

FC23. CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES: MEMBERSHIP

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 7 April 2008 by Acting Director of Administration Services advising of the recent consultation on proportionality undertaken by COSLA and the associated decision taken at the March meeting of the Convention.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor Nimmo moved that the Council's membership of CoSLA should reflect political balance as far as possible. In that respect, the two major political groups should be represented as should the other members of Council. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Labour group would resign from one of their places to be replaced by Councillor Patrick.

Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander moved that to demonstrate diversity on COSLA, one of the Labour group Members resign and be replaced by Councillor Buchanan.

Councillor Buchanan declined the nomination.

Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander moved that to demonstrate diversity on COSLA, one of the Labour group members resign and be replaced by Councillor Waddell.

Councillor Waddell declined the nomination.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Spears moved that one of the Labour group Members on COSLA resign and be replaced by Councillor Coleman.

Councillor Coleman gave intimation of a further amendment.

On a division 16 Members voted for the Motion, 14 for the Amendment and there was 1 Abstention.

AGREED that the substantive Motion be that one of the Labour Members on COSLA resign and be replaced by Councillor Patrick.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander moved that one of the Labour Members of COSLA resign and be replaced by Councillor Spears.

On a division, 16 Members voted for the Motion, 14 for the Amendment and there was 1 Abstention.

AGREED that one of the Labour group Members of COSLA resign and be replaced by Councillor Patrick.