

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 16 November 2021

BY: Executive Director for Council Resources

SUBJECT: Appointment of Leader and Depute Leader of the Council, and Appointments to Committees, etc., the East Lothian Licensing Board and Outside Bodies

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To appoint the Leader and Depute Leader of the Council and to seek approval of proposed changes to the Council's appointments to committees, sub-committees, associated committees, East Lothian Licensing Board, and outside bodies.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Council approves the appointments set out below:
- the appointment of Councillor Hampshire as Leader of the Council
 - the appointment of Councillor Akhtar as Depute Leader of the Council
 - the following appointments to committees, sub-committees and associated committees:
 - Education Committee – Councillor O'Donnell
 - Petitions and Community Empowerment Review Committee – Councillor Hampshire (as Labour Group Leader)
 - Planning Committee – Councillor O'Donnell
 - Employee Appeals Sub-Committee – the new Leader of the Council
 - Joint Consultative Committee – Councillor Hampshire

- the renewal of the term of office of Councillor Gilbert on the East Lothian Integration Joint Board
- the appointment of Councillor O'Donnell (and two SNP councillors, should the SNP Group wish to fill their allocated positions) to the East Lothian Licensing Board (noting that all Licensing Board members are required to undertake compulsory training prior to taking their seat on the Board)
- the following nominations to represent the Council on outside bodies:
 - CoSLA Convention – the new Leader of the Council
 - CoSLA Leaders' Meeting – the new Leader of the Council
 - CoSLA Board: Environment and Economy – Councillor McMillan (replacing Councillor Hampshire)
 - East Lothian Investments Ltd – Councillor Hampshire (noting that this appointment requires the approval of the non-councillor directors on the Board)
 - East Lothian Land Ltd – Councillor Hampshire
 - Pennypit Community Development Trust – Councillor O'Donnell
 - Scotland Excel (named substitute) – Councillor Hampshire
 - SESTRAN – Councillor McMillan and Councillor Bruce (with Councillor Hampshire as named substitute)

2.2 That Council approves the allocation of special responsibility allowances resulting from the above-mentioned changes (as set out in Appendix 1), with immediate effect.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 As a result of the death of Councillor Innes, the Council is required to appoint a new Leader of the Council. The Administration wishes to nominate Councillor Hampshire for this position. The Administration also wishes to appoint a Depute Leader of the Council, and Councillor Akhtar is being proposed for this role.

3.2 In addition, a number of Labour Group vacancies now exist on various committees, sub-committees and associated committees, and the Administration wishes to make appointments to these as follows:

- Education Committee – Councillor O'Donnell
- Petitions and Community Empowerment Review Committee – Councillor Hampshire (as Labour Group Leader)
- Planning Committee – Councillor O'Donnell

- Employee Appeals Sub-Committee – the new Leader of the Council
 - Joint Consultative Committee – Councillor Hampshire
- 3.3 Council is asked to note the changes to two of the Cabinet portfolios: Councillor Hampshire will be the Cabinet Spokesperson for Community Planning and Environment; and Economic Development and Tourism will become Economic Development and Transportation – Councillor McMillan will be the Cabinet spokesperson for this portfolio.
- 3.4 A Labour Group position also now exists on the Licensing Board. The councillor appointed to the Licensing Board will be required to undertake compulsory training and pass an examination before taking their seat on the Board. The Administration wishes to appoint Councillor O'Donnell to the Licensing Board. The SNP Group may also wish to appoint to their two vacant positions on the Licensing Board.
- 3.5 Councillor Gilbert's term of office on the East Lothian Integration Board requires to be renewed, in accordance with the IJB Scheme of Integration. This requires approval of both the Council and the IJB.
- 3.6 A number of changes to the Council's representation on outside bodies is also proposed, as set out below:
- CoSLA Convention – the new Leader of the Council
 - CoSLA Leaders' Meeting – the new Leader of the Council
 - CoSLA Board: Environment and Economy – Councillor McMillan
 - East Lothian Investments Ltd – Councillor Hampshire (noting that this appointment requires the approval of the non-councillor directors on the Board)
 - East Lothian Land Ltd – Councillor Hampshire
 - Pennypit Community Development Trust – Councillor O'Donnell
 - Scotland Excel (named substitute) – Councillor Hampshire
 - SESTRAN – Councillor McMillan and Councillor Bruce (the latter replacing Councillor Hoy, who has indicated that he wishes to relinquish his role on this body) (with Councillor Hampshire as named substitute)

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 – the proposed changes meet the requirements of the remuneration regulations in terms of the number of councillors receiving special responsibility allowances (as set out in the table attached at Appendix 1, which reflects the full-year figures – the timing of the appointments will alter the actual costs incurred during the current year).

There will be a cost associated with the training of the new Licensing Board member. This can be met within the existing budget.

- 6.2 Personnel – none

- 6.3 Other – none

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders

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Proposed Councillors' Salary Structure

APPENDIX 1

Post	Regulatory Structure			Proposed Salary	Complies with Regulations?
	Role under Regulations	Salary Fixed by Regulation	Maximum Salary Allowed		
Council Leader (Cabinet Spokesperson for Community Planning & Environment)	Leader of the Council	31,010		31,010	✓
Provost (Cabinet Spokesperson for Economic Development & Transportation)	Civic Head	23,257		23,257	✓
Depute Leader (Cabinet Spokesperson for Health & Social Care)	Senior Councillor		23,257	23,257	✓
Cabinet Spokesperson for Education & Children's Services	Senior Councillor		23,257	23,257	✓
Cabinet Spokesperson for Housing and Community Well-Being	Senior Councillor		23,257	23,257	✓
Depute Provost	Senior Councillor		23,257	23,257	✓
Opposition Leader	Senior Councillor		23,257	23,257	✓
Councillor	Councillor	18,604		18,604	✓
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		314,723	116,285	431,008	

Total expenditure on Senior Councillors

116,285

The number of Senior Councillors is 9 or less?

No Senior Councillor is paid more than 75% of Leader of Council?

The total salary cost for Senior Councillors is not more than the regulatory limit of £188,376

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