banff Bursary Fund: Board of Governors and Banffshire Educational Trust Scheme (Governors)

Remit:- Grants normally make to persons resident in Banff County; school pupils or younger persons attending Banff County Schools or Further Education Centres; school pupils whose parents are resident in Banff County; Banff County Schools and further education centres; and clubs and organisations operating for the benefit of persons belonging to the County of Banff.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors S.D. I. Longmore, J. Mackay and A.R. Wilson

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Elgin as and when required.

CAB Management Committee

Remit:- Provides advice, information and advocacy for the community on a very wide range of issues such as benefits, consumer, employment, housing, legal, relationship and utilities

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors J.A. Divers and R. Hossack

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Batchen Street, Elgin every two months with the proviso that emergency meetings can be held if necessary.

Cairngorm National Park

Remit:- The Cairngorms National Park Authority Board comprises of 25 members. The Scottish Ministers appoint ten members, another ten are nominated to the Board by the four councils in the Park area – Highland, Aberdeenshire, Moray and Angus Councils and five are elected locally. The role of the Board is to lead and co-ordinate the collective delivery of the National Park aims through the joint implementation of the National Park Plan in partnership with all those involved in the management of the Cairngorms.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors A.R. Wilson and P.B. Paul

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Various locations across the Parks. Currently the Board meets monthly – six times a year for the Board meeting and six times a year for information meetings. In addition the Planning Committee which currently consists of all Board members meets every two weeks.

Crimestoppers Group

Remit:- Registered Charity helping to solve crime. Crimestoppers UK has a Board of Trustees. The UK is divided into regions each with a regional board with a separate constitution and represented by a trustee on the main board.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Meetings held in Aberdeen, Elgin and Inverness. Meetings are held approximately 4 times a year.

Convention of the Highlands & Islands

Remit:- To work to improve co-ordination and co-operation between the different members and the Executive in an effort to improve the development of the Highlands & Islands.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor W. Jappy

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Meetings are held approximately twice a year.

COSLA EXECUTIVE GROUPS

COSLA - Arts & Leisure Executive Group

Remit:- The Executive Group covers issues of national significance to COSLA member councils relating to the culture and leisure service.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Economic Development & Planning Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group covers Council's activities and interests in supporting the economic well-being of our communities, including support for local businesses, provision of infrastructure, training and support for tourism.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.E. Coutts

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Education Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group covers issues of national significance to COSLA member councils relating to the local authority education service; issues of a cross-cutting nature relating to other council services; and liaison with partner organisations in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors as appropriate.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A. Urquhart

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Environment, Sustainability and Community Safety Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group covers environmental health, waste management, water and flooding, energy management, sustainable development, biodiversity, trading standards, food safety, licensing of activities and premises, community safety, emergency planning, district courts and policy aspects of the police and fire services.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A. Bisset

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Finance Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group considers the strategic financial issues facing local government and any financial issues referred to it from other Executive Groups. It covers issues such as Spending Reviews, Campaigns for additional resources, Local Taxation and all other aspects of local government finance.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A. Urquhart

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Housing Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group covers areas such as Housing Benefits, Rent Setting, Homelessness, Right to Buy, Affordable Housing and Fuel Poverty.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Modern Governance Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group covers Community Planning, Community Regeneration, Continuous Improvement/Best Value, Democratic Renewal, Equalities, European Affairs, Neighbourhood Statistics, Outcome Agreements, Social Inclusion, 21st Century Government, Voluntary Sector and other Modern Governance Issues.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.E. Coutts

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Personnel Resources Executive Group

Remit:- The Executive's Groups responsibility includes workforce planning (recruitment retention and return of staff including projections for specific workforce numbers and skills balance) and workforce development (the development of leadership capacity, management development, skills and knowledge of employees); resources and capacity information; health improvement capacity building; and linkage with the Improvement Service. The Group is also responsible for the strategic aspects of the Employers' negotiating agenda in terms of promoting modern, effective and flexible pay and condition agreements which support Councils aspirations for modernised services designed around the needs of local communities and creating a more stable employee relations climate at national level where all stakeholders can focus on the strategic issues.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor I. Young

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Roads and Transportation Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group covers the transport services delivered by or through Local Authorities (including local roads, street lighting, winter maintenance, walking, cycling, road safety and bus services) and also the transport services which affect the well-being of our communities (including rail, ferries, aviation and trunk roads).

