# The City of Edinburgh Council

## 10.00 am, Thursday, 10 March 2016

## **Appointment of Depute Leader and to Committees etc**

Item number 7.3

Report number

**Executive/routine** 

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## **Executive summary**

Councillor Howat has resigned as Depute Council Leader. Council is asked to appoint his replacement.

A number of other members have also resigned as Committee conveners, viceconveners and members. Council is asked to appoint replacements in each case.

Appointments to outside organisations which are assigned to office bearers (eg committee conveners) will be adjusted to reflect these appointments. Any additional proposed changes will be reported to a future Council meeting.

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## **Appointment of Depute Leader and to Committees etc**

#### Recommendations

- 1.1. To appoint Councillor Ross as Depute Council Leader.
- 1.2 To make the appointments as proposed in paragraph 2.2 of this report.
- 1.3 To note that appointments to outside organisations by way of office will be adjusted accordingly, and that any further proposed changes will be reported to a future Council meeting.

## **Main report**

- 2.1 Councillor Howat has resigned as Depute Council Leader. Councillor Ross has been nominated to succeed him. If appointed, this will include the role of Vice-Convener of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee.
- 2.2 Notification of a number of resignations as Committee Conveners, Vice-Conveners and members has also been received. Proposed replacements have also been intimated, and these are set out below.

#### **Economy Committee**

Appoint Councillor Barrie as Convener (in place of Councillor Ross who has resigned as a substantive Committee member, and will take up his ex officio place)

Appoint to SNP vacancy

#### **Regulatory Committee/Licensing Sub-Committee**

Appoint Councillor Bridgman as a member and as Convener of the Regulatory Committee and the Licensing Sub-Committee (in place of Councillor Barrie, who has resigned as a Committee member)

#### Planning Committee/Development Management Sub-Committee

Appoint Councillor Lunn as a member and as Vice-Convener (in place of Councillor Dixon, who has resigned as a Committee member)

#### **Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee**

Appoint Councillor Ritchie as Vice-Convener (in place of Councillor Lunn, who remains a Committee member)

#### **Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee**

Appoint Councillor Bill Henderson as a member and as Convener (*in place of Councillor Bridgman, who has resigned as a Committee member*)

2.3 A number of Council appointments to outside organisations by way of office will be adjusted to reflect these changes, if agreed. Any further changes in representation will be reported to a future Council meeting.

#### **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 22 October 2015

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