

Appointments to Committees/Representation on Outside Bodies

Report by Director, Resources

1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek nominations from the Council to fill various vacancies that have arisen.

2 Background

2.1 Councillor Pauline Winchester has written to advise of her intention to step down from membership of the undernoted Committees/Outside Bodies, with immediate effect:-

- Business Transformation Steering Group (BTSG)
- Lothian Joint Valuation Board
- Association of Public Sector Excellence (APSE)
- South East Scotland Strategic Development Planning Authority (SESplan)
- Community Safety and Justice Partnership Board

2.2 In considering the filling of the above vacancies the Council attention 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. This Standing Order (11.3 (iii)) will not apply when block proposals are put forward to facilitate Council business.”

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.”

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 invited to:-

- (a) note Councillor Winchester's intention to step down from membership of the aforementioned Committees/Outside Bodies; and
- (b) appoint replacement representatives to serve on the various Committee/Outside Bodies.

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