

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL**25 OCTOBER 2017****Report by Deputy Chief Executive****CLYDE AND LOCH LOMOND LOCAL PLAN DISTRICT JOINT COMMITTEE –
APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To consider the appointment of a substitute representative for Councillor Lafferty on the Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District Joint Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Council consider the appointment of a substitute representative for Councillor Lafferty on the Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District Joint Committee.

BACKGROUND

3. In 2012 the Council approved the signing of a Minute of Agreement to be entered into by the local authorities forming the Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Flood Risk Management District to enable the Council to fulfil statutory obligations associated with the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009. One of the requirements of the Minute of Agreement was the establishment of a Joint Committee (the Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District Joint Committee) on which the Council would be represented by 1 Elected Member. At the meeting of the Council on 12 December 2012 it was agreed that the then Environment Convener, Councillor Waters, be appointed as the Council's representative.

4. Following the local elections in May, the newly appointed Environment Convener, Councillor Lafferty, was appointed as the Council's representative on the Joint Committee.

REPORT

5. The Council has been contacted by Glasgow City Council, which acts as Clerk to the Joint Committee, regarding the possibility of the Council appointing a substitute for Councillor Lafferty.

6. It has been explained that the Minute of Agreement requires attendance at the Joint Committee by at least five members representing different councils for the meeting to be quorate. During the Cycle 1 planning phase, there was one scheduled meeting of the Joint Committee where insufficient members attended for the meeting to be quorate resulting in the decisions having to be carried over to the next meeting of the Joint Committee. As the Joint Committee usually only meets every 6 months, this places the delivery of the authorities' statutory responsibilities at risk by failing to agree key milestone outputs.

7. It has been highlighted that if councils have not identified a deputy to attend the Joint Committee when their lead Member is unavailable for any reason, due to the various reasons that impact attendance including illness and other Council business that clashes, it can very quickly become challenging to convene a quorate meeting.

8. The appointment of a substitute representative is permitted in terms of the Minute of Agreement.

9. As the Joint Committee only meets twice a year, any time commitment as a substitute representative for Councillor Lafferty would be minimal.

RECOMMENDATION

10. That the Council consider the appointment of a substitute representative for Councillor Lafferty on the Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District Joint Committee.

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Background papers

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