

**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Council

**MEETING DATE:** 23 February 2021

**BY:** Executive Director for Council Resources

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to Committees, Partnerships and Outside Bodies

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## **1 PURPOSE**

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

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Council approves the following appointments to committees, as proposed by the Administration, to take immediate effect:

- Cabinet: Spokesperson for Health and Social Care – Councillor Akhtar
- Cabinet: Spokesperson for Education and Children’s Services – Councillor Dugdale
- Audit and Governance Committee – Councillor Forrest
- Education Committee Convener – Councillor Dugdale
- Education Committee Depute Convener – Councillor Goodfellow
- Planning Committee – Councillor Forrest

- 2.2 That Council approves the following appointments to boards/partnerships, to take immediate effect:

- East Lothian Licensing Board Convener – Councillor McMillan
- East Lothian Integration Joint Board Convener (until 31 March 2021) – Councillor Akhtar
- East Lothian Integration Joint Board (renewal of term of office) – Councillors Akhtar, Kempson and O’Donnell

- 2.3 That Council approves the following appointments to outside bodies, as proposed by the Administration, to take immediate effect:

- NHS Lothian – Councillor Akhtar
- CoSLA Board: Health and Social Care – Councillor Akhtar
- CoSLA Board: Children and Young People – Councillor Dugdale

- Children’s Hearings Scotland: East Lothian Area Support Team – Councillor Dugdale

### **3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Administration is proposing a number of changes to its membership of Council committees, as set out below:

- Cabinet: Health and Social Care Spokesperson – Councillor Akhtar (replacing Councillor O’Donnell)
- Cabinet: Education and Children’s Services Spokesperson – Councillor Dugdale (replacing Councillor Akhtar)
- Audit and Governance Committee – Councillor Forrest (replacing Councillor Dugdale)
- Education Committee – Councillor Dugdale to be appointed as Convener (replacing Councillor Akhtar)
- Education Committee – Councillor Goodfellow to be appointed as Depute Convener (replacing Councillor Dugdale)
- Planning Committee – Councillor Forrest (replacing Councillor O’Donnell)

3.2 The Administration is also proposing that Councillor McMillan replaces Councillor Dugdale as Convener of the East Lothian Licensing Board. As the new Cabinet Spokesperson for Health and Social Care, it is proposed that Councillor Akhtar replaces Councillor O’Donnell as Chair of the East Lothian Integration Joint Board until 31 March 2021, when a new Chair will be appointed by NHS Lothian for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023.

3.3 In accordance with the East Lothian Integration Joint Board’s Integration Scheme, the Council is required to renew the term of office for Council-appointed Members every three years. The Council is therefore asked to approve the renewal of the terms of office for Councillors Akhtar, Kempson and O’Donnell (Councillor Gilbert’s term of office does not require renewal at this time).

3.4 The Administration also proposes to make the following appointments to outside bodies:

- NHS Lothian – Councillor Akhtar (replacing Councillor O’Donnell)
- CoSLA Board: Health and Social Care – Councillor Akhtar (replacing Councillor O’Donnell)
- CoSLA Board: Education and Young People – Councillor Dugdale (replacing Councillor Akhtar)
- Children’s Hearings Scotland Area Support Team – Councillor Dugdale (replacing Councillor Akhtar)

### **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 – Councillor Dugdale will be designated Senior Councillor status in her new role as Cabinet Spokesperson for Education and Children’s Services, and in relinquishing her Cabinet role, Councillor O’Donnell will be designated Ordinary Councillor status. The Head of Finance has confirmed that there are no budget implications arising from this change.
- 6.2 Personnel – none
- 6.3 Other – none

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders

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