

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATE
Meeting: SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date: 13 FEBRUARY 2014
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1. PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the review of elected member representation on external organisations.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Council agreed its Scrutiny plan on 25 September 2013. The Scrutiny Committee then agreed, on 14 November 2013, that the first topic from the plan to be reviewed would be the appointment of elected members to external organisations, and the process for reporting to Council.

2.2 A performance panel was established to undertake the review. Following the meeting, groups were invited to appoint members to the panel. Members will recall that a scrutiny panel may consist of between 3 and 5 members. It is now confirmed that the panel will comprise - the Provost and Councillors Black and McLuckie. No nominations were received from the opposition groups.

2.3 The first meeting of the panel will be on 24 February at 2pm

2.4 In the time since the panel was established the lead officers supporting the panel (the Head of Policy Technology & Improvement and the Depute Chief Governance Officer) have prepared a 'position' paper which will form the basis of initial discussions. This will be submitted to the panel for discussion.

2.5 The position paper will look to categorise the role of members on the various external organisations on which the Council is represented. It will look at:-

- the nature of the organisations to which members are appointed
- the role of the elected member on the body
- the value of the appointment to Falkirk Council
- the value of the appointment to the organisation
- the potential for conflicts to arise from the appointment
- the impact of an appointment on the workload of an elected member

2.6 In attempting to rationalise the process for appointing members to external organisations the panel will wish to consider input from those elected members who are currently appointed to external organisations. It may also choose to take evidence on members' experiences and their understanding of their role and its value. Similarly it may wish to hear from some of the external organisations concerned. The appendix to this report sets

out the Council's current appointees on external organisations. The review does not cover those appointments to boards or significant statutory bodies as set out in the report on appointments to Council on 18 May 2012. These are:-

- Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board (CSVJB)
- Cornton Vale Under 21s Visiting Committee
- Forth Valley NHS Board
- Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority
- SESTRAN
- Central and West Lothian Area Support Team
- Scotland Excel

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 **Committee is invited to note the progress to date in reviewing the Council's representation on external organisations.**

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Date: 4 February 2014

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Appendix 1

Name of Organisation/Body	Member(s) Appointed	Date of Appointment
Age Concern (Falkirk)	Depute Provost John Patrick	18 May 2012
All of Scotland Group 2014	No Appointment	
Area Support Team (previously Joint Children's Panel Advisory Committee (JCPAC))	Councillor Allyson Black	20 June 2012
Association for Public Service Excellence	Councillor Gerry Goldie	18 May 2012
Bid Management Group	Councillor Dennis Goldie, Councillor Linda Gow (sub)	18 May 2012
Braveheart Project	Councillor Charles MacDonald (resigned 25 September 2013), Councillor Allyson Black appointed 25 September 2013	25 September 2013
Central Scotland Regional Equality Council	Councillor Alan Nimmo	18 May 2012
Citizens Advice Bureau (Denny & Dunipace)	Councillor Jim Blackwood, Councillor John McNally	18 May 2012
Citizens Advice Bureau (Grangemouth & Bo'ness)	Councillors Adrian Mahoney, Councillor Allyson Black	18 May 2012
Cornton Vale Over 21's Prison Visiting Committee	Councillor Jim Blackwood, Baillie Joan Paterson	18 May 2012
Cosla (Convention of Local Authorities)	Depute Provost John Patrick, Councillor C Martin, Councillor Linda Gow, Councillor David Alexander	18 May 2012
Cosla Community Wellbeing and Safety Executive Group	Councillor Gerry Goldie, Councillor Allyson Black (Sub)	26 Sept 2012
Cosla Community Well-being Executive Group	Councillor Linda Gow, Councillor Allyson Black (sub)	26 Sept 2012
Cosla Culture and Sport Executive Group	Councillor Adrian Mahoney (Culture), Councillor Dr Craig R Martin (Sport)	5 December 2012
Cosla Development, Economy & Sustainability Executive Committee	Councillor Dennis Goldie, Councillor Adrian Mahoney (sub)	26 Sept 2012
Cosla Education Children and Young People Executive Group	Councillor Allan Nimmo, Provost Pat Reid (sub)	26 Sept 2012
Cosla Resources and Capacity Executive Group	Depute Provost John Patrick, Councillor Jim Blackwood (sub)	26 Sept 2012
Cosla Strategic Human Resources Management Executive Group	Councillor Dr Craig R Martin, Councillor Charles MacDonald (Sub)	26 Sept 2012

