

Appointment of Representatives to Joint Committees, Joint Boards and Outside Bodies**Report by John Blair, Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

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

2 Appointments Required

Appendix 1 is a list of the Outside Bodies, Joint Committees and other partnership working that requires Elected Member representation from Midlothian Council. The number of required representatives is indicated within Appendix 1.

Members are invited to consider their appointments to the bodies listed in Appendix 1.

The attention of the Council is however drawn to the following matters:-

3 Block Proposals

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. 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.”

4 Report Implications

4.1 Resource Implications

Please refer to the separate report on the Scheme of Councillors' Remuneration which will be considered at the Statutory Meeting of the Council on 23 May 2017.

4.2 Risk Implications

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.

4.3 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 has not been required in connection with this report.

Sustainability

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

5 Recommendations

The Council is invited to:-

- (a) consider the appointment of representatives to serve on the various Joint Committees and Outside Bodies etc shown at **Appendix 1**;

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