

10am, Thursday, 22 October 2015

Appointments to Committees Etc

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Executive summary

At its meeting on 17 September 2015, the Council made appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2015/16.

Following the resignations of Councillors Brock and Chapman, vacancies on a number of Committees required to be filled. The subsequent election of Councillors Donaldson and Ritchie altered the overall political balance within the Council. In terms of the political balance set out in the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Powers vacancies on five Committees fall to be made by the Labour Group, although the Council can resolve otherwise.

The Council on 17 September 2015 agreed to keep the political balance on these Committees unchanged, pending further consideration at this meeting.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint members to the following committees:
 - a) Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee
 - b) Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
 - c) Petitions Committee
 - d) Transport and Environment
 - e) Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee
- 1.2 To identify in each case any members who are relinquishing membership.

Main report

- 2.1 At its meeting on 17 September 2015 the Council agreed a number of appointments to committees, boards and joint boards for 2015/16.
- 2.2 Council was also advised that the outcome of the Leith Walk by-election had changed the overall political balance of the Council, resulting in 21 Labour members, 17 SNP, 11 Conservative, 5 Green, 3 SLD, and 1 independent.
- 2.3 Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions state that committee membership should be proportionate to the representation of political parties, unless expressly agreed otherwise by the full Council.
- 2.4 Five committees currently do not meet this criteria. They are as follows, together with an indication of the action needed to conform:-
 - 2.4.1 **Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee**
Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of a Green Group member*)
 - 2.4.2 **Health, Social Care and Housing Committee**
Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of a Green Group member*)
 - 2.4.3 **Petitions Committee**
Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of one SLD Group member*)

2.4.4 **Transport and Environment Committee**

Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of a Green Group member*)

2.4.5 **Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee**

Appoint one Labour Group member (*in place of one SLD Group member*)

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 17 September 2015](#)

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