

**FC58. EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS: APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS - SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEW**

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer presenting the recommendations of the Executive in regard to a scrutiny panel review.

The Executive, on 2 December 2014 (ref EX83), considered the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee in regard to the appointment of elected members to outside organisations. In agreeing the recommendations, the Executive also agreed to recommend to Council that there should be reporting back to Council on those organisations to which Council appoints representatives and that this should be done by the inclusion of each organisation's minutes in the Volume of Minutes issued as part of the papers for scheduled meetings of Council.

The report set out the recommendations before Council and invited Council to consider whether they would apply to current appointments.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved that:-

- (1) Council thanks the scrutiny panel for its work;
- (2) the following principles be adopted by Council in regard to the appointment of elected members to outside organisations (excluding those statutory and significant bodies set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report) -
  - (i) where there is strategic benefit to the Council in appointing to a national or regional body (such as COSLA), it would be appropriate to consider making such an appointment. However, each request should be considered on a case by case basis;
  - (ii) for those organisations which fall within the Following the Public Pound regime Council does not appoint an elected member to the organisation; and
  - (iii) where the organisation does not operate at a strategic level and is not funded by the Council, Council should consider each request on a case by case basis to ensure that an appointment would benefit the Council.
- (3) when appointments are made, training should be available – by the organisation and/or Council to ensure that the elected members are fully able to undertake the role of Council representative.
- (4) reporting back to Council should take place and should be done through the inclusion of outside organisations' minutes in the Volume of Minutes;
- (5) Council agrees the panel's recommendations in respect of each of the current appointments, as set out in appendix 5 of the report to the Executive; and
- (6) officers work with the individual organisations to determine when it is appropriate to implement these changes.

As an amendment, Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved the terms of the motion, with part (4) substituted with the following:-

- (4) Council recognises that those appointed to outside bodies by virtue of their elected member status have a responsibility to keep Council advised of their involvement and therefore agrees that, in order that those members are able to be held to account, they will provide an annual report which will be published along with attendance record within the information bulletin.

On a division, 14 members voted for the amendment and 17 voted for the motion.

### **Decision**

**Council agreed the motion.**