

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday, 15 March 2018

Appointment of Committee Members

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Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	None

Executive summary

The Council's Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions (paragraph 3.1) specifies that committee membership will be proportionate according to the elected representation of political parties, unless expressly agreed otherwise at a meeting of the full Council.

The appointments to committees made in June 2017 followed this formula, with a few exceptions.

Due to a resignation from the Scottish National Party the political balance of the Council has altered. This report highlights the affected committees, and the action required should Council agree to maintain proportionality.

Appointment of Committee Members

Recommendation

- 1.1 To consider appointing replacement members, as set out in paragraph 3.2 below.

Background

- 2.1 On 22 June 2017 the Council appointed members to its executive and other committees; Joint Boards etc.
- 2.2 The appointments were mostly made in proportion to the various group's political representation on the full Council.
- 2.3 Councillor Ritchie's resignation as an SNP group member affects this political representation, and impacts on the membership of a small number of committees and Joint Boards.

Main report

- 3.1 This change affects committees with five or nine members, but has no impact on the membership of the executive or other committees.
- 3.2 Should the Council agree to apply proportionality in each case, the following action is required:
 - 3.2.1 meetings with five members – replace 1 SNP member with an SLD member.
 - 3.2.2 meetings with nine members – either retain the existing SNP representation or replace 1 SNP member with a Conservative member.
 - 3.2.3 the committees and Joint Boards affected, along with the current membership, are detailed in the appendix.

Measures of success

Appointments are made to committees in terms of Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

Financial impact

None

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

Failure to appoint could undermine the Council's decision-making processes.

Equalities impact

There are no equalities issues arising from the appointments.

Sustainability impact

There are no sustainability issues.

Consultation and engagement

Not applicable.

Background reading / external references

[Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 18 May and 25 May 2017](#)

[Minute of 22 June 2017](#)

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Appointments to Committees etc

Meeting	No. of members	Current membership	Possible Action
Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief	5	Cllrs Rankin, Work, Hutchison, Day and Booth.	Replace 1 SNP member with 1 SLD member.
Pensions Committee	5	Cllrs Rankin, McVey, Rose, Child and Miller.	Replace 1 SNP member with 1 SLD member.
Committee on Pupil Student Support	5	Cllrs Dickie, Bird, Smith, Perry and Mary Campbell.	Replace 1 SNP member with 1 SLD member.
Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board	5 (Council members)	Cllrs Howie, Rankin, Webber, Henderson and Miller.	Replace 1 SNP member with 1 SLD member.
Personnel Appeals Committee	9	Cllrs Bridgman, McNeese-Mechan, Bird, Rose, Jim Campbell, Cameron, Doran, Rae and Lang	No action, <u>or</u> replace 1 SNP member with 1 Conservative member.
Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee	9	Cllrs Fullerton, Dixon, Barrie, Rose, Smith, Wilson, Arthur, Burgess and Neil Ross.	No action, <u>or</u> replace 1 SNP member with 1 Conservative member.