

REPORT TO: THE MORAY COUNCIL ON 12 MAY 2010

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES : NOTHERN AREA
COMMITTEE OF THE HIGHLAND RESERVE FORCES & CADETS
ASSOCIATION**

BY: CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Council is requested to note that Councillor Young has intimated his resignation as the Council's representative on the Association and appoint another representative in his stead.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section (II) (18) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to a matter which has not been delegated to a specific Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council note Councillor Young's resignation as the Council's representative on the Northern Area Committee of the Highland Reserve Forces & Cadets Association and appoint another representative in his stead.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Highland Reserve Forces & Cadets Association is a Crown Agency, established by Act of Parliament (under the Reserve Forces Act 1996) as one of 13 separate independent and autonomous Tri-Service corporate bodies, to support the Reserve Forces and Cadets in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. Highland RFCA is one of two RFCAs in Scotland. The Highland area covers 22,000sq miles and stretches from Campbeltown in Argyllshire to Lerwick in Shetland, and from Aberdeen to the Western Isles, across which there is population of 2.2 million. The main centres of population are located in the towns of the Central Belt including Dumbarton and Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen and Inverness. Governance is exercised by a Ministerial Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Defence, through the Council of RFCAs, to Highland RFCA. Funding for Highland RFCA's activities is derived from MOD Stakeholders which include the Defence Staff, HQ Fleet, HQ Land Forces, HQ Air Command, and Defence Estates.
- 3.2 The Association provides support to the Reserve Forces and Service Cadet Organisations across the Highlands of Scotland in order to enhance their effectiveness, and through representation by the Association to inform and influence the wider community on issues relating to the Armed Forces-in-Society. The Highland RFCA has a Management Board and four Area Committees. The Association Membership is made up of Lord Lieutenants

(Ex-Officio President and Vice Presidents), Ex-Officio unit and sub-unit commanders of the Naval, Marine, Army and Air Force Reserves, and the Army Cadet Force and Air Training Corps, Selected Regular and Reserve personnel with interests in the Reserves and Cadets Representatives of Local Government, Universities, Employers, Employees and all four Cadet organisations (SCC, ACF, ATC, and CCF)

- 3.3 Councillor Young has been the Moray Council's representative on the Association since being elected to the Council in 1999

5. 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)

None.

(d) Consultations

None

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 That the Council note Councillor Young's resignation as the Council's representative on the Northern Area Committee of the Highland Reserve Forces & Cadets Association and appoint another representative in his stead.**

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Background Papers: letter from Councillor Young dated 20 April 2010
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