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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

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BY: Executive Director (Support Services)

SUBJECT: Musselburgh Corporation Golf Medal

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Council of proposed adjustments to the playing arrangements at the annual Musselburgh Corporation Golf Medal competition.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the proposal to adjust the invitation list for those competing in the Musselburgh Corporation Golf Medal.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In 1892, the Musselburgh Corporation Golf Medal was established as a competition and was played for by the Magistrates and Officers of the Royal Burgh of Musselburgh. The competition took place annually on the day of the election of Magistrates and Committees after the annual election of Councillors. The Medal has since been played for by local Elected Members and Officials of successor Councils – East Lothian District Council from 1975 and East Lothian Council from 1996. The competition has been consistently played over the years, with only two interruptions during the First and Second World Wars.
- 3.2 The competition format involves invitations being sent to all East Lothian Councillors and Chief Officials. In addition, a number of guests are invited to participate (Community Planning partner organisations, Monktonhall Golf Club, Musselburgh Golf Club, Royal Musselburgh Golf Club, Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, neighbouring Councils, East Lothian MP and MSPs, Scottish Government and the Lord Lieutenant).
- 3.3 The competition was first established at the Old Course, Musselburgh, for a number of years. It was then played on a rotational basis around a number of courses, but has been established now for many years at Monktonhall Golf Course. The event usually takes place on the fourth Thursday in September and players compete for the Musselburgh Medal which was crafted by Messrs Robertson & Sons, Jewellers, Edinburgh, for the price of five pounds and five shillings in 1892.

- 3.4 Competing for the Medal is restricted to local Elected Members or Chief Officials of East Lothian Council. This format has worked successfully for many years. Invited guests cannot compete for the Medal but compete for a guest prize. However, most recently, the number of playing Elected Members and Chief Officials has decreased. As a consequence, there is now not appropriate competition available for individuals who are competing for the Musselburgh Medal prize.
- 3.5 Furthermore, as a consequence of the reconfiguration of the Council's Senior Management Team and the reduction in the number of Chief Officers, it is now considered appropriate to review the playing entitlement and to remedy the low number of playing Council Officials and Officers. It is, therefore, proposed to extend the invitation list to the next tier below that of Chief Official, who shall be invited by the Council's Chief Executive to participate in the Musselburgh Corporation Golf Medal.
- 3.6 It is proposed that the compilation of the invitation list be remitted to the Chief Executive and Executive Director (Support Services) and that this will likely comprise of up to 12 individuals occupying a senior management position and/or supporting the development of sport, tourism, the economy and business development throughout East Lothian.
- 3.7 The Minute Book of the Musselburgh Corporation Golf Medal will have the adjusted arrangements for competing Officials and Officers of East Lothian Council recorded in it for the 2012 event.
- 3.8 This competition is an important event in the history of Musselburgh and its Old Burgh Council. The changes proposed will ensure the continuation of the annual gathering.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 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 None

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