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Appointments to Outside Organisations

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Executive summary

At its meeting on 10 March 2016 Council appointed Councillor Ross as Depute Leader, and also made changes to the membership and conveners of some committees. This included the appointment of Councillor Barrie as convener of the Economy Committee.

Council also agreed that appointments to outside organisations which are assigned to office bearers (eg committee conveners) should be adjusted accordingly. Any additional proposed changes would be reported to a future Council meeting.

This report details the Council companies etc which Councillor Barrie will join as Economy Committee convener. Councillor Ross has also resigned as an individual member on a number of other organisations, and in each case the Council is invited to appoint Councillor Barrie in his place. Council is also asked to formally appoint Councillor Barrie to the board of Edinburgh Tourism Action Group.

A vacancy has arisen on the board of Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust, and the Council is invited to appoint a replacement. Two further requests for appointments are advised, to the Ken Buchanan MBE Foundation, and The Broomhouse Centre.

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Recommendations

- 1.1. To note that, as Economy Committee convener, Councillor Barrie will replace Councillor Ross as a Council appointee to the organisations listed at paragraph 2.3 of this report.
- 1.2 To appoint Councillor Barrie in place of Councillor Ross to the organisations set out at paragraph 2.5, with the Capital City Partnership appointment to rest automatically with the Economy Committee Convener in the future.
- 1.3 To appoint Councillor Barrie to the board of Edinburgh Tourism Action Group Strategy Group.
- 1.4 To appoint Councillor Lunn in place of Councillor Dixon as a Director of Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust Board.
- 1.5 To consider appointing Councillor Cardownie as a trustee of the Ken Buchanan MBE Foundation.
- 1.6 To consider appointing an elected member from Ward seven Sighthill/Gorgie as an advisor to the Broomhouse Centre Board.

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- 2.1 The convener of the Economy Committee is automatically appointed by way of office as a Council representative on the boards of a range of Council companies etc.
- 2.2 At its last meeting, Council agreed that appointments to outside organisations which are assigned to office bearers (eg committee conveners) should be adjusted to reflect changes to committee membership. Any additional proposed changes were to be reported to a future Council meeting.
- 2.3 Council is asked to note that Councillor Barrie will now therefore represent it, in place of Councillor Ross, on the following organisations:-
EDI (and subsidiaries)
Business Improvement District Company Boards
Social Enterprise Strategy Implementation Group.
- 2.4 It is also recommended that Councillor Barrie, as convener of the Economy Committee, formally represents the Council on the board of the Edinburgh Tourism Action Group.
- 2.5 In addition, Councillor Ross has intimated his resignation from a number of other organisations, where his appointment was as an individual member. In each

case, Council is asked to appoint Councillor Barrie to replace him and confirm that the Capital City Partnership appointment should in the future rest automatically with the Economy Committee Convener. The organisations are:-

- East of Scotland Regional Advisory Board (Scottish Enterprise)
- Edinburgh and Lothian Area Tourism Partnership
- Eurocities Network (substitute member)
- Capital City Partnership Limited.

- 2.6 Councillor Dixon has resigned as a director of Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust Board. Councillor Lunn has been nominated to replace him.
- 2.7 Councillor Cardownie has been approached with a view to becoming a trustee of the Ken Buchanan MBE Foundation (KBF). The KBF has not yet been formed and it is not currently a registered charity. It is proposed that the KBF will take the form of a charitable trust. It should be noted that charity trustees enter into contracts in their personal capacity and are personally jointly and severally liable for debts and other liabilities of the trust, and in respect of any negligence, default or breach of duty committed by them in their capacity as charity trustees.
- 2.8 The Broomhouse Centre, a company limited by guarantee and a charity. The Broomhouse Centre has requested the appointment of an elected member from Ward 7 Sighthill/Gorgie as an “advisory” to the Broomhouse Centre Board. An “advisory” is not understood to be a formally-appointed company director or charity trustee, but it should be noted that:
- (a) individuals who act in the manner of a company director, regardless of any formal appointment as such, will be treated in law as “shadow directors”, and will be subject to the customary duties and responsibilities that attach to directors, including personal liability for acts of wrongful trading; and
 - (b) individuals who have “general control and management” of a charity, regardless of any formal appointment as trustee, will be treated in law as a charity trustee, and will be subject to the customary duties and responsibilities that attach to trustees.
- 2.9 The Broomhouse Centre received a grant from the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee of £45,200 for 2016/17. This is to provide a range of day services, befriending and carer support for older people and people with dementia.

Measures of success

- 3.1 The Council has full representation on Council companies etc.

Financial impact

- 4.1 Not applicable.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

5.1 Appointments allow the Council strategic oversight of a range of Council companies and outside organisations.

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 10 March 2016](#)

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