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.R. Wilson

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Rural Affairs Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group covers Rural Development/CAP Reform, Land Reform, Fishing, Small Towns, Renewable Energy & the National Rural Partnership. The group also scrutinises the work of other Executive Groups in relation to Rural Affairs.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Social Work & Health Improvement Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group deals with social work services, i.e. children and families including the children's hearing system; child protection; fostering and adoptions; community care services including home helps; care homes and services for people with special needs; criminal justice, including social work services in prisons and probation services; the new criminal justice groupings; resources including recruitment and retention of staff; and regulation of care. The Groups also has responsibility for health improvement (public health) which is a multifaceted, cross-cutting issue aimed at improving the health and well being of communities. The main priority areas for the Executive Group are; developing Local Authorities as Public Health Organisations and embedding Health Improvement in the Community Planning Process.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor W.P Watt

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Urban Affairs Executive Group

Remit:- This Executive Group's work covers City Regeneration, Deprivation and Growth Funding. The group also scrutinises the work of other Executive Groups in relation to Urban Affairs.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.E. Coutts

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Convention

Remit:- The Convention is the ruling body, which has overall control of COSLA's policy and direction. It consists of representatives from all member councils and political groups represented within Scottish Local Government.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors A. Bisset, A.E. Coutts and A. Urquhart

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

COSLA - Leaders Meetings

Remit:- COSLA's main decision making body is the Leaders' meeting which is attended by the leaders of all member councils.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.E. Coutts

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 3-4 times per year, Usually held in COSLA, Edinburgh Occasionally meetings held elsewhere.

Couple Counselling Grampian

Remit:- A service for people experiencing anxieties and difficulties in their personal relationships.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.R. Wilson

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- 17 Institution Road, Elgin. Appointment basis on Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings.

Dick Bequest Trust Scheme

Remit:- To enable attendance of courses at home or abroad or generally pursue any activity likely to increase their efficiency and effectiveness as teachers. For the purchase of equipment in schools not normally supplied by the Education Authority.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A.R. Wilson

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- As and when required.

Ex-Officio Justices of the Peace

Remit:- Signing and witnessing duties only to December 2007.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset, A.E. Coutts, G. McIntyre & A. Urquhart

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- quarterly

Findhorn District Salmond Fishery Board

Remit:- Statutory body tasked under the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Consolidation (Scotland) Act 2003, with the administration of Salmon Fisheries on the river. The Board comprises of Fishing Proprietors, Anglers and where appropriate, nets men and an assessment if levied on each Proprietor to enable the Board to implement a budget strategy.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Approximately 3 times a year and a Annual General Meeting in August.

Forres Golf Course Management Committee

Remit:- Responsible for the day to day management of the golf course.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors J. Hamilton, A. Urquhart & I.R. Young

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Forrest Golf Club and held approximately every two months.

Forres & District Twinning Association

Remit:- Promotes the friendship and liaison between people of all ages in Forres & District and Vienenburg & District.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- The Royal British Legion Club in Forres. Meetings are once a month between August and the Annual General Meeting in May.

Grampian Community Care Charitable Trust

Remit:- Grampian Community Care Charitable Trust is a special needs housing provider. The majority of our demand has come from the hospital closure resettlement programme, whereby people are moving back into the Community. The Trust is commissioned by the local Councils and Health Board to build accommodation. Capital funding for properties comes in grants from Communities Scotland, the Council and for resettlement projects, Grampian Health Board. This is topped up by private finance in the form of a mortgage, which is repaid through rental income.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen and meetings are held quarterly.

Grampian Housing Association Ltd

Remit:- The Board of Grampian Housing Association has substantial powers to do what is necessary to further the aims of the Association in connection with the provision of housing for rent and part ownership, and through a wholly owned subsidiary, Kirkgate Holdings, housing for sale and other non-housing projects e.g. health centre facilities.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor L. Gorn

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Associations Registered Office in Aberdeen. Full board meetings take place at two monthly intervals with committee meetings for Housing and Property, Finance, Development, etc on monthly intervals.

Grampian Institute of Sport Executive Committee

Remit:- To develop Scottish Athletes with the potential to succeed on the world stage by supporting their development so they can progress to the Scottish Institute of Sport.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor I.R. Young

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen as and when required.

