FC57. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services advising of vacancies on various committees and setting out a recommendation from the Scrutiny Committee in regard to mandatory training for members of the Executive and the Scrutiny and Audit Committees.

Council agreed on 24 June 2015 (ref FC 8) that vacancies on the Civic Licensing and Planning Committees and the Licensing Board, arising from the resignation of Councillor McNally, could be filled by agreement following Denny and Banknock by election.

Councillor Meiklejohn, having sought and obtained the necessary agreement, had nominated Councillor Garner to the vacant positions on the Civic Licensing and Planning Committees. Council was invited to confirm these appointments. No nominations had been made to the Licensing Board.

Additionally, Councillor Meiklejohn had intimated her resignation from the Planning and Joint Consultative Committees and Councillor Jackson had resigned from the Appeals Committee. Each of the vacancies fell to be filled by a member of the SNP Group. There were also outstanding vacancies on the Licensing Board and Civic Licensing Committee that fell to the Labour Group.

The following nominations were made:-

Licensing Board	Councillor Meiklejohn
Licensing Board	Councillor Blackwood
Appeals Committee	Councillor Bird
Civic Licensing Committee	To be confirmed
Joint Consultative Committee	Councillor Garner
Planning Committee	Councillor Oliver

At its meeting on 29 September 2015, the Executive agreed a recommendation from the Scrutiny Committee that there should be mandatory training for all elected members on Treasury Management before they are eligible to serve on the Executive, Scrutiny or Audit Committees. For existing members, the training requirement would require to be completed it within the next 6 months. The recommendation was referred to Council because matters relating to appointments to committees are reserved.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) to confirm the appointment of Councillor Garner to the Civic Licensing and Planning Committees;
- (2) to appoint Councillors Blackwood and Meiklejohn to the Licensing Board; Councillor Bird to the Appeals Committee; Councillor Garner to the Joint Consultative Committee and Councillor Oliver to the Planning Committee; and

(3) that training on Treasury Management should be mandatory for all elected members before they are eligible to serve on the Executive, Scrutiny and Audit Committees with training for sitting members to be completed within the next six months.