

FC6. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND SIGNIFICANT STATUTORY BODIES

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 11 May 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer setting out the Council's current decision making structure and seeking nominations to the following positions (a) convener and, where relevant, depute convener of the various committees and bodies of the Council; (b) non office bearing membership of those committees and bodies; (c) the Board of Falkirk Community Trust; (d) Central Scotland Joint Police, Fire & Rescue and Valuation Boards, and (e) various significant statutory organisations, such as the Joint Children's Panel Advisory Committee and the Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority, which require Council representation.

There followed a short recess to consider political proportionality on committees following which all members returned to the meeting.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved (a) the allocation of places on Committees and other bodies; (b) the appointment of conveners and depute conveners and (c) other appointments, all as follows:-

(a) Allocation of places on committees and other bodies

Number of councillors to be appointed	Allocation
3 (e.g. Fife and Forth Valley CJA)	Labour 1 SNP 1 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 1 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
5 (e.g. Falkirk Community Trust)	Labour 2 SNP 2 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 1 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
6 (e.g. Appointments Committee, Pensions Committee, Fire & Rescue Board and Police Board)	Labour 3 SNP 2 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 1 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
8 (e.g. Policy and Resources Committee, Valuation Board, Audit & Appeals Committees)	Labour 4 SNP 3 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 1 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
10 (e.g. Joint Consultative Committee,	Labour 4 SNP 4 Conservative Group or)

Civic Licensing Committee and Licensing Board)	Independent Group or) 2 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
12 (e.g. Scrutiny Committees and Planning Committee)	Labour 5 SNP 5 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 2 the non – aligned) Independent Member)

(b) Appointment of Conveners and Depute Conveners

Committee	Convener	Depute Convener
Policy and Resources	Councillor C Martin	Councillor R Murray
Scrutiny Committees	Convener	Depute Convener
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor D Goldie	Councillor L Gow
Education	Councillor A Nimmo	Provost P Reid
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor C R Martin	Councillor J Paterson
Housing and Social Care	Councillor G Goldie	Councillor A Black
Leisure, Tourism and Community	Councillor A Mahoney	Councillor J Paterson
Other Committees	Convener	Depute Convener
Appeals	Councillor J McLuckie	Councillor J Blackwood
Appointments	Councillor C Martin	Councillor A Black
Civic Licensing	Councillor M Nicol	Provost P Reid
Joint Consultative	Councillor C Macdonald	Staff side appointment
Pensions	Depute Provost Patrick	Councillor C Martin
Planning	Councillor W Buchanan	Councillor J McLuckie

(c) **Other appointments**

With regard to Falkirk Community Trust, the allocation of seats to be on the basis of 2 to the Labour Group, 2 to the SNP Group, and 1 to the Conservative Group. The Labour Group's representatives will be Provost Reid and Councillor Gow. To avoid the possibility of Director posts being left vacant if allocated places are not taken up, nominations to the vacant Director posts must be made to the Chief Executive by 5pm on 31 May 2012 which failing two of the positions will be allocated to Councillor D Goldie and Councillor Paterson.

In response to this part of the motion, Councillor Alexander confirmed that the SNP Group would not be taking up the directorships available to them on the Trust.

In consequence, the Directors nominated to the Trust were Provost Reid, Councillors D Goldie, Gow and Paterson and one representative from the Conservative Group.

No other nominations were received for the positions of Convener and Depute Convener with the exception of the Planning Committee for which Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman, nominated Councillor Carleschi as Convener.

Councillor Spears gave notice of a further amendment.

Council then voted on the position of Convener of the Planning Committee with 17 members voting for Councillor Buchanan and 15 members voting for Councillor Carleschi.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the motion which, in terms of Standing Order 19.6 became the substantive motion upon which the further amendment could be moved.

Councillor Spears, seconded by Councillor McCabe, moved that, "with regard to the allocation of places, where places are allocated to one or more from the Conservative Group or Independent Group or the non-aligned Independent member, that one place is reserved for a member of the Independent Group".

On a division, 17 members voted for the motion and 15 voted for the amendment. Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the motion.

