

Appointment of Depute Provost of Midlothian**Report by Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place****Report for Decision****1 Recommendation**

The Council are invited to

- (a) note the resignation of Councillor McManus from the role of Depute Provost;
- (b) appoint a replacement Depute Provost of Midlothian; and
- (c) dependent on the identity of the new Depute Provost, consider the consequent appointments proposed by the Administration.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

This report seeks the election of a replacement Depute Provost. It is understood that the Administration propose to nominate Councillor Bowen to the role. Should Councillor Bowen be appointed the Administration would then propose a number of consequent amendments, as detailed in paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 below, to ensure there is no gap in the governance of the Council.

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3 Background

- 3.1 Councillor Connor McManus was appointed to the role of Depute Provost at the Council meeting on 24 May 2022. On 09 March 2023, Councillor McManus formally intimated his resignation from the post of Depute Provost to the Executive Director, Place.
- 3.2 In terms of Standing Order 14, the resignation requires to be reported to this meeting of the Council and the Council will then fill the vacancy or agree such other action as may seem proper.
- 3.3 It is understood that the Administration intend to nominate Councillor Douglas Bowen to the post of Depute Provost. It is, of course, open to all other Councillors to nominate alternative candidates.
- 3.4 In the event that Councillor Bowen is elected to the post of Depute Provost, in order to ensure continuity of appointments and to avoid a governance deficit, the Administration would also propose a number of consequent amendments to be considered en bloc.
- 3.5 The consequent appointments are as follows:
- Councillor Bowen to resign from the Cabinet (as required by the Scheme of Administration);
 - Councillor McManus to be appointed to the Cabinet to replace the vacancy created by the resignation of Councillor Bowen;
 - Councillor McManus to resign from the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee (also as required by the Scheme of Administration);
 - Councillor Bowen to be appointed to the Performance Review and Scrutiny Committee in place of Councillor McManus;
 - Councillor Cassidy to assume the Cabinet Portfolio for Economic Development, Planning and Transport (for noting only by Council);
 - Councillor McManus to assume the Cabinet Portfolio for Health and Social Care (for noting only by Council);
 - Councillor McManus to replace Councillor Cassidy on the Midlothian Integrated Joint Board;
 - Councillor McManus to replace Councillor Cassidy on the CoSLA Health and Social Care Board;
 - Councillor Alexander to replace Councillor Bowen on the CoSLA Economy and Environment Board;
 - Councillor Cassidy to replace Councillor Bowen on the Midlothian and East Lothian Chamber of Commerce;

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- Councillor Cassidy to replace Councillor Bowen on the Scotland Excel Joint Committee;
- Councillor Cassidy to replace Councillor Bowen on the Scottish Enterprise (East) Regional Advisory Board;
- Councillors Scott and McKenzie to resign from the Audit Committee; and
- Councillors McCall and Bowen to be appointed to the Audit Committee to replace the vacancies created by the resignations of Councillors Scott and McKenzie.

All other appointments and nominations made at the Council meeting on 24 May 2022 and subsequent meetings to remain unchanged.

4. Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

There are no resource implications arising directly from this report.

4.2 Digital

There are no digital implications related to this report.

4.3 Risk

There are no risk implications arising from this report.

5.4 Ensuring Equalities

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

5.5 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