

FC61. APPOINTMENTS – COSLA and SEStran

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer requesting that it considers appointing members to a Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) sub group and to the South East Scotland Transport Partnership (SEStran) board.

COSLA Community Justice sub group

The COSLA Community Well Being Executive Group established in 2014, a sub group to act as a sounding board in regard to the redesign of the community justice system. Each local authority was invited to nominate a representative to the group. Councillor Blackwood, as the relevant portfolio holder, had attended the first meeting of the sub group on 15 December 2014, pending a formal decision by Council.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor D Goldie, nominated Councillor Blackwood.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, nominated Councillor Alexander.

On a division, 17 members voted for Councillor Blackwood and 14 voted for Councillor Alexander.

Decision

Council appointed Councillor Blackwood to the COSLA Criminal Justice sub group.

SEStran

SEStran covers 8 Local Authority areas, including the Falkirk Council area. Its main task is to produce a regional transport strategy for South East Scotland. The Council has two places on the partnership board and may also nominate two substitute members.

Following the resignations, in 2013, of Councillor D Goldie (as a substantive member) and Baillie Buchanan (as a substitute member), both vacancies have remained unfilled, pending the outcome of scrutiny panel review of appointments of members to outside organisations. With the panel's recommendations considered earlier in the meeting, Council was now invited to appoint to the two vacant positions.

Decision

Council appointed Councillor Bird to the SEStran partnership board and Provost Reid as a substitute to the board.