Grampian Joint Fire Board

Remit:- The Board is responsible for setting the budget for the Fire & Rescue Service.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors T. Bothwell, J. Leslie & R. Shepherd
Substitutes:- Councillors R. Burns, J. Divers and S.D.I. Longmore

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen to be held quarterly or as and when required.

Grampian Joint Police Board

Remit:- The Board is responsible for setting the budget for the Police service which is funded 51% from the Scottish Office and 49% by Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeen City Council and Moray Council. This budget also includes the running costs of CCTV.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors R. McIntosh, G. McIntyre and R.H. Shepherd
Substitutes:- Councillors R. Hossack & I.R. Young

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen. Full Board meets every two months and Sub-Committee meets quarterly.

Grampian Valuation Joint Board

Remit:- The Board is responsible for ensuring that properties are assessed for local taxation purposes.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors S.D.I. Longmore and A.R. Wilson
Substitutes:- Councillors J. Hogg, R. Hossack & R. Sim

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Moray Council, Elgin. Board meets four times a year or as required.

Grampian NHS Board

Remit:- Responsible for improving the health of the Grampian population and for delivering the health care required. The Board must oversee the taking-forward of Scotland's national health agenda, tailored to the needs of the Grampian population of half-a-million people spread over 3,000 square miles of city, town, village and rural communities.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen. There is either a meeting, seminar, development day or similar held once a month.

Grampian Racial Equality Council

Remit:- GREC is the main organisation in the voluntary sector responsible for combating racism in North East Scotland and has been active since the mid 1980's. GREC is working towards a just society which gives everyone an equal chance to learn, work and live free from discrimination and prejudice and from the fear of racial harassment and violence.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Stewart

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Normally Aberdeen although meetings have been held in Aberdeenshire and Moray. The GREC Executive Committee meets every 6 weeks.

Grampian Society for the Blind

Remit:- Provide a range of services for Moray Council in line with their Service Level Agreement. Also add value to this by the provision of charitable funded services.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Stewart

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen and Elgin. Board meetings are held bi-monthly and sub-meetings will be held on the opposite month.

Grampian Venture Capital Fund Limited

Remit:- The GVCF is a Venture Capital Fund which invests money in small limited companies in the old Grampian area of Scotland. It is 86% owned by the three Councils in the area and the other 14% is owned by private businesses in the area.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors A.E. Coutts, J. Hogg & R.F. McIntosh

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Grampian area which meets two or three times per year.

Highlands & Islands Strategic Transport Partnership

Remit:- Prepare, maintain and review the Regional Transport Strategy. The first Strategy will be submitted to the Minister at the end of March 2007. The members will agree the monitoring and review process. Also determine how the Strategy will be delivered and how HITRANS will work with the five Local Authorities and the national agencies in doing this. HITRANS will have an increasing capital budget and Members will agree the programme of projects for this budget.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Hossack
Substitute:- Councillor A. Burgess

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- HITRANS Office at Inverness Airport. Meetings held every two months.

Highland Rail Partnership

Remit:- The Highland Rail Partnership is not for profit company funded by various organisations. The aim of the Partnership is to develop the passenger and freight railway. Our recent achievements include:- Tania Commuter, Beaulieu Station, extra West Highland Trains, Wick/Kyle Sunday Services, Arrochar Commuter, Internet, Lineside loading of timber and the return of road salt to rail. The Highland Rail Partnership area is defined Helensburgh and Gleneagles north, Keith west. The organisation is based at Lairg Station in Sutherland. The Highland Rail Partnership is currently a co-sponsor of the Highlands & Islands Room for Growth capacity study and the H&I Demand Study.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Hossack

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Inverness, Aviemore, Oban, Elgin and Perth. There is a Board meeting bi-monthly with a Management Committee being held in the month in between. The AGM is on the 19th February 2008.

Highland and Reserve Forces & Cadets Association – North East Committee and Northern Area Committee

Remit:- Inform the Association about local issues which effect the Association and take back to the Council those issues which may be relevant for example about cadets, reservists or employers.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor T. Bothwell (North East Committee)
Councillor I. Young (Northern Area Committee)

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Meetings are held in Inverness for the Northern Area (Spey to the West) and Aberdeen for the North East Area (Spey to the East). There are two meetings a year in each area and an AGM.

James S Sharpe Trust

Remit:- Provide bursary payments those attending further education subject to a residential qualification in the Parishes of Rothiemay or Fyvie.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor W.P. Watt

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen and meetings are annually.

