

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 23 June 2015

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Summer Recess Arrangements 2015

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Members of the arrangements for dealing with Council business during the summer recess 2015.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Council is requested to:

- 2.1 Approve the application of the recess business arrangements, in accordance with Standing Order 15.5, effective from the close of this meeting until the Council meeting of 25 August 2015 (outlined at Section 3.1); and
- 2.2 Note that a summary of business carried out during the recess period will be brought to the Council meeting of 25 August 2015, and that copies of all reports approved during the recess period will be lodged in the Members' Library.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Rule 15.5 of the Council's Standing Orders states that:

Between the last scheduled Council meeting prior to the summer/election recess and the first meeting following the summer/election recess, a minimum of two of the Provost, Depute Provost, Leader, Depute Leader, together with the Convener/Depute Convener of the appropriate committee, will deal in their discretion with the urgent business of the Council presented to them for consideration by the Chief Executive, or officers authorised by him/her to act on his/her behalf.

For the avoidance of doubt, matters that require approval of two-thirds of Councillors cannot be dealt with under this Standing Order.

- 3.2 It is advised that reports outlining the business that has occurred over the recess period and that have required the application of Rule 15.5 should then be brought to the Council meeting of 25 August 2015 for noting.
- 3.3 Business dealt with under delegated powers and submitted to the Members' Library will continue to be processed using the normal procedures.

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 – None
- 6.2 Personnel – None
- 6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 East Lothian Council's Standing Orders

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