

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 27 June 2017

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Appointments to Committees, etc. and Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies – Follow-up Report

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request the Council to approve further appointments to the Council's committees, sub-committees, associated committees and partnerships, and to approve the appointment of representatives to outside bodies.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- 2.1 approves the appointments of Conveners/Depute Conveners of the Education and Planning Committees and the Licensing Sub-Committee, as set out in Section 3.2 of the report; and
- 2.2 approves the appointment of representatives to outside bodies, as set out in Section 3.3 of the report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 23 May 2017 the Council approved appointments to the Council's committees, sub-committees, associated committees and partnerships. At that meeting the Leader of the SNP Group, Councillor Currie, indicated that he would like more time to consider nominations from his group to a number of those committees, as set out below:

Audit & Governance Committee – [3 SNP]

Policy & Performance Review Committee – [3 SNP]

Licensing Sub-Committee – [2 SNP]

Joint Consultative Committee – [1 SNP]

Resilient People Partnership – [1 SNP]

Safe and Vibrant Communities Partnership – [1 SNP]

Sustainable Economies Partnership – [1 SNP]

Councillor Currie has now confirmed that he will not be making any further nominations at this meeting. It should be noted that, as regards the Audit & Governance Committee and Policy & Performance Review Committee, in appointing to these committees the Council shall seek to achieve political balance. As it stands, only five of the eight places of these committees have been filled, with four Conservative Members and one Labour Member on each (the quorum for both committees is five).

- 3.2 In addition to those nominations listed in 3.1 above, the Council is asked to approve convenerships/depute convenerships as follows:

Education Committee (Depute Convener) – Councillor Dugdale

Planning Committee (Depute Convener) – Councillor McMillan

Licensing Sub-Committee – Councillor McGinn (Convener) and Councillor McMillan (Depute Convener)

- 3.3 At the same meeting, the Council proposed and approved Elected Member nominations to a number of outside bodies. Since that meeting, requests have been received from the Coastal Communities Museum Trust and from the Scottish National War Memorial (via CoSLA) seeking Elected Member representation, and from SESTRAN, seeking a named substitute. In addition to these requests, Councillor Currie was asked to nominate two SNP Councillors to represent the Council on the East Lothian Education Trust. However, he has indicated that he will not be making any nominations at this meeting.

Members are therefore asked to approve the following nominations:

Coastal Communities Museum Trust – Councillor Goodfellow

Scottish National War Memorial (nomination to be submitted to CoSLA) and Armed Forces Champion – Councillor Goodfellow

SESTRAN (named substitute) – Councillor Innes

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's Standing Orders

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