

Appointment of Members in Accordance with the Scheme of Administration – Scotland Excel Joint Committee (substitute member)**Report by Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place****Report for Decision****1 Recommendation**

The Council is invited to consider the appointment of a named substitute member to the Scotland Excel Joint Committee.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

In accordance with Standing Order 4.1 (x) consideration requires to be given by Council to the appointment of representatives to Joint Committees, Outside Bodies and other partnership working.

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3 Main report

Scotland Excel is governed by a joint committee and was formed under section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to carry out a range of procurement functions on behalf of councils and associate members.

The Joint Committee is made up of one or more elected members from each of Scotland's local authorities. It meets twice each year to scrutinise the performance and activities of Scotland Excel and is responsible for approving the annual budget and operating plan.

Midlothian Council is asked by Scotland Excel to appoint two elected members to the Joint Committee – one member and one substitute member.

At its meeting of 17 May 2022, Council agreed the appointment of Councillor Douglas Bowen to the Joint Committee. If the appointee is unable to attend a meeting, a substitute cannot attend unless formally appointed at Council.

This reports asks Council to consider the appointment of a named substitute member.

4. Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

None

4.2 Digital

There are no digital implications related to this report.

4.3 Risk

In accordance with Standing Order 4.1(x), this report invites the Council to appoint Members to Joint Committees and Outside Bodies etc.

Any delay in making the necessary appointments could impede the discharge of business affecting both these bodies and the Council.

4.4 Ensuring Equalities

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

4.5 Additional Report Implications

See Appendix A

Appendix A - Additional Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Not applicable

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- ☐ Holistic Working
- ☐ Hub and Spoke
- ☐ Modern
- ☐ Sustainable
- ☐ Transformational
- ☐ Preventative
- ☐ Asset-based
- ☐ Continuous Improvement
- ☐ One size fits one
- ☒ None of the above

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- ☐ One Council Working with you, for you
- ☐ Preventative and Sustainable
- ☐ Efficient and Modern
- ☐ Innovative and Ambitious
- ☒ None of the above

A.4 Delivering Best Value

There are no direct implications related to this report.

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

The report does not directly relate to involving communities.

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable

A.8 Supporting a Sustainable Development

Not applicable