Joint Consultative Committee

Remit:- Facilitate formal consultation between the Council and recognised trade unions for Scottish Joint Council employees, Craft Workers and Chief Officers.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset, R. Burns, J. Hogg, A. Keith, A. Urquhart and W.P. Watt

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- As and when required.

KIMO, Local Authorities International Environmental Organisation

Remit:- KIMO is committed to the development of sustainable coastal communities by preventing pollution of the seas and coastal waters of Northern Western Europe and preserving, improving and enhancing them for future generations. Protecting coastal communities from the impacts of marine pollution and climate change. Representing our Member Local Authorities and Associated Members at an international and national level.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors L. Gorn. J. Hamilton & A.R. Wilson

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Edinburgh. Meetings are quarterly. Annual General Meetings held in October which takes place in a host authority in different countries.

Langstane Housing Association

Remit:- To provide affordable rented accommodation for single people, an a large proportion of its stock is for single people. In response to the needs of specific areas, and in recognition of the net to build sustainable communities, the Association provides family units and special needs accommodation. The status of the Councillor is of co-optee with the co-option being renewed each year at the Annual General meeting.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor G. McIntyre

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Members of the Committee of Management attend full committee meetings held on Aberdeen on a Monday evening, every 6-8 weeks. Members of the Committee of Management are members of two of the Association's Sub-Committees, each of whom meets once during each Committee cycle, this averages out at 2-3 meetings every two months.

Milne's Institute Trust Scheme (Governors)

Remit:- The free annual income to be applied as The Moray Council thinks fit for the purposes of the educational enrichment of pupils attending Milne's High School and Milne's Primary School. The income shall be apportioned to the schools on a pro-rata basis by reference to attendance rolls of the respective schools.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.E. Coutts, L. Gorn, S.D.I. Longmore, J Mackay, R.F. McIntosh, G. McIntyre and R.H. Shepherd

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- As and when required.

Moray Chamber of Commerce

Remit:- Moray Chamber of Commerce is a business representative body, it represents the interests of its members and to lobby on their behalf.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. McIntosh

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Moray and meetings are held four – five times a year.

Moray Children's Panel Advisory Committee

Remit:- To advise the Scottish Executive on the appointment and re-appointment of Panel Members and to advise the Scottish Executive on the appointment of Chairman and Depute Chairman when appropriate. To monitor Panel members in Hearings to ensure that standards are being maintained.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.R. Burgess & J Hamilton

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- The Moray Council Headquarters. Meetings are usually held once every three months or when required.

Moray Children's Panel Training Advisory Committee

Remit:- To ensure that all Panel members are being trained correctly and attend some of the training sessions.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- The Moray Council Headquarters. Meetings are usually held twice a year.

Moray Drug & Alcohol Team

Remit:- Advice and support for alcohol and drug users and those living with people who are dependent on alcohol and drugs. Drug education and training for clinical staff and needle exchange. Assessment for services including counselling, residential rehabilitation and home detoxification.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset, J.A. Divers, J. Hamilton, R. Sim and J. Stewart.

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Elgin and meetings are held quarterly.

Moray Health & Social Care Partnership and Executive Committee

Remit:- Moray CHSCP is, on behalf of NHS Grampian and the Moray Council, the primary governance body for health and social care issues relating to care in the community; primary and community health services; acute health services at Dr Gray's Hospital; public health services; mental health services and learning disability services.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors L. Gorn, R. Hossack, G. McIntyre, R.H. Shepherd, J. Stewart & W.P. Watt

Name of Former Appointees (Executive Group):- Councillors L. Gorn, R. Hossack, R.H. Shepherd, J. Stewart & W.P. Watt

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Elgin. The Executive Committee meet four times a year and the Full Committee meeting twice in workshop forum.

Moray Housing Partnership Ltd

Remit:- Defining and ensuring compliance with the values and objectives of the Partnership. Establishing plans to achieve those objectives. Approving each year's budget and accounts prior to publication. Establishing an appropriate framework of delegation and systems of control. Taking key decisions on matters that will, or might, create significant risk for the Partnership. Monitoring the Association's performance in relation to its plans, budgets and decisions. Appointing and, if necessary, dismissing the Director, and being involved in the appointment of key line managers. Satisfying itself that the Association's affairs are conducted lawfully and in accordance with generally accepted standards of performance and propriety.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors T. Bothwell, J.A. Leslie, R. Sim & A. Urquhart

Reserves:- Councillors R.H. Shepherd and I.R. Young

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Committee of Management meetings are held quarterly and are normally held in our Offices at 14-16 Commerce Street, Elgin.

