

FC25. RESIGNATION OF ELECTED MEMBER

Council considered a report by the Chief Governance Officer advising of the resignation of John McNally as an elected member of Falkirk Council and the vacant committee positions which have arisen as a consequence.

Following John McNally's election as a member of the UK Parliament on 7 May 2015 and his subsequent resignation, with effect from 1 June 2015, as a member of Falkirk Council, vacancies had arisen on the Planning and Civic Licensing Committees and on the Licensing Board. A by-election was due to be held on 13 August 2015 to elect a successor.

Council was invited to consider whether to appoint to the vacant positions or to await the outcome of the by-election. In the case of the latter option, Council had previously agreed, in 2004, 'that such vacancies could be filled by agreement among the Provost, Group Leaders and representatives of independent members "taking into account the political proportionality and the representations of the member elected until ratified at the next meeting of Council."

Decision

Council agreed to note:-

- (1) the resignation of John McNally as a member of Falkirk Council;**
- (2) the vacancies which arise on the Licensing Board and the Planning and Civic Licensing Committees as a consequence; and**
- (3) that those vacancies may be filled by agreement among the Provost and Group Leaders taking into account the political proportionality and the representations of the member elected until ratified at the next meeting of Council.**