

City of Edinburgh Council

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Appointments to Committees, Working Groups and Organisations

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint a Labour group member to the Transport and Environment Committee.
- 1.2 To appoint a Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee.
- 1.3 To appoint a Labour group member to the Traffic Regulation Orders Sub-Committee.
- 1.4 To appoint a Convener of the Traffic Regulation Orders Sub-Committee.
- 1.5 To appoint a Labour Group member to the Transport and Local Access Forum.
- 1.6 To appoint a Chair of the Transport and Local Access Forum.
- 1.7 To appoint a Labour Group member to the Edinburgh Gaelic Collaborative Forum.
- 1.8 To appoint one member to each of the following:
 - 1.8.1 Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee (substitute member)
 - 1.8.2 Spartan's Community Football Academy – Directors
 - 1.8.3 Transform Scotland Board
 - 1.8.4 Transport for Edinburgh Ltd Board

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Councillor Scott Arthur has tendered his resignation as a member and Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee and Traffic Regulation Orders Sub-Committee and various other positions.
- 2.2 Council is asked to appoint replacement members to these positions.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 9 May 2024, the Council appointed the conveners and membership of its committees in accordance with paragraph 3.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference which states Committee membership will normally be proportionate according to the elected representation of political parties. Councillor Arthur was appointed as a member and Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee.
- 3.2 On 27 June 2024, Council also appointed Councillor Arthur as a member and Convener of the Traffic Regulation Orders Sub-Committee.
- 3.3 Appointments to external organisations and companies, and working groups were made by Council on 19 May 2022 and 27 June 2024 respectively.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Councillor Arthur's resignation from his various positions was tendered on 15 August 2024, to be effective from 28 August 2024.
- 4.2 Council is therefore required to appoint one replacement member to each of the Transport and Environment Committee and the Traffic Regulation Orders Sub-Committee from the Labour group.
- 4.3 Council is also required to appoint conveners of the Transport and Environment Committee and Traffic Regulation Orders Sub-Committee.

- 4.4 Appointments to two working groups are also required. One Labour Group member must be appointed to the Transport and Local Access Forum. A Chair is also required to be appointed from the membership of the Forum. One Labour Group member must be appointed to the Edinburgh Gaelic Collaborative Forum.
- 4.5 Appointments are also required to be made to four external organisations and outside bodies as follows:
- 4.5.1 Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee (substitute member)
 - 4.5.2 Spartan’s Community Football Academy – Directors
 - 4.5.3 Transform Scotland Board
 - 4.5.4 Transport for Edinburgh Ltd Board

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Any member appointed will be expected to complete any required training and contribute to the work of each committee.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There is no financial impact arising from this report.

7. Equality and Poverty Impact

- 7.1 Equalities impacts arising from committee business will continue to be considered as part of the council’s overall governance and political management frameworks.

8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

- 8.1 There are no climate or environmental impacts arising from this report.

9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

- 9.1 Appointments to vacant positions must be made to ensure good governance and effective decision making.
- 9.2 The proposals in this report are in line with the Council’s governance arrangements, as set out in the main report.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions](#)
- 10.2 [City of Edinburgh Council of 9 May 2024](#)
- 10.3 [City of Edinburgh Council of 27 June 2024](#)

11. Appendices

None.