Moray Leisure Centre Board of Directors

Remit:- The Board oversees the management of the centre in accordance with the Articles of the Company.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset, E. McGillivray & A. Urquhart

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Elgin – quarterly or as required.

Moray & Nairn Educational Trust (Governors)

Remit:- Grants normally made to persons resident in the former combined County of Moray & Nairn; school pupils or young persons attending Moray & Nairn Schools or Further Education Centres; schools pupils whose parents are resident in Morayshire or Nairnshire; Moray & Nairn schools and further education centres; and clubs and organisations operating for the benefit of persons belonging to Morayshire or Nairnshire.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors T. Bothwell, A. Keith, J.A. Divers, J. Leslie, E. McGillivray, J. Stewart, A. Urquhart and A.R. Wilson.

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- As and when required.

Moray Property Development Company Ltd

Remit:- The Company was established as a private enterprise by the Moray Council and the principle activity is the provision and development of commercial properties for lease.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A. Bisset & A.E. Coutts

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Elgin to be held annually or as and when required.

Moray Society – Elgin Museum

Remit:- To receive and take over the assets and liabilities of the unincorporated charitable body known as The Moray Society; to advance the education of the public in the furtherance of the Arts, antiquities, archaeology, geology, botany, history and natural history especially as connected with the District of Moray; and maintain and safeguard and conserve the amenities and environment of the District inter alia by stimulating public interest in, and care for the beauty, history and character of area, encourage the preservation, development and improvement of feature of general public amenity and historic interest and encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in the District.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors J.C. Hogg, R. Hossack, R.F. McIntosh and R. Sim

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Elgin Museum. Board of the Society meets approximately quarterly and the Management Committee of the museum every two months.

Moray Twinning Association

Remit:- To act as co-ordinating body for Twinning Associations for Moray. Promote and Foster friendship and understanding between the people of Moray and those of other towns and districts with which the Twinning Associations of towns and districts in Moray may form links. Encourage visits by individuals and groups to and form linked towns, particularly by children and young people and the development of personal contacts and by doing so to broaden the mutual understanding of the cultural, recreational, educational and commercial activities of its linked towns.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor A. Bisset

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Committee Room, The Moray Council. Meetings are usually held four times a year

Moray Youthstart Board

Remit:- The main themes are looking at vulnerable or excluded young people; young people at risk of social exclusion; and promoting positive citizenship amongst all young people

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor L. Gorn

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Twice a year in Elgin

North East Scotland Tourism Partnership (NESTOUR)

Remit:- Provide a strategic partnership framework for the tourism industry in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray. It is responsible for the development, implementation and monitoring of an Area Tourism Strategy and Action Plan.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen. The meetings are held four times a year.

North East Arts Touring (NEAT)

Remit:- The Committee oversees the work of the part-time co-ordinator and the general activity of the organisation. NEAT supports the promotion of professional touring drama, children's theatre and dance throughout the North East. This is carried out by supporting a network of around 40/50 local arts promoters in the region and by occasionally directly promoting performances. NEAT is principally funded by the Scottish Arts Council with contributions from the three local authorities, self generated income and by grants from charitable trusts.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Location is rotated around the region. The Executive meets around four times a year to no fixed pattern.

North East Scottish Agricultural Advisory Group (NESAAG)

Remit:- The remit of NESAAG is to act as an advisory body to the Councils in North East Scotland, encompassing all rural affairs with particular interest in agriculture and rural employment, farm incomes, farming policy, conservation, diversification of farming including forestry, tourism and farm industries, the implications of change in farming practice and land use and the provision of infrastructure, services and facilities in rural areas.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors J. Hamilton, J.C. Hogg, A. Urquhart, W.P. Watt and A.R. Wilson

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- NESAAG meetings usually take place in Woodhill House, Aberdeen although there have been two meetings in Inverurie during this Council term. There are usually 2-3 meetings per year.

