

FC111. SCRUTINY COMMITTEES AND REMUNERATION

Prior to consideration of this item the Acting Director of Law and Administration advised that she had received formal notice of the Provost's intention to resign from the Policy and Resources Committee with effect from 7 March 2009 and of Councillor McNeill's intention to resign as Convener of the Appeals Committee with effect from the same date. The Provost agreed to consider the vacancies created as a result of these resignations as competent business at this meeting.

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 16 February 2009 by the Acting Director of Law and Administration Services inviting Members to (a) confirm membership of the scrutiny committees and the Planning Committee; (b) appoint Conveners and Depute Conveners of the committees; (c) approve the programme of meetings; (d) agree the process for approving minutes; (e) confirm remuneration arrangements, and (f) agree changes to the Council's Standing Orders and to the Scheme of Delegation.

AGREED:-

- (1) to appoint Councillor Nimmo to the Policy and Resources Committee with effect from 7 March 2009;
- (2) to appoint Councillor McLuckie as Convener of the Appeals Committee.

Council then considered the report by the Acting Director of Law and Administration.

Councillor Gow seconded by Councillor C MacDonald moved that Council:-

- (1) appoints Conveners and Depute Conveners of the Scrutiny Committees as follows:-

Committee	Convener	Depute Convener
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor C Martin	Councillor J Lemetti
Education	Councillor A Waddell	Councillor J Patrick
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor C MacDonald	Councillor C R Martin
Housing and Social Care	Councillor G Goldie	Councillor A McNeill
Leisure Tourism and Community	Councillor A Mahoney	Provost P Reid

- (2) confirms the membership of the Planning Committee to be the same as the Regulatory Committee which it replaced.
- (3) notes the revised programme of meetings from 10 March to 31 December 2009.
- (4) approves the arrangements for approving the minutes of meetings in the final cycle of the former scrutiny committees as detailed in the report
- (5) notes the 2.5% increase in the levels of remuneration due to Councillors and the Leader of the Council under the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2008

- (6) agrees to apply the 2.5% increase in remuneration to senior councillors, with the remuneration framework being amended, as follows

Senior Councillor (Higher Payment)	Senior Councillor (Lower Payment)
Depute Provost	Convener of Investment Committee
Convener of Education Committee	Convener of Joint Consultative Committee
Convener of Environment and Community Safety Committee	Depute Convener of Environment and Community Safety Committee
Convener of Housing and Social Care Committee	Depute Convener of Housing and Social Care Committee
Convener of Leisure, Tourism and Community Committee	Convener of Appeals Committee
Convener of Licensing Board	Depute Convener of Economic Strategy and Development Committee
Convener of Planning Committee	Leader of the main Opposition Group

- (7) agrees not to apply the 2.5% increase in remuneration to the post of civic head.
- (8) approves the revised Standing Orders as set out in Appendix 3 of the Report.

Council then adjourned for 10 minutes to allow Members to consider the terms of the motion and reconvened with all Members present as per the sederunt including Councillor C Martin who rejoined the meeting at this point.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman moved that the motion be amended by substituting a revised remuneration framework namely:-

Senior Councillor (Level 1)	Senior Councillor (Level 2)
Depute Provost	Depute Convener of Environment and Community Safety Committee
Convener of Environment and Community Safety Committee	Depute Convener of Economic Strategy and Development Committee
Convener of Economic Strategy and Development Committee	Depute Convener of Leisure, Tourism and Community Committee
Convener of Education Committee	Depute Convener of Housing and Social Care Committee
Convener of Leisure, Tourism and Community Committee	Convener of Investment Committee
Convener of Housing & Social Care Committee	Leader of the main Opposition Group
Convener of Licensing Board	
Convener of Planning Committee	

In terms of Standing Order 21.4 (i) a vote was taken by way of a roll call, there being 29 Members present, with Members voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (17) – Provost Reid, Depute Provost Black, Councillors Blackwood, Buchanan, Fry, Goldie, Gow, Lemetti, C MacDonald, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, McLuckie, McNeill, Nicol, Nimmo and Waddell.

For the Amendment (12) – Councillors Alexander, Carleschi, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, Kenna, A MacDonald, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Spears and Thomson.

Accordingly **AGREED** to:-

- (1) appoint Conveners and Depute Conveners of the Scrutiny Committees as follows:-

Committee	Convener	Depute Convener
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor C Martin	Councillor J Lemetti
Education	Councillor A Waddell	Councillor J Patrick
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor C MacDonald	Councillor C R Martin
Housing and Social Care	Councillor G Goldie	Councillor A McNeill
Leisure Tourism and Community	Councillor A Mahoney	Provost P Reid

- (2) confirm the membership of the Planning Committee to be the same as the Regulatory Committee which it replaced.
- (3) note the revised programme of meetings from 10 March to 31 December 2009.
- (4) approve the arrangements for approving the minutes of meetings in the final cycle of the former scrutiny committees as detailed in the report
- (5) note the 2.5% increase in the levels of remuneration due to Councillors and the Leader of the Council under the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2008
- (6) apply the 2.5% increase in remuneration to senior councillors, with the remuneration framework being amended, as follows

Senior Councillor (Higher Payment)	Senior Councillor (Lower Payment)
Depute Provost	Convener of Investment Committee
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Convener of Housing and Social Care Committee	Depute Convener of Housing and Social Care Committee
Convener of Leisure, Tourism and Community Committee	Convener of Appeals Committee
Convener of Licensing Board	Depute Convener of Economic Strategy and Development Committee
Convener of Planning Committee	Leader of the main Opposition Group

- (7) not apply the 2.5% increase in remuneration to the post of civic head.
- (8) approve the revised Standing Orders as set out in Appendix 3 of the Report.

NOTED:-

- (1) that the SNP members of the existing scrutiny committees would transfer to the new scrutiny committees as follows:-

Committee	
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor J Constable
	Councillor G Hughes
	Councillor C Meiklejohn
	Councillor M Oliver
	Councillor G Thomson
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor S Carleschi
	Councillor T Coleman
	Councillor G Hughes
	Councillor A MacDonald
	Councillor M Oliver
Education Committee	Councillor S Carleschi
	Councillor T Coleman
	Councillor G Hughes
	Councillor A MacDonald
	Councillor J McNally
Leisure, Tourism and Community	Councillor S Carleschi
	Councillor T Coleman
	Councillor J Constable
	Councillor J McNally
	Councillor C Meiklejohn
Housing and Social Care	Councillor T Coleman
	Councillor J Constable
	Councillor A MacDonald
	Councillor J McNally
	Councillor C Meiklejohn

- (2) Membership from the remaining Groups will be confirmed to the Acting Director of Law and Administration, in accordance with the proportionality shown in paragraph 2.3 of the report.