

**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Council

**MEETING DATE:** 31 October 2023

**BY:** Executive Director for Council Resources

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

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To advise Council of the appointment of Councillor George McGuire as leader of the Conservative Group, replacing Councillor Lachlan Bruce, and of the implications of this change for committee and outside body membership.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Council is asked:

- 2.1 to note that Councillor George McGuire has been appointed as Leader of the Conservative Group, replacing Councillor Lachlan Bruce
- 2.2 to approve the appointment of Councillor McGuire to the Petitions and Community Empowerment Review Committee, replacing Councillor Bruce
- 2.3 to approve the appointment of Councillor Jeremy Findlay to the East Lothian Integration Joint Board (IJB) and the IJB Audit & Risk Committee, replacing Councillor Bruce
- 2.4 to approve the appointment of Councillor McGuire to the CoSLA Convention, replacing Councillor Bruce.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Councillor Lachlan Bruce has intimated that he is stepping down from his role as Leader of the Conservative Group with immediate effect, and that Councillor George McGuire has been appointed as Leader of the Group.
- 3.2 As a result of this change of leadership, officers have considered the impact on committee and outside body membership. As the membership of the Petitions and Community Empowerment Review Committee

comprises the Provost and three main Group Leaders, Councillor McGuire will replace Councillor Bruce on this committee.

- 3.3 Councillor Bruce has also intimated that he will be stepping down as a member of the IJB and IJB Audit & Risk Committee, and it is proposed that Councillor Findlay be appointed as his replacement on both.
- 3.4 As agreed at the Council meeting of 24 May 2022, the leaders of the three largest groups would be appointed to the CoSLA Convention. It is therefore proposed that Councillor McGuire replaces Councillor Bruce on this body.

#### **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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