

Committee and Related Appointments

Report by Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to fill the current Committee vacancies and related appointments to outside organisations resulting from the death of former Provost Adam Montgomery and the resultant Ward 1 – Penicuik By-Election on 22 March 2018.

2 Committees

2.1 The Scheme of Administration provides that all 18 Elected Members serve on the Council and the General Purposes and Planning Committees, therefore the newly elected Member for Ward 1 – Penicuik, will automatically be appointed to these Committees. In addition, the newly elected Member, not being a member of the Cabinet, will also serve on the Performance, Review and Scrutiny Committee.

2.2 The Scheme of Administration also provides that the:-

- Local Review Body comprise of 10 Elected Members, currently 4 Labour; 3 SNP; 3 Conservative Members. One position requires to be filled;
- Appeals Committee comprise of 9 Elected Members, currently 4 Labour; 3 SNP; 2 Conservative Members. One position requires to be filled.

3 Other Appointments

3.1 Council is requested to consider making one appointment to the following outside organisations/partnership bodies:-

- Edinburgh and Lothian Area Tourism Partnership
- Edinburgh, Leith and District Battalion of the Boys' Brigade
- Lothian Mineworkers Convalescent Home Trust
- Lowland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association
- Midlothian Access Forum Core Group
- Midlothian Voluntary Action
- Scout Association (Midlothian area)

3.2 Council is also requested to consider making one appointment to the following outside organisations/partnership bodies. It should be noted that appointments to these organisations are specific to Ward 1 – Penicuik:-

- Penicuik and District YMCA/YWCA
- Project Penicuik;
- Penicuik Citizens Advice Bureau

3.3 Council is also requested to consider making a third appointment to Penicuik First (BIDs) Ltd. Councillors Hardie and McCall currently hold the position of Directors of this organisation. The third Council appointment is a Member.

3.4 Council is further requested to consider an appointment to the following outside organisations, which appointments have been traditionally held by the Provost:-

- Midlothian Council Veterans Champion;
- Scottish Provosts' Association

4 Report Implications

4.1 Resource Implications

There are no resource implications in relation to this report.

4.2 Risk Implications

Failure to appoint to these vacant positions will in the instance of the Committees contravene Standing Orders and the Scheme of Administrative Arrangements.

4.3 Policy Implications

Strategy

There are no strategy implications arising from this report.

Consultation

No consultations have been undertaken in connection with this report.

Equalities

An equalities impact assessment is not required in connection with this report.

Sustainability

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

5 Recommendation

The Council is invited to:

- (a) Confirm the appointments to the Committee vacancies as set out in paragraph 2.2;

- (b) Confirm the appointments to the vacancies on outside organisations as set out in 3.1, 3.3 and 3.4 and;
- (c) Confirm that the newly elected Member for Ward 1 – Penicuik is appointed to the vacancies as set out in 3.2

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