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## Appointments to Committees

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### Executive summary

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Councillor Shields has intimated his resignation from the Scottish Liberal Democrat group. This affects the political balance of the Council, and requires the membership of some committees to be reviewed.

Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions requires committee membership to reflect the overall balance within the Council. Unless the Council decides otherwise, Councillor Shields should accordingly be replaced on two executive committees and the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

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## Appointments to Committees

### Recommendations

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1. To consider appointing one member in place of Councillor Shields on each of the Governance, Risk and Best Value, Culture and Sport and Health, Social Care and Housing Committees.

### Main report

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- 2.1 Councillor Shields has intimated his resignation as a member of the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group.
- 2.2 This affects the political balance on the Council as a whole, resulting in 21 Labour members, 17 SNP, 11 Conservative, 5 Green, 2 SLD and 2 independent members.
- 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 Council.
- 2.4 Applying this requirement means that Councillor Shields should be replaced on the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee by a Conservative member, and on each of the Culture and Sport and Health, Social Care and Housing Committees by a Scottish Liberal Democrat member.

### Measures of success

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- 3.1 The Council appoints members to all its committees.

### Financial impact

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- 4.1 Not applicable.

### Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

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

### Equalities impact

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- 6.1 Not applicable.

### Sustainability impact

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- 7.1 Not applicable.

## Consultation and engagement

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8.1 Not applicable.

## Background reading/external references

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[Council Minute of 22 October 2015](#)

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