

# Business Bulletin

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00am, Thursday 17th November 2022

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Convener:	Members:	Contact:
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Recent News	Background
<p><b>Barriers to Elected Office – Motion by Councillor Main</b></p> <p>As noted previously, there is no collection of demographic/diversity data at the nomination of candidates for local government elections in Scotland, so no data is held that would allow “a breakdown of the numbers of candidates by gender and by underrepresented groups”.</p> <p>With respect to elected members a survey is in preparation to allow such a breakdown for councillors. The design and testing of this survey is taking longer than anticipated, but results will be reported to Committee in the next cycle. There has been engagement with COSLA with respect to initiatives to address barriers to participation. Exit interviews with councillors who have recently demitted office have also been undertaken. The results of this work may suggest other areas that could be addressed to increase the diversity of the councillor group, although political parties also have a responsibility in their selection of candidates.</p>	<p>Contact: <a href="#">Chris Highcock</a></p> <p>Elections and Members Services Manager</p> <p>Corporate Services</p>
<p><b>Forthcoming activities:</b></p>	
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