

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

12 FEBRUARY 2015

Report by Deputy Chief Executive

APPOINTMENTS

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To approve a number of appointments and to confirm a number of appointments that are made by not on a personal basis but by virtue of the position of the postholder.

**REPORT**

2. Members will be aware that Councillor McCaskill has replaced Councillor Wallace as leader of the Conservative Group.

3. Amongst others, Councillor Wallace had been appointed to the following positions:-

- COSLA – Convention
- East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board

4. By convention, these appointments were made by virtue of his position as Leader of the Conservative Group. However looking at the Minutes of the meetings when the appointments were made, there is no reference to this fact. Accordingly the situation is that the appointments need to be considered as personal appointments and it requires Council approval for Councillor Wallace to be replaced on both bodies by Councillor McCaskill.

5. This has highlighted the fact that there are a number of positions to which other Members have also been appointed where the appointment has been by virtue of their position in the Council. These positions are:-

**Councillor Buchanan (Deputy Leader of the Council)**

- Cabinet (Vice Chair)
- Cabinet (Police & Fire)
- COSLA Convention
- East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board
- Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Cabinet (substitute for Leader of the Council)

**Councillor Buchanan (Convener for Infrastructure and Sustainable Growth)**

- COSLA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group
- Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee
- Glasgow Airport Consultative Committee
- Strathclyde Concessionary Travel Scheme Joint Committee
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
- Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority

**Councillor Carmichael (Provost)**

- Civic Hospitality Committee (Chair)

**Councillor Cunningham (Deputy Provost)**

- Civic Hospitality Committee (Vice Chair)

**Councillor Devlin (Convener for Housing and Maintenance Services)**

- Cabinet
- Cabinet (Police & Fire)

**Councillor Fletcher (Leader of the Council)**

- Cabinet (Chair)
- Cabinet (Police & Fire)
- Clyde Valley Community Planning Partnership
- COSLA Convention
- COSLA Resources and Capacity Executive Group
- East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board
- Glasgow and Clyde Valley City Deal Cabinet

**Councillor Grant (Shadow Convener for Community Services and Community Safety)**

- Cabinet (Police & Fire)

**Councillor Green (Convener for Education and Equalities)**

- Cabinet
- Cabinet (Police & Fire)
- COSLA Education, Children and Young People Executive Group
- Education Committee (Chair)

**Councillor Lafferty (Convener for Social Work & Health)**

- Cabinet
- Cabinet (Police & Fire)
- Community Health and Care Partnership Committee (Chair)
- COSLA Health and Well-being Executive Group
- North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority

### **Councillor McAlpine (Convener for Corporate Services)**

- Cabinet
- Cabinet (Police & Fire)
- Clyde Valley Learning and Development Project Joint Committee
- COSLA Strategic Human Resources Management Executive Group
- Strathclyde Pension Fund Representative Forum

### **Councillor McCaskill (Shadow Convener for Infrastructure and Sustainable Development)**

- Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Planning Authority Joint Committee
- Glasgow Airport Consultative Committee (substitute for Convener for Infrastructure and Sustainable Development)

### **Councillor Montague (Convener for Community Services and Community Safety)**

- Cabinet
- Cabinet (Police & Fire)(Chair)
- COSLA Community Wellbeing Executive Group
- East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust
- Eastwood Crime Prevention Panel

### **Councillor O’Kane (Vice Convener for Education and Equalities)**

- Cabinet (substitute for Convener for Education and Equalities)
- Cabinet (Police & Fire) (substitute for Convener for Education and Equalities)
- Education Committee (Vice Chair)

### **Councillor Wallace (former Conservative Group Leader)**

- Cabinet (Police & Fire)
- COSLA Convention
- East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board

### **Councillor Waters (Convener for Environment)**

- Cabinet
- Cabinet (Police & Fire)
- Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District Joint Committee

6. To remove the need for the Council to approve any changes to positions held by Elected Members by virtue of their principal position in the Council, it is recommended that the Council confirm that the positions listed above are held by virtue of the principal post held by the relevant Member. In effect, in the event that an Elected Member no longer holds their principal position, then all other appointments associated with that position will fall and automatically transfer to the new principal postholder.

## **Health and Social Care Partnership – Integration Joint Board**

7. Members will recall that at the last meeting of the Council the draft Integration Scheme for the new Health and Social Care Partnership Integration Joint Board was approved.

8. The provisions which will apply in relation to membership, proceedings and operation of integration joint boards are set out in The Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Integration Joint Boards)(Scotland) Order 2014. The Order contains discretion as to the numbers of voting members to be appointed by both the Council and the health board and this has been agreed as 4 each. In addition, in the event that a voting member is unable to attend a Board meeting, the Order expressly requires that either the Council or the health board must use their best endeavours to have a suitably experienced proxy attend in place of the voting member who is unable to attend.

9. In practical terms, it is unlikely that more than 2 of the voting members appointed by the Council will be unable to attend the same meeting of the Board. Therefore, in addition to nominating 4 members to serve on the Board, it is recommended that the Council also nominate a further 2 members to act as proxies. It is recommended that the Leader of the Council (Councillor Fletcher) and the Convener for Social Work and Health (Councillor Lafferty) be 2 of the 4 nominees, with the Convener for Social Work and Health being the Council's nominated Chair/Vice Chair. As with the other positions referred to earlier in the report, these 2 appointments to the IJB are by virtue of the principal positions held by Councillors Fletcher and Lafferty and would automatically transfer in the event a new Leader/Convener was appointed.

## **Head of Education Services – Appointments Committee**

10. Members will be aware of the pending retirement of 2 of the current Education Department heads of service; John Fitzpatrick, Head of Education Services (Inclusion, Schools and Staff), and Ken McKinlay, Head of Education Services (Culture, Sport and Continuing Education). In view of this it will be necessary to convene an Appointments Committee to interview and appoint to both posts. Due to the re-profiling of both posts, the new posts will be Head of Education Services (Quality Improvement and Performance) and Head of Education Services (Equality and Equity). It is recommended that as for previous Appointments Committees relating to the appointment of Education Department heads of service, the Committee comprise 5 Elected Members; the Convener and Vice Convener for Education and Equalities; 1 SNP member and 2 Conservative members. Full details of both posts and meeting dates will be issued in due course to the members appointed to the committee.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

11. That the Council:-

- (a) confirms that the positions listed in the report are held by virtue of the principal post held by the relevant Member;
- (b) agrees that in the event that an Elected Member no longer holds their principal position, then all other appointments associated with that position will fall and automatically transfer to the new principal postholder; and

- (c) agree that the Leader of the Council and the Convener for Social Work be appointed as 2 of the 4 nominees to serve on the IJB with the Convener for Social work and Health being the Council's nominee as Chair/Vice Chair of the IJB, these appointments being by virtue of the positions held as Leader and Convener;
- (d) gives consideration to the appointment of the 2 remaining members and 2 proxy members to serve on the Integration Joint Board; and
- (e) approve the establishment of an Appointments Committee to interview and appoint to the posts of Head of Education Services (Quality Improvement and Performance) and Head of Education Services (Equality and Equity); and
- (f) approve the composition of the Appointments Committee as outlined in the report.

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Background papers None

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