



REPORT TO: THE MORAY COUNCIL ON 17 DECEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

1. REASON FOR REPORT/URGENCY

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, on the Convener certifying that, in his opinion, it requires to be considered on the grounds of urgency in order to give early consideration to recommendations following the result of the Elgin City North Ward By-Election.
- 1.2 Following the resignation of Councillor Jarvis and the subsequent by-election, the Council are requested to consider proposals regarding allocations for Committees, delegating authority to Group Leaders to provide the names of appointees to the Clerk and to making appointments to outside bodies to which the Council are entitled to appoint nominees as detailed in the report.
- 1.3 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section II (11) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to appointments to Committees.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:-

- (i) agree the proposals regarding allocations for Committees, as set out in Section 4;**
- (ii) agree that Group Leaders provide the names of appointees to each Committee within 7 days to the Clerk, and that the Labour and Scottish Conservative and Unionist Councillors do likewise, and thereafter that the names provided be recorded as duly appointed to the relevant Committees; and**
- (iii) consider making appointments to the outside bodies, as detailed in Section 5.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Jarvis, a by-election was held on 11 December 2014, following which Councillor Reid was duly elected.
- 3.2 As a result of the outcome of the by-election and the change in membership of the Administration Group, the Council need to consider appointments to Committees. Arrangements in place prior to the resignation of Councillor Jarvis are outlined in **Appendix I**.

4. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

- 4.1 On the assumption that the number of members on each Service Committee (13 Members) remains as per **Appendix 1**, the following allocations would result:-

Children and Young People's Services Committee, Communities Committee, Economic Development & Infrastructure Services Committee, Health and Social Care Services Committee, Licensing Committee, Planning and Regulatory Services Committee and Policy and Resources Committee

6 Administration Members, 5 SNP Members, 1 Labour Member and 1 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Member.

- 4.2 For the Flood Alleviation Sub-Committees (11), the following allocation would result:-

5 Administration Members, 4 SNP Members, 1 Labour Member and 1 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Member.

- 4.3 On the assumption that the Opposition continue to have a majority on Audit and Performance Review Committee (11), the following allocation would result:-

5 SNP Members, 4 Administration Members, 1 Labour Member and 1 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Member.

- 4.4 For Committees consisting of 9 Members, the following allocations would result:-

Licensing Board and Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee.

4 Administration Members, 3 SNP Members, 1 Labour Member and 1 Scottish Conservative and Unionist Member.

- 4.5 For the following Committees consisting of 7 Members, there would be 3 Administration Members and 3 SNP Members, leaving 1 position on each of these Committees for the 2 Conservative Members and 2 Labour Members to allocate between themselves. There are 10 such Committees and therefore

there should be 5 with a single Conservative Member and 5 with a single Labour Member on:-

Appeals Committee, Children & Young People's Appointments Committee, Communities Appointments Committee, Economic Development & Infrastructure Services Appointments Committee, Health & Social Care Services Appointments Committee, Joint Consultative Committee (JCC), Landfill Tax Sub-Committee, Moray Local Review Body, Planning & Regulatory Services Appointments Committee and Policy & Resources Appointments Committee.

- 4.6 As shown in **Appendix 1**, the Community Planning Board and Social Work Complaints Review Committee have 4 Members, the Moray Child Protection Committee have 3 Members and the Moray Adult Protection Sub-Committee have 2 Members and the Council are asked whether they wish to change the membership of these.

5. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- 5.1 The Council is requested to consider making an appointment to the Anderson's Care Home – Board of Governors, as detailed below:-

Remit:- The General Anderson Trust Scheme 1982 is a registered charity (Scottish Charity Number SCO11277). The sole activity of the Trust is the strategic management of Anderson's, a registered care home. 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.

Former Appointee:- Councillor B. Jarvis (1 Vacancy)

Location & Frequency of Meetings:- Meetings of the Full Board of Governors are held on a bi-monthly basis at 2.00pm on the first Friday of the month. In addition, Governors serve on one or two Committees – Finance or House & Refurbishment. Committee meetings are held monthly on a Thursday at 2.15pm. All meetings are held in the Boardroom at Anderson's, Elgin.

- 5.2 The Council is further asked to consider a request from the North East Scotland Pension Fund to nominate a Member to the newly established Pensions Board. Under Sections 5(1) and (2) of the Public Service Pensions Act 2013, each local government Pension Scheme Manager in Scotland is required to establish a Pensions Board. A copy of the Terms and Conditions of the Pensions Board are attached at **Appendix 2**. The nominee (and any substitute) must not also participate in, or act as members of, the Pensions Committee or Joint Investment Advisory Committee. Councillors Coull and Leadbitter are the Council's representatives on the Aberdeen City Council Pension Fund – Joint Investment Advisory Committee.

6. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Moray 2023: A Plan For The Future/Service Plans

None.

(b) Policy and Legal

None.

(c) Financial implications

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

(d) Risk Implications

None.

(e) Staffing Implications

None.

(f) Property

None.

(g) Equalities

None.

(h) Consultations

None.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 That the Council consider the recommendations as set out in Section 2 following the result of the Elgin City North Ward By-Election.

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Background