# The City of Edinburgh Council

## 10.00am, Thursday 25 November 2021

## **Appointments to Committees and Outside Organisations etc**

Item number

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#### 1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint a Green Group member to the Finance and Resources Committee in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.2 To appoint a Green Group member to the Transport and Environment Committee in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.3 To appoint a Green Group member to the Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals in place of Council Corbett;
- 1.4 To appoint a Green Group member to the Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.5 To appoint a Canal Champion in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.6 To appoint a member to the Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative in place of Councillor Corbett:
- 1.7 To appoint a member to the Torness Local Liaison Committee in place of Councillor Corbett; and,
- 1.8 To appoint a member to the Board of Energy for Edinburgh in place of Councillor Corbett.

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#### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Councillor Gavin Corbett has submitted his resignation as a councillor of the City of Edinburgh Council for Ward 9, Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart.
- 2.2 Councillor Corbett's resignation as an elected member results in a number of vacancies at committees, joint boards and outside organisations.

#### 3. Main report

- 3.1 The appointment of committees, joint committees and joint boards is a reserved matter for full Council.
- 3.2 Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2017 22 were approved by Council on 29 June 2017.
- 3.3 Appointments to the Council's committees were made at the Council meeting on 27 May 2021.
- 3.4 Councillor Corbett was a member of the Finance and Resources Committee, the Transport and Environment Committee, the Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals and Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee and in terms of the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated functions, the replacement committee members should be green Group members.
- 3.5 Councillor Corbett was appointed as the Council's Canal Champion on 24 August 2017. The remit of the Canal Champion is to champion the development, maintenance and repair of canals throughout the city and the region.
- 3.6 Councillor Corbett was appointed to Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative on 27 June 2019. The local community benefit society aims to deliver viable co-operative energy projects in the city. The other Council representatives on the Co-operative are Councillors Cameron and Macinnes.
- 3.7 Councillor Corbett was appointed to the Torness Local Liaison Committee on 27 June 2019. The Committee discusses safety issues at Torness Nuclear Power

- Station. The other Council representatives on the Committee are Councillors Child and Dixon.
- 3.8 Councillor Corbett was also appointed to the Board of Energy for Edinburgh on 27 June 2019. Energy for Edinburgh is the Council's arms-length energy services company. The other members appointed to the Board are Councillors Doran and Macinnes.

#### 4. Next Steps

- 4.1 Any members appointed will be expected to contribute to the workplans of the Finance and Resources Committee, the Transport and Environment Committee, the Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals and the Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee, starting at their next meetings.
- 4.2 The member appointed as Canal Champion should align to complement the current committee and convener structure.
- 4.3 Any changes in representation to the Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative, Torness Local Liaison Committee and the Board of Energy for Edinburgh will be communicated to the organisations.

#### 5. Financial impact

5.1 None.

# 6. Stakeholder/Community Impact

6.1 None

# 7. Background reading/external references

- 7.1 Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 27 May 2021
- 7.2 Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 29 June 2017
- 7.3 Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 24 August 2017
- 7.4 Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 27 June 2019

## 8. Appendices

8.1 None.