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REPORT TO: East Lothian Council (under summer recess arrangements
- S43 Standing Orders)

MEETING DATE:

BY: Executive Director (Support Services)

SUBJECT: Common Good Committees

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To amend the Scheme of Administration adopted by East Lothian Council on 28th August 2007 that established the Common Good Committees.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council approves the change to the Scheme of Administration detailed at 3.3 to ensure that appointment of Councillors to the four Common Goods Committees is made by virtue of their election as councillors for the appropriate wards rather than as named individuals.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 28th August 2007 the Council decided to establish four Common Goods Committees for Dunbar, Haddington, Musselburgh and North Berwick. Each of these Committees has the delegated authority to award grants of up to £10,000 to support events projects or facilities that are openly available to the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good related or to support a club or a group that provides a benefit to the community of that area as a whole.
- 3.2 All the Councillors who represented the wards of Dunbar and East Linton, Haddington and Lammermuir, Musselburgh West, Musselburgh East and Carberry and North Berwick Coastal were individually named as members of each Committee. Many of those named Councillors are now no longer members of East Lothian Council. It is considered appropriate that membership of these committees should now be linked to those who have been elected as Councillors for the particular wards rather than to named individuals. A change to the scheme of administration is therefore necessary.

- 3.3 The four Common Good Committees will therefore comprise
- Dunbar** – All Councillors representing Dunbar and East Linton Ward
- Haddington** – All Councillors representing Haddington and Lammermuir Ward
- Musselburgh** – All Councillors representing Musselburgh West Ward and Musselburgh East and Carberry Ward
- North Berwick** - All Councillors representing North Berwick Coastal Ward

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – None
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Report by the Acting Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Finance dated 17 August 2007
- 7.2 Minutes of the meeting of East Lothian Council on 28 August 2007

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