

**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Council

**MEETING DATE:** 27 October 2015

**BY:** Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

**SUBJECT:** Membership of Committees and Appointments to Outside Bodies

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To seek approval of proposed changes to the membership of committees and representation on outside bodies.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Council is asked:

- 2.1 to approve the changes to committee membership, as proposed by the Opposition, as outlined in 3.1 of the report;
- 2.2 to note that Councillor John Caldwell will be the Independent Member on the Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee; and
- 2.3 to approve the nomination of Councillor Jim Gillies to represent the Council on the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust, replacing Councillor Norman Hampshire.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Leader of the Opposition has intimated that he wishes to make changes to his Group's membership of Council committees. His proposed changes are as follows:

Joint Consultative Committee: Councillor F McAllister to replace Councillor S Brown

Licensing Sub-Committee: Councillor S Currie to replace Councillor F McAllister.

- 3.2 At its meeting on 25 August, the Council approved the membership of the new Police, Fire and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee. The appointment of an Independent Member was not confirmed at that meeting, pending discussion between Councillors Berry and Caldwell. That discussion has now taken place and Members are asked to note that Councillor Caldwell will be the Independent Member on the Committee.
- 3.3 Councillor Hampshire is currently the Council's appointed representative of the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust. Due to other Council commitments, he wishes to relinquish his position on this body. The Administration is nominating Councillor Gillies as his replacement.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the wellbeing 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 to Council on 25 August 2015 – Arrangements for Scrutiny of Police and Fire & Rescue Services

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