

## **Appointment to South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee**

### **Report by Kenneth Lawrie, Chief Executive**

#### **1 Purpose of Report**

This report invites the Council to confirm Midlothian Council's representation on the South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee by filling the outstanding Elected Member vacancy.

#### **2 Background**

##### **2.1 Joint Committee**

The South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee comprises 12 Councillors, these being two from each of the six constituent Councils (City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Fife, Midlothian, Scottish Borders and West Lothian).

The Joint Committee is responsible for the Strategic Development Plan for South East Scotland (SESplan). There will shortly be some major decisions for the Joint Committee to make and therefore it is important that the views of Midlothian Council are adequately represented.

There is currently a vacancy for an Elected Member from Midlothian Council to sit on the Joint Committee. The other position in relation to Midlothian Council's representation is currently held by Councillor Bryant.

Given the urgency in relation to filling this position, the Council is requested to confirm who will fill the vacancy on the South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee.

### **3 Report Implications**

#### **3.1 Resource**

There are no Resource implications as a result of the recommendation contained within this report.

#### **3.2 Risk**

This report invites the Council to appoint a representative to the South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee. Failing to fill the vacancy could result in Midlothian Council's views not being adequately represented on this body.

#### **3.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation**

Themes addressed in this report:

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- ☒ None of the above

#### **3.4 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan**

Not applicable.

#### **3.5 Impact on Performance and Outcomes**

There is no impact on Performance Outcomes as a consequence of the recommendation contained within this report.

#### **3.6 Adopting a Preventative Approach**

Not applicable.

#### **3.7 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders**

There are no Community or Other Stakeholder considerations as a consequence of the recommendation contained within this report.

### **3.8 Ensuring Equalities**

There are no Equalities issues as a consequence of the recommendation contained within this report.

### **3.9 Supporting Sustainable Development**

There are no Sustainable Development issues as a consequence of this report.

### **3.10 IT Issues**

There are no direct IT issues as a result of the recommendation in this report.

## **4 Recommendations**

Council is recommended to;

- (a) Confirm the representation on the South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee to fill the vacancy that currently exists.

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