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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE:

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Partnerships and Community Services)

SUBJECT: The East Lothian County Flag

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise and provide update on the process for and the development of the new East Lothian County Flag.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Council is asked to note the progress made to date and to support final arrangements to establish and promote a new County Flag for East Lothian.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Following an initial suggestion made by the Scottish Flag Trust in 2017 recognising the advantages of other areas adopting their own flag, a petition was submitted to the Lord Lyon on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant in September 2017. With support from the Provost, a public competition was launched in November 2017 to design the new flag with more than 600 entries received.
- 3.2 A process of sifting and shortlisting then followed involving input and guidance from a range of advisers including the Lord Lyon, the Lord Lieutenant, Provost, Group Leaders, Chief Executive, the Honorary Vexillologist at the Court of the Lord Lyon, and the local press. The final four shortlisted entries were then refined, widely promoted and put to a public vote generating more than 1500 votes cast – according to the Lord Lyon, the highest number of votes cast for a competition of this kind.
- 3.3 A clear winner has now been identified and due process is now being followed to formally secure a warrant from the Lord Lyon to enable the flag to be produced and launched.

3.4 A suitable launch event with will be arranged for late November or early-mid December as diaries allow.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct policy implications arising out of this report.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 The recommendation made in this report does not directly affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – these include specially-produced flags and launch expenditure and can be contained within existing budgets

6.2 Personnel - none

6.3 Other - none

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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