

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 19 December 2024

Appointment of Council Leader and Members to Committees, Working Groups and Organisations

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint a Council Leader.
- 1.2 To appoint a Labour group member to each of the positions listed at paragraph 4.3.
- 1.3 To appoint a member to each of the positions listed at paragraph 4.4.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Councillor Cammy Day has tendered his resignation as Council Leader effective from 9 December 2024.
- 2.2 Council is asked to appoint members to various positions previously held by Councillor Day.

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.
- 3.2 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 Day's resignation was tendered on 9 December 2024, to be effective immediately. Council is therefore required to appoint replacement members to the various positions held.
- 4.2 Council is required to appoint a Council Leader. In accordance with the Terms of Reference, the Council Leader will become Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee, Leadership Advisory Panel, and Recruitment Committee. The Council Leader will also become the Chair of the Edinburgh Partnership Board and a member of the Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee and Elected Member Oversight Committee.
- 4.3 Council is also required to appoint a Labour Group councillor as a member of the following committees and boards:
 - 4.3.1 Policy and Sustainability Committee

- 4.3.2 Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals
- 4.3.3 Chief Official Personnel Hearing Committee
- 4.3.4 Edinburgh Partnership Board
- 4.4 Appointments are also required to be made to the following external organisations and outside bodies:
 - 4.4.1 BioQuarter Community Impact Sub-Board (advisory role)
 - 4.4.2 COSLA
 - 4.4.3 Edinburgh International Festival Council – Board of Trustees
 - 4.4.4 Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival – Board of Directors
 - 4.4.5 Forth Green Freeport Governance Board
 - 4.4.6 (Directors of) One City Limited, and thus as Trustees of the One City Trust
 - 4.4.7 Energy for Edinburgh

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Any member appointed will be expected to complete any required training and contribute to the work of each committee or group.
- 5.2 Any amendments to the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions required as a result of appointments made will be submitted to Council in February 2025.

6. Financial impact

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

7. Equality and Poverty Impact

- 7.1 Equalities impacts 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 [Act of Council 6 - City of Edinburgh Council of 9 May 2024](#)

11. Appendices

None.