North East Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership (NESFDP)

Remit:- The remit of NESFDP is to act as an advisory body to the Councils and the industry and provide support to fishing dependant communities.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillors T. Bothwell, J.A. Leslie, S.D.I. Longmore & R.H. Shepherd

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- There is usually one meeting of the partnership per year which is held in Woodhill House, Aberdeen.

North East Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership Strategy Group (NESFDPSWG)

Remit:- The remit of NESFDPSWG is to review fishing strategy and respond to new initiatives and concerns on behalf of the North East of Scotland Development Partnership.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors J.A. Leslie & J. Mackay

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- There are usually three meetings per year and occasionally a special meeting with the Scottish Executive Fisheries Minister. The meetings are held in Woodhill House, Aberdeen.

North East Scotland Waste Strategy Group

Remit:- Monitor and track overall progress on local sustainable waste management activities whilst ensuring that national policy priorities of the National Waste Plan are delivered consistently throughout Scotland. Support the delivery of Area Waste Plan objectives through discussion of issues, barriers and challenges, and identification of appropriate regional solutions. Communicate progress reports on committed activities defined within Area Action Plans. Identify and facilitate local networking and cross-sectoral partnership working opportunities to support the ongoing delivery of Area and National Waste Plans. Review and provide comment on programmes or projects proposed by member organisations to support the delivery of the Area Waste Plan. Publish progress reports on delivery of the Area Waste Plan and review the Areas Waste Plan (as per SEPA guidance). Provide an area based link for national for a, such as the Scottish Liaison Group on waste.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors R.F. McIntosh & A.R. Wilson

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Various locations throughout the North East. Meets approximately twice a year.

Northern Criminal Justice Authority

Remit:- The Management of Offenders (Scotland) Act was passed in 2005 with the principle purpose of reducing re-offending in Scotland through the better integration of Offender Services, especially integration of services between Local Authority Criminal Justice Social Work Services and the Scottish Prison Service. The Act has created 8 Community Justice Authorities (CJA's) including the Northern CJA, which, in local authority terms is comprised of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Moray, Highland and the three Island Authorities. Statutory duties of the CJA include:- To prepare, in consultation with partners, a Plan to reduce re-offending; To monitor performance of local authorities and the Scottish Prison Service in complying with the Plan; and To distribute Criminal Justice Social Work funds.

The Moray Council require to nominate one elected member for the CJA along with a substitute. The Substitute member is invited to attend all meetings if they wish, but not able to vote if the substantive member is also present.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors J.A. Divers & W.P. Watt
Substitutes:- Councillors A. R. Burgess & G. McIntyre

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- The venue alternates between Aberdeen and Inverness with one meeting per year to be hosted either by the Moray Council or an Island Authority. Meetings are held four times a year and generally take place in March, June, September and December.

North of Scotland War Pensions Committee

Remit:- To consider complaints made to them by person in the areas needing or claiming war pensions and any other matter connected to or affecting war pensioners in the area and if appropriate make representation to the Scottish Minister. To consider any matter referred to the Committee by the Scottish Minister. To assist its war pensioners Welfare Service in looking after its welfare of war pensioners in the area.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Aberdeen meetings as and when required.

Out of Darkness Theatre Company

Remit:- Independent full time professional theatre company with charitable status. They are committed to combating social exclusion by demonstrating through all activities that diversity which inclusion brings contributes to development, increases creativity and innovation, heightens awareness, promotes understanding and harnesses unique skills and talents

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Hossack

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Elgin as and when required.

Rail Transport Working Party

Remit:- The remit of the Rail Transport Working Party is to provide a structure for liaising jointly with Aberdeen City and Moray Councils with the rail industry on rail passenger and freight issues.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.R. Burgess & R. Hossack

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- There are usually two meetings per year which are held in Woodhill House, Aberdeen. The working party has been considering its future in light of the establishment of Regional Transport Partnerships and it is possible that the working party may agree to disband itself at its next meeting.

Scottish Accident Prevention Council – Roads Safety Committee

Remit:- To consider road safety matters generally and to report to the Executive Committee. To formulate SAPC policy in relation to road safety. To promote and foster road safety activities in Scotland. To appoint such sub-committees as are deemed necessary and to consider their reports and recommendations. At Committee meetings there are usually reports, including ones from the Police and Scottish Executive, on what is happening in road safety. Members also bring up topics for discussion that require the expertise of the other members.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J.C. Hogg

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Glasgow usually but may be held round the country. They start at 1pm and last for approximately 2 hours. Meetings are held every three months on the first Wednesday of February, May, August and November.