Council then adjourned for 20 minutes to allow members of the Conservative and Independent Groups and the non aligned Independent member to meet with a view to establishing whether they could reach agreement among them on the allocation of places in accordance with table (a) above. The Provost confirmed that, in the absence of agreement, the allocation of places would rest with Council.

Council reconvened at 11.15 am with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Nicol advised that no consensus had been reached and accordingly moved, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that places be allocated as follows:-

Committee	Membership
Policy and Resources	Depute Provost J Patrick
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor W Buchanan and one member from the Independent Group
Education	Councillors M Nicol and W Buchanan
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor M Nicol and one member from the Independent Group
Housing and Social Care	Councillor W Buchanan and one member from the Independent Group
Leisure, Tourism and Community	Councillor M Nicol and one member from the Independent Group
Appeals	Depute Provost J Patrick
Appointments	Councillor M Nicol
Audit	Depute Provost J Patrick
Civic Licensing	Councillor W Buchanan
Joint Consultative	Depute Provost J Patrick and one member from the Independent Group
Planning	Councillor M Nicol
Boards and CJA	Membership
Central Scotland Joint Fire & Rescue Board	Councillor W Buchanan
Central Scotland Joint Police Board	Depute Provost J Patrick
Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board	One member from the Independent Group
Falkirk Council Licensing Board	Councillors W Buchanan and M Nicol
Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority (CJA)	One member from the Independent Group
Other bodies	Membership
Civic Events Panel	Councillor W Buchanan

There being no amendment, the motion was **AGREED**

Councillor C Martin then turned to the appointment to bodies shown in appendix 4 to the report and not otherwise dealt with in previous motions and, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved that Councillor M Nicol continues to be a Director of Falkirk Community Trust, that Councillor W Buchanan takes up one of the 2 places on SEStran and that Councillor CR Martin and an officer of the Council take up the 2 places on the Pensions Panel.

Council also **AGREED:-**

- (1) to require members appointed for the first time to the Appointments, Appeals, Audit, Civic Licensing and Planning Committees to undergo training before taking part in decision making on those committees, and

- (2) to authorise the Chief Executive and/or the Chief Governance Officer to give notice of any appointments to third party organisations being made or terminated as a consequence of these decisions.

And **NOTED:-**

- (1) the mandatory training requirement for members appointed to the Licensing Board, the Pension Committee and the Pensions Panel;
- (2) the following appointments to places allocated to the Labour Group (excluding Conveners and Depute Conveners) :-

Committee	Membership
Policy and Resources Committee	Councillor McLuckie Councillor Macdonald Depute Provost Patrick
Scrutiny Committees	
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor Black Councillor Blackwood Councillor Buchanan Councillor Nimmo
Education	Councillor Blackwood Councillor Buchanan Councillor Gow Councillor C R Martin
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor Blackwood Councillor G. Goldie Councillor Mahoney
Housing and Social Care	Councillor Mahoney Councillor Nimmo Provost Reid
Leisure, Tourism and Community	Councillor G. Goldie Councillor Gow Councillor C R Martin
Other Committees	
Appeals	Councillor D. Goldie Councillor Gow
Appointments	Councillor Black Provost Reid
Audit	Councillor Black Councillor Paterson Depute Provost Patrick Provost Reid
Civic Licensing	Councillor Blackwood Councillor D. Goldie Councillor McLuckie
Joint Consultative	Councillor G. Goldie Councillor Mahoney Councillor C R Martin

Pensions	Councillor Blackwood Councillor Paterson
Planning	Councillor Black Councillor Mahoney Councillor C Martin Councillor Paterson
Boards and CJA	
Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board	Councillor D. Goldie Councillor Nimmo Councillor Murray
Central Scotland Joint Police Board	Councillor Blackwood Councillor Nimmo Councillor Paterson
Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board	Councillor Macdonald Councillor Murray Councillor Mahoney Councillor Nimmo
Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority (CJA)	Councillor Macdonald
Licensing Board	Councillor Black Councillor D Goldie Councillor McLuckie Councillor Nimmo
Other bodies	
Falkirk Community Trust	Councillor D. Goldie Councillor Gow (to continue) Councillor Paterson Provost P Reid (to continue)
Pensions Panel	Councillor C R Martin

- (3) that slates from Groups to fill the positions available to them should be submitted to the Chief Governance Officer following the meeting.