

10.00am, Thursday, 25 June 2015

Appointment to the Board of the Merchant Company Endowments Trust

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Executive summary

The Council is represented on the Board of the Merchant Company Endowments Trust, a registered charity responsible for providing assistance to indigent men and women. Councillor Frank Ross was appointed as a Trustee to the Board in June 2012. Councillor Ross resigned from the Board in June 2015 and the Council is asked to appoint a replacement Trustee.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended the Council appoint a replacement on the Board of the Merchant Company Endowments Trust.

Background

- 2.1 The Council appointed Councillor Ross as Trustee to the Board of the Merchant Company Endowments Trust in June 2012. Councillor Ross resigned from the Board in June 2015 and the Council is asked to appoint a replacement Trustee.

Main report

- 3.1 The Merchant Company has been in existence for over 300 years. Over 540 businessmen and women are Members of the Company, actively involved educational and charitable works, as well as having a central role in the civic life of Edinburgh.
- 3.2 The Merchant Company Endowments Trust is a registered Scottish Charity No: SC002002. The Endowments Trust consists of twenty-four members, with five members elected by the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 3.3 The [purpose of the Trust](#) is to provide assistance to indigent men and women aged at least 55 on 1st July in the year of their election, unless they are certified on medical grounds as being unable to earn their living. Beneficiaries must be persons who have lived or worked in the city of Edinburgh or in Midlothian. Assistance may be by way of cash grant, a bi-annual pension, gift or appliances, provision and care support.

Measures of success

- 4.1 New Trustee Member appointed to the Merchant Company Endowments Trust.

Financial impact

- 5.1 Not applicable.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

Equalities impact

7.1 Not applicable.

Sustainability impact

8.1 Not applicable.

Consultation and engagement

9.1 Not applicable.

Background reading / external references

10.1 Not applicable.

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