

**Election of Depute Provost****Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to invite the Council to elect the Depute Provost in terms of Standing Order 4.1(v).

**2 Background**

Section 4(2) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 states that the Council of each local government area may elect a member of the Council to be Depute Convener.

Whilst the title of this office was known as Depute Convener during the shadow year of 1995/96, at the meeting of the Council on 2 April 1996, it was agreed that henceforth this office be known by the title of Depute Provost.

Standing Order 4.1(v) requires that consideration be given to the election of the Depute Provost at this meeting.

**3 Standing Order Issues**

The attention of the Council is drawn to the terms of Standing Order 11.3(iii) which states that:-

“A Member may not move or second a motion or amendment for the election or appointment of him/herself to any of the positions referred to under Standing Order 4, whether appointed at the first meeting of the Council after the elections or at a later date. Neither shall a Member vote in any personal election or appointment.”

The attention of the Council is also drawn to the terms of Standing Order 11.2 (iv) which states that:-

“In any division each Member shall have one vote only. The Chair, in the case of an equality of votes, will have a second or casting vote. This will not apply however when the matter which is the subject of the vote relates to the appointment of a Member of the Council to any particular office or Committee. In that case the decision will be by lot.”

**4 Report Implications****4.1 Resource Implications**

Please refer to the separate report on the Scheme of Councillors' Remuneration which will be considered at the Statutory Meeting of the Council on 23 May 2017 .

## **4.2 Risk Implications**

Unlike the Convener (Provost), there is no statutory requirement for the Council to elect a Depute Convener (Depute Provost). There is however a requirement to make such an appointment in terms of Standing Order 4.1(v).

## **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 has not been required in connection with this report.

### **Sustainability**

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **5 Recommendation**

The Council is invited to elect the Depute Provost.

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