

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 28 June 2016

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Membership of Committees – Policy & Performance Review Committee

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek approval of proposed changes to the membership of the Policy & Performance Review Committee (PPRC).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Council is asked:
- to approve a proposed change to the membership of the Policy & Performance Review Committee, with an SNP Councillor being nominated to replace Councillor Caldwell; and
 - to note that, in accordance with Standing Orders, the above change reflects the political balance of the Council.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 15 May 2012 the Council approved the membership of its committees. In accordance with Standing Orders, the membership of the Policy & Performance Review Committee was determined so as to reflect the political balance of the Council (5 SNP, 2 Labour and 1 Conservative/Independent). The PPRC subsequently appointed Councillor Berry (then SNP) as Convener of the Committee.
- 3.2 In May 2013 Councillor Berry resigned from the SNP and became an independent nationalist councillor. As a result of this change, the PPRC now comprised 4 SNP, 2 Labour and 2 Independent councillors. The membership of the PPRC has not undergone any further changes since May 2013, and Councillor Berry has remained as Convener.

- 3.3 It has recently been brought to the attention of the Head of Council Resources that in order to comply with Standing Orders, the membership of the PPRC should be amended to reflect the political balance of the Council, namely that there should be one additional SNP member appointed to the Committee, and one of the Independent members should stand down.
- 3.4 Following discussions with both Independent members of the Committee, Council is asked to note that Councillor Caldwell has agreed to give up his position on the Committee. The SNP Group will nominate an additional member for the PPRC at the Council meeting.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – none
- 6.2 Personnel – none
- 6.3 Other – none

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders – Appendix 1: Scheme of Administration, Policy & Performance Review Committee
- 7.2 Report to Council, 15 May 2012 – Appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees of the Council

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