Scottish Amateur Music Association

Remit:- To promote and stimulate amateur music making throughout Scotland, placing special emphasis on the educational value of what is constitutionally called "national training courses". The Association through its school for Scots Fiddle, has encouraged and promoted interest in the traditional music of Scotland.

Name of Former Appointee:- Head of Music Instruction Service

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Alva as and when required.

Scottish Council on Deafness

Remit:- To act as an intermediary body of organisations and agencies working with deaf people in Scotland. To achieve this by forming strategic alliances, developing policy initiatives and using them to improve the human and civil rights of deaf people in Scotland.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor P.B. Paul

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Glasgow and held three times a year.

Scottish Environmental Protection Agency

Remit:- SEPA has three regional boards accountable to the Agency Board covering the east, north and south west of Scotland. They have no executive responsibilities but instead act as the “eyes and ears” of the Agency Board to bring relevant knowledge, experience and expertise to help SEPA provide the first class service Scotland’s environment merits. It is expected that Regional Board members will help inform the SEPA Boards through sharing local, business or professional knowledge/experience.

The process for appointment of Councillors on to Regional Boards is one of open competition with candidates submitted an application through SEPA’s recruitment process.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Regional Boards meet 4 times a year.

Scottish Highlands & Islands Film Commission Board

Remit:- The role of the Scottish Highlands & Islands Film Commission is to encourage film and television related activity in the area by making it as simple and efficient as possible for film and television companies to operate in the geographical area covered by Argyll & Bute Council, the Highland Council, The Moray Council and Orkney.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor E. McGillivray

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Inverness and meets twice a year.

Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees

Remit:- Responsible for developing and negotiating terms and conditions of service for all employees under their auspices, subject to certain aspects devolved to local negotiations.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Hossack

Location & Frequency of Meetings:-

Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty

Remit:- The purpose of the Forum is to combat poverty, disadvantage and social injustice, primarily in Scotland but, where appropriate, also in the rest of the UK. The Forum's objects are to raise awareness of poverty and social justice issues; to influence the Scottish Parliament, Local, Central and European Government and other relevant agencies for changes in policies and practices which affect those people experiencing poverty; to develop a network for sharing information on good practice, particularly in Scotland; to encourage corporate and inter-agency working in the delivery of anti-poverty strategies and initiatives; and to promote equality and anti-discriminatory practices.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor R. Sim

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Meetings are held throughout Scotland at the invitation of member authorities and are held every six weeks. There are occasionally extra meetings to deal with specific matters but in total meetings will be no more than ten times per year.

Scottish National Federation – Welfare of the Blind Group

Remit:- The purpose and objects of the Federation are to promote the benefit of and advance the education of blind and partially sighted persons in Scotland.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor L. Gorn

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Meetings of Executive take place in Perth in January, March, June, August and November each year. The Federation also supports an Annual Conference which is usually held in April.

Sport Moray Executive Committee

Remit:- Voluntary body whose Executive Committee is made up of individuals from local sports clubs and groups. They provide a co-ordinating role in the development and promotion of sport in Moray. A huge number of individual and team sports are represented.

Name of Former Appointees:- Councillors A.R. Burgess, J.A. Divers, E. McGillivray & I.R. Young

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Meetings are held approximately every 6 months at the work premises of committee members.

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Remit:- Promotion of tenant participation.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor P.B. Paul

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Quarterly and AGM

UHI Millennium Institute Foundation

Remit:- To support the mission for UHI and the creation of a University of Highlands and Islands; to act as a conduit for a two way information flow between UHI and its various constituencies, in particular, but not limited to, the constituency from which the Foundation member is drawn; to provide advice and guidance to UHI in order to assist in the achievement of the mission; to seek opportunities to act as an ambassador for UHI and its mission; to make best endeavours to attend Foundation meetings.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Hamilton

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Inverness and the Foundation meetings are held three or four times a year.

Victim Support Moray

Remit:- Area Management Committee comprising of local people and representatives from the Police, Moray Council and Social Work Department. The responsibilities include co-ordinator support, recruitment and training of volunteers, fundraising, publicity and public relations with other agencies.

Name of Former Appointee:- Councillor J. Stewart

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Moray Resource Centre, Elgin. Every 3 months.