

10am, Thursday, 17 September 2015

Appointments to Committees etc - Update

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Executive summary

At its meeting on 25 June 2015, the Council made appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2015/16.

The result of the Council by-election on 10 September 2015 affects the political balance of the Council, and therefore the Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions of a number of Executive and other Committees.

The Council is asked to agree the proposed changes to the political balance of some Committees, to match that of the Council as a whole, and to make the necessary appointments. To allow this, the Lord Provost must rule a material change of circumstance, namely the result of the by-election, as previous decisions on this have been made within the preceding six months.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint members to the following Committees, where necessary identifying which members are to relinquish Committee membership:-
 - a) Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee
 - b) Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee
 - c) Education, Children and Families Committee
 - d) Finance and Resources Committee
 - e) Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
 - f) Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee
 - g) Petitions Committee
 - h) Transport and Environment
 - i) Planning Committee/ Development Management Sub Committee
 - j) Planning Local Review Body Panel 1
 - k) Personnel Appeals Committee
 - l) Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee
- 1.2 To appoint an Opposition member as Convener of the Petitions Committee.
- 1.3 To appoint Councillors Donaldson and Ritchie to the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 1.4 To adjust the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions to reflect these appointments.

Main report

- 2.1 At its meeting on 25 June 2015 the Council agreed the appointments to committees, boards and joint boards for 2015/16.
- 2.2 At the Council by-election on 10 September 2015, one Labour Councillor (Councillor Donaldson) and one SNP Councillor (Councillor Ritchie) were elected. This changes the political composition of the Council to 21 Labour; 17 SNP; 11 Conservative; 5 Green; 3 SLD, and one independent.
- 2.3 The following adjustments to committee etc membership are necessary should the Council follow its current practice of appointing to committees and sub-committees in accordance with its overall political balance.

- 2.3.1 **Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee**
Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of a Green Group member*)
- 2.3.2 **Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)
- 2.3.3 **Education, Children and Families Committee**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)
- 2.3.4 **Finance and Resources Committee**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)
- 2.3.5 **Health, Social Care and Housing Committee**
Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of a Green Group member*)
- 2.3.6 **Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)
- 2.3.7 **Petitions Committee**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)
Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of one SLD Group member*)
- 2.3.8 **Transport and Environment Committee**
Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of a Green Group member*)
- 2.3.9 **Planning Committee/Development Management Sub-Committee**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)
- 2.3.10 **Planning Local Review Body Panel 1**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)
- 2.3.11 **Personnel Appeals Committee**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)
- 2.3.12 **Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee**
Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of one SLD Group member*)
- 2.3.13 **Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee**
Appoint one SNP Group member (no change)

- 2.4 Councillor Chapman’s resignation from the Petitions Committee requires the appointment of a Convener to that Committee. The Convener should be a member of the opposition.
- 2.5 In accordance with the agreed practice, Councillors Donaldson and Ritchie will serve on the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership.

Measures of success

- 3.1 The Council appoints members to all its Committees.

Financial impact

- 4.1 Not applicable.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 5.1 Appointments are required to support the democratic decision-making process.

Equalities impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

Sustainability impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

Consultation and engagement

- 8.1 Not applicable.

Background reading/external references

[Council minute of 25 June 2015](#)

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