

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 24 May 2022

BY: Executive Director for Council Resources

SUBJECT: Appointments to Committees, Sub-Committees, Associated Committees and Partnerships

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request the Council to appoint the membership of the Council's committees, sub-committees, associated committees and partnerships.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council approves the proposed appointments to the Council's committees, sub-committees, associated committees and partnerships, and Conveners thereof, as shown in Appendix 1 to the report, and as nominated at the meeting where appointments have not been finalised in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 That the Council approves the proposal to appoint Depute Cabinet Spokespersons per section 3.5.
- 2.3 That Council approves that officers prepare an amendment to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration to create a call-in procedure where items on the agenda for Cabinet can, on the request of a number of Members, be called in and placed on the agenda for the next meeting of East Lothian Council, bringing back a report on this matter to the Council meeting on 28 June 2022.
- 2.4 That Council approves that officers prepare an amendment to the Council's Standing Orders and Scheme of Administration to incorporate the remit for sub-committees/forums as set out in section 3.6.
- 2.5 That Council notes that it is proposed that Education Committee and Planning Committee membership is reduced from 12 Members to 10 Members, per section 3.7.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Following the election on 5 May 2022, membership of the Council's committees, sub-committees, associated committees and partnerships, and the Conveners thereof is proposed, as shown in Appendix 1, has been proposed by the Administration.
- 3.2 The decision on such membership is one to be taken by the Council in accordance with Standing Order 1.2.
- 3.3 Members are reminded that the membership of the Audit & Governance Committee and the Policy & Performance Review Committee should be drawn from non-Cabinet Members.
- 3.4 Members are asked to note that, traditionally, the conveners of the Planning Committee and the Education Committee have held those respective portfolios within the Cabinet (i.e. the Cabinet spokespersons for Planning/Environment and Education & Children's Services).
- 3.5 It is proposed that Depute Cabinet Spokespersons be appointed as follows:
- **Deputy Spokesperson for Environment, Economic Development & Tourism** - Councillor R Bennett
 - **Deputy Spokesperson for Education and Children and Family Services** - Councillor C Yorkston
 - **Deputy Spokesperson of Health and Social Care** - Councillor C McFarlane
 - **Depute Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing and Sport Countryside & Leisure** - Councillor B Ritchie

Depute Spokespersons will not have a place on Cabinet and it should be noted that the Scheme of Administration within Standing Orders does not permit substitutes.

- 3.6 It has been proposed that a number of sub-committees/forums be established to focus on Budget Development and, Sustainability and Climate Change. The scope, remit and powers of these groups will be considered in detail and brought back to a future meeting of Council.
- 3.7 It is proposed that the membership of the Education and the Planning committees is reduced from 12 to 10 to reflect the Elected Members' increasing workloads.
- 3.8 Any future proposed changes to the membership of committees, etc. will be reported to Council as required.

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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**EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL
MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES,
ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES AND PARTNERSHIPS, 2022–2027**

COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

CABINET (6)

Convener
(and Cabinet Spokesperson for Planning)
Depute Convener
(and Cabinet Spokesperson for Health & Social Care)

Councillor Hampshire

Councillor Akhtar

Cabinet Spokesperson for

Education & Children's and Family Services
Housing and Property Maintenance
Community Wellbeing and Sport, Countryside & Leisure
Environment, Economic Development & Tourism

Councillor Dugdale

Councillor Forrest

Councillor McGinn

Councillor McMillan

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (8)

Convener
Depute Convener

tbc (from the 8 members)

tbc (from the 8 members)

Members

Councillor Bruce

Councillor Jardine

Councillor Menzies

Councillor McGuire

Councillor McLeod

Councillor McFarlane

Councillor Ritchie

Councillor Trotter

COMMON GOOD COMMITTEES

Dunbar (3)

Convener

To be appointed at first meeting

Members

Councillor Collins

Councillor Hampshire

Councillor Jardine

Haddington (4)

Convener

To be appointed at first meeting

Members

Councillor Akhtar
Councillor McMillan
Councillor McGuire
Councillor Trotter

Musselburgh (4)

Convener

To be appointed at first meeting

Members

Councillor Bennett
Councillor Cassini
Councillor Forrest
Councillor McIntosh

North Berwick (3)

Convener

To be appointed at first meeting

Members

Councillor Allan
Councillor Findlay
Councillor McFarlane

EDUCATION COMMITTEE (10 + 4 external)

Convener

Councillor Dugdale

Depute Convener

Councillor Yorkston

Council Members

Councillor Bruce
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Hampshire
Councillor McFarlane
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor SNP
Councillor SNP
Councillor SNP

External Members (4)

Ms G Gillan (EIS)
Mr R Lesso
Ms E Malcolm
Rev G Sheridan

PETITIONS AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (4)

Convener
Members

Provost
Labour Group Leader
SNP Group Leader
Conservative Group Leader

PLANNING COMMITTEE (10)

Convener
Depute Convener

Councillor Hampshire
Councillor McMillan

Members

Councillor Collins
Councillor Forrest
Councillor Findlay
Councillor McGinn
Councillor Yorkston
Councillor SNP
Councillor SNP
Councillor SNP

POLICE, FIRE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8)

Convener
Depute Convener

Councillor Hampshire
Councillor McMillan

Members

Councillor Akhtar
Councillor Allan
Councillor McGinn
Councillor McGuire
Councillor Menzies
Councillor Trotter

POLICY AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE (8)

Convener
Depute Convener

tbc (from the 8 Members)
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Members

Councillor Bennett
Councillor Collins
Councillor Findlay
Councillor Gilbert
Councillor Jardine
Councillor McIntosh
Councillor Menzies
Councillor Yorkston

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE (6)

Convener	Councillor McGinn
Depute Convener	Councillor McMillan
Members	Councillor Cassini Councillor Findlay Councillor McFarlane Councillor Trotter

EMPLOYEE APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE (4 + 1)

Convener	Council Leader
Depute Convener	Provost
Members	Depute Provost Leader of the Opposition + Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (8 + 14)

Convener <i>(Council side 2022/23)</i>	Councillor Hampshire
Depute Convener <i>(Trade Union side 2022/23)</i>	Ms Gael Gillan (EIS)
Council Members	Councillor Akhtar Councillor Bruce Councillor Cassini Councillor Dugdale Councillor Menzies Councillor McMillan Councillor Trotter
Trade Union Members (14)	Russell Barnes (Unison) David Bourhill (Unison) Joyce Dunlop (Unison) Michael Dunlop (Unison) Lee McPherson (Unison) Julie Stewart (Unison) Pete Stewart (Unison) Unite x 2 (tbc) Allan Sneddon (GMB) EIS x 3 (tbc) NASUWT/SSTA x 1 (tbc)

PARTNERSHIPS

IJB (4 + 4 external)

Convener
(NHS side 2021/23)

Mr P Murray

Depute Convener
(Council side 2021-23)

Councillor Akhtar

Council Members

Councillor Bruce
Councillor Jardine
Councillor McFarlane

NHS Non-Executive Members (Convener + 3)

Ms F Ireland
Mr A Joyce
Professor M Whyte

COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP

Convener

Ms Judith Tait

Council Member

Councillor McGinn

CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Convener

Ms Judith Tait

Council Member

Councillor Dugdale

20 May 2022