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Council for Voulntary Sector Management Committee (CVS)	Councillor Rosie Murray	18 May 2012
East of Scotland European Consortium	Councillor Stephen Bird (resigned 26 June 2013), Councillor Martin Oliver appointed 25 September 2013	25 September 2013
Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee	Baillie William Buchanan (resigned 26 September 2012)	20 June 2012
Falkirk & District Arts and Civic Council	Provost Pat Reid, Councillors John McLuckie, Baillie Joan Paterson	18 May 2012
Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel	Councillor Craig R Martin (resigned 26/2/13) Councillor Jim Blackwood (appointed 26/6/13)	18 May 2012
Falkirk & District Town Centre Management Ltd	Councillor Allyson Black	18 May 2012
Falkirk Community Trust Board	Councillor Malcolm Nicol, Councillor Linda Gow, Baillie Joan Paterson	18 May 2012
Falkirk Community Trust Board	Provost Pat Reid, Councillor Dennis Goldie, Councillor Malcolm Nicol, Councillor Linda Gow, Baillie Joan Paterson	18 May 2012
Falkirk District Twinning Association	Provost Pat Reid Depute Provost John Patrick, Councillors Linda Gow and Dennis Goldie	18 May 2012
Falkirk Environment Trust (FET)	Councillor John McLuckie	18 May 2012
Falkirk Football Community Foundation	Councillor Craig Martin	18 May 2012
Falkirk Sports Council	Councillor Jim Blackwood	18 May 2012
Falkirk Temperance Trust	Provost Pat Reid, Councillor Craig R Martin	18 May 2012
Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority	Councillor David Alexander, Councillor J Blackwood (26/6/13) Councillor Cecil Meiklejohn (sub), Baillie Joan Paterson (sub) Provost Pat Reid (sub); Councillor Charles MacDonald (resigned 26 Sept) Councillor Craig R Martin (resigned) Provost Pat Reid (substantive member) (26 Sep 12)	18 May 2012
Forth Valley Area Tourism Partnership	Councillor Adrian Mahoney	18 May 2012
Forth Valley NHS Board	Councillor Linda Gow	18 May 2012
Forth Valley NHS Falkirk Community Health Partnership	Councillor Linda Gow, Councillor Allyson Black	20 June 2012

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Helix Trust	Councillors Linda Gow, Councillor Craig Dr R Martin	18 May 2012
Highland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association	Councillor Allyson Black	20 June 2012
Museums Galleries Scotland	Councillor Adrian Mahoney	18 May 2012
National Association of Councillors	No Nominations	
Order of Malta Dial-a-Journey Ltd and Shopmobility Ltd	Councillor Colin Chalmers	20 June 2012
Paragon Housing Associaton Ltd	Baillie Joan Paterson	18 May 2012
Scotland Excel Joint Committee	Councillor Rosie Murray	20 June 2012
Scottish Accident Prevention Council	No nominations made	
Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances	Councillor Dr Craig R Martin	18 May 2012
Scottish Enterprise	Councillor Craig Martin	18 May 2012
Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty	Baillie Joan Paterson	18 May 2012
Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Supporting Veterans in Scotland	Depute Provost John Patrick	18 May 2012
Scottish Railway Preservation Society	Councillor Sandy Turner	18 May 2012
Scottish Schools Education Research Centre (SSERC)	Councillor Alan Nimmo	18 May 2012
South East of Scotland Transport Partnership (SESTran)	Baillie William Buchanan (resigned 10 Dec 13), Councillor Tom Coleman, Councillor John McNally (Sub), Councillor Dennis Goldie (Sub)(resigned 30 April 13)	18 May 2012
Stirlingshire Educational Trust	Provost Pat Reid, Depute Provost John Patrick; Baillie Joan Paterson, Councillor Steven Carleschi, Councillor Thomas Coleman, Councillor Colin Chalmers, Councillor Alan Nimmo.	18 May 2012
University of Stirling Conference	Provost Pat Reid	18 May 2012
Workers Educational Association	Councillor Dennis Goldie	18 May 2012