

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL25 MAY 2022Report by Director of Business Operations and PartnershipsAPPOINTMENTS TO COSLA CONVENTION**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To appoint representatives of the Council to serve on the COSLA Convention.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Council:-
 - (a) appoint three representatives to the Convention taking account of the guidance on party balance; and
 - (b) note that appointments to COSLA Boards will be considered at a future meeting.

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3. In terms of the COSLA Constitution, amended in November 2021, the Council is entitled to appoint three representatives to serve on the Convention. The Constitution also makes it clear that membership should be on a basis which reflects the balance of party group strength within each member council.

4. The Council's previous representatives on the Convention were Councillors Buchanan (SNP) (as Leader of the Council), Lafferty (Labour) (as Deputy Leader) and Wallace (as Conservative Group Leader).

Boards

5. In addition to representation on the Convention, the Council is also entitled to be represented on the undernoted COSLA's Boards.

- Children and Young People
- Health and Social Care
- Environment and Economy
- Community Wellbeing

6. Correspondence has been received from COSLA's Chief Executive confirming that once the political posts of President, Vice-President and Spokespersons have been appointed by the Convention (at the meeting on Friday 17 June) COSLA will write to the Council seeking nominations to serve on each of the Boards. It is anticipated that the request will be received in time for the matter to be considered at the meeting of the Council at the end of June.

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Background papers

None