

## **Election of Deputy Provost**

**Report by Kevin Anderson, Executive Director, Place**

### **Report for Decision**

#### **1 Recommendation**

The Council is invited to elect the Deputy Provost.

#### **2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary**

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

**Date:** 6 May 2022

**Report Contact:** Kevin Anderson

**Email:** [kevin.anderson@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:kevin.anderson@midlothian.gov.uk)

### **3 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 Deputy Convener.

Whilst the title of this office was known as Deputy 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 Deputy Provost.

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

### **4 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 (Resource, Digital and Risk)**

### **4.1 Resource**

Please refer to the separate report on the Scheme of Councillors' Remuneration which will be considered during the Statutory Meeting of the Council on 24 May 2022.

### **4.2 Digital**

There are no digital implications related to this report.

### **4.3 Risk**

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

#### **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