

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 18 December 2012

BY: Executive Director (Support Services)

SUBJECT: Membership of Committees and Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Council approval to alter the membership of the Joint Consultative Committee.
- 1.2 To seek Council approval of a number of additional nominations to the list of Elected Member appointments of representatives to outside bodies.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council approves the proposed amendment to the membership of the Joint Consultative Committee, as outlined in Section 3.1 of the report.
- 2.2 That the Council:
 - Approves the nomination of Councillor Hampshire to represent the Council on the CoSLA Convention, replacing Provost Broun-Lindsay;
 - Approves the nomination of Councillor Libberton to represent the Council on the Preston/Seton/Gosford Twinning Association;
 - Approves the nomination of Councillor Akhtar to represent the Council on the Children's Hearings Scotland East Lothian Area Support Team;
 - Nominates one Councillor to represent the Council on the East Lothian Educational Trust, replacing Councillor McMillan.
- 2.2.1 Nominates one Councillor to represent the Council on the Scottish Seabird Centre Trust, replacing Councillor Goodfellow, who was appointed to represent the Council at its meeting of 23 October 2012. Members are asked to note that the approval of two-thirds of Members present is required to rescind the decision of Council on 23 October.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting of 15 May 2012, the Council determined the membership of the Council and its committees. At that meeting, the Council approved the appointment of 9 Elected Members to the Joint Consultative Committee (JCC). However, it transpires that the JCC constitution states that the Council may only appoint 8 Elected Members. In light of this information, the Administration has advised that Councillor McNeil will resign his position on the JCC with immediate effect.
- 3.2 At its meetings of 15 May 2012 and 23 October 2012, the Council proposed and approved Elected Member nominations to a number of outside bodies. Since those meetings, requests have been received from a number of other outside bodies seeking Council representation, and, for various reasons, changes are required to a number of those nominations already approved.
- 3.3 Members are asked to nominate Council representatives as outlined below:
- CoSLA Convention – due to other commitments, the Provost has indicated that he wishes to resign his place on CoSLA Convention. The Administration has nominated Councillor Hampshire to replace the Provost.
 - Preston/Seton/Gosford Twinning Association has contacted the Council seeking Elected Member representation. The Administration is proposing Councillor Libberton as the Council's representative.
 - Children's Hearings Scotland has contacted the Council seeking Elected Member representation on the Children's Hearings Scotland East Lothian Area Support Team, which is being established in accordance with the Children's Hearings Act 2011. The Administration is proposing Councillor Akhtar as the Council's representative.
 - It has come to light that Councillor McMillan is not eligible to represent the Council on the East Lothian Education Trust, as he is not currently a member of the Education Committee. Councillor McMillan has therefore resigned from the Trust, and the Council is now requested to appoint an alternative representative, who is a member of the Education Committee.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 23 October 2012, the Council approved the nomination of Councillor Goodfellow as a Council representative on the Scottish Seabird Centre Trust (SSCT). However, it was subsequently determined that Councillor Goodfellow would not be eligible to continue to be a Member of the East Lothian Licensing Board if he took up his position on the SSCT. Councillor Goodfellow has therefore relinquished his position on the SSCT, and an alternative nomination is now sought.
- 3.3 Members are asked to note that the updated list of Elected Member representation on outside bodies will be published on the Council's website.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

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 – There may be expenses incurred in relation to allowances and other expenses Council appointees attending meetings of such Bodies, but these will be similar to expense for such purposes incurred in the past and will be met from the appropriate budgets.

6.2 Personnel – none.

6.3 Other – none.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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