

Council Administration Changes**Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to confirm the position in relation to the Council's Governance arrangements following the termination of the Council Administration's Coalition agreement. .

2 Background

- 2.1** On 9 November 2016, the Council Administration confirmed in writing to the Chief Executive that the Council Administration's Coalition agreement between the SNP Group and Councillor de Vink had been terminated and therefore Councillor de Vink would no longer be part of the Council's Administration.
- 2.2** Following this announcement, Council Officers have completed a review of the impact on the Council's existing Governance arrangements specifically in respect to the membership of the various committees set up under the Scheme of Administration.
- 2.3** Within the current Scheme of Administration Councillor de Vink holds membership of the Local Review Body and the Audit Committee by virtue of being part of the Coalition Administration. Despite the termination of the Coalition Agreement, Councillor de Vink does not cease to be a member of these bodies automatically but would need to be removed by decision of the Council. In any event, it is still appropriate for Councillor de Vink to hold membership of the Local Review Body and Audit Committee. This is based on the fact that the current membership of these bodies includes all political parties and therefore it is appropriate that Councillor de Vink retain his position. Therefore from a political balance perspective, there is no requirement to ask for any further nominations to the Local Review Body or the Audit Committee.
- 2.4** The change to the Council Administration has no impact on the current Elected Member representation on Outside Bodies.
- 2.5** As a result of this review, Council Officers have concluded that there is no requirement to alter the membership of any of the Committees within the Scheme of Administration.

3 Report Implications**3.1 Resource Implications**

There are no Resource implications in relation to this report.

3.2 Risk Implications

There are no risk implications in relation to this report.

3.3 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.

4 Recommendation

The Council is recommended to:

- (a) Note the position in relation to the Council's Governance arrangements as a result of the termination of the Council Administration's Coalition agreement.

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