

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 26 February 2013

BY: Executive Director (Support Services)

SUBJECT: Amendment to Cabinet Portfolios and Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Council approval to amend Cabinet portfolios and to appoint an additional nomination to the list of Elected Member appointments to outside bodies.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council:
- Approves that the Cabinet responsibility for Housing transfers from Councillor Willie Innes to Councillor Norman Hampshire and that accordingly, Councillor W Innes, Leader of the Council, becomes Cabinet Spokesperson for Community Planning and Councillor Hampshire becomes Cabinet Spokesperson for Housing and Environment.
 - Approves the appointment of Councillor Jim Goodfellow to the Lothian Pension Fund Consultative Panel.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 15 May 2012, the Council approved the Cabinet portfolios and their relative spokespersons. Councillor Innes was appointed as the Cabinet Spokesperson for Housing and Community Planning, and Councillor Hampshire as the Cabinet Spokesperson for Environment. The Administration is now proposing an amendment to the portfolios, as follows:

Cabinet Spokesperson for Community Planning – Councillor Innes

Cabinet Spokesperson for Housing and Environment – Councillor Hampshire

All other Cabinet portfolios remain unchanged.

- 3.2 A request has recently been made to appoint an Elected Member to represent the Council on the Lothian Pension Fund Consultative Panel. The Administration wishes to nominate Councillor Goodfellow to represent the Council on this body.

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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