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Agenda Item 4

Appointment of Provost and Leader of the Council

Falkirk Council

Title: Appointment of Provost and Leader of the Council

Meeting: Falkirk Council

Date: 24 May 2017

Submitted by: Director of Corporate & Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report invites Council to appoint a Provost and a Leader of the Council. Further, Council is invited to consider whether or not it wishes to appoint a Depute Provost and Baillies.

2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that Council:-

- (1) appoints a member to the position of Provost and continues consideration of remuneration for the position to later in the meeting;**
- (2) considers whether or not to appoint a Depute Provost and, if so, continues consideration of remuneration for the position to later in the meeting;**
- (3) appoints a member to the position of Leader of the Council noting that remuneration for this position is set at £33,857 p.a., and**
- (4) considers whether or not to appoint Baillies.**

3. Appointment of Provost, Depute Provost and Baillies

- 3.1 The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (the Act) requires that each Council elects a convener from among its councillors at its first meeting following an ordinary election. In Falkirk the convener of the Council has traditionally been known by the title of Provost and also performs the role of civic head.
- 3.2 The Act provides that each Council may also elect a member to be depute convener. Falkirk Council has previously appointed a Depute Provost as its depute convener. The Depute Provost has convened Council meetings in the Provost's absence and also assists the Provost in the carrying out of civic duties.
- 3.3 Remuneration for these posts is considered in a report later in the agenda.

- 3.4 At its special meeting of 19 March 2013 Council agreed to introduce the post of Baillie to deputise for the Provost and Depute Provost in the carrying out of civic duties. Council may wish to consider whether to make appointments to this post. This position was not previously remunerated.

4. Appointment of Leader of the Council

- 4.1 The Standing Orders require the appointment of a Leader of the Council. Provision is made in the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 for this position. The regulations set remuneration for this post at £33,857 p.a. The role of the Leader of the Council includes the strategic leadership of the Council, promoting the Council's core values and ensuring effective communication of Council policies and strategies.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 This report has not been subject to consultation.

6. Implications

Financial

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Resources

- 6.2 There are no resource implications arising from the report.

Legal

- 6.3 There are no legal implications arising from the report.

Risk

- 6.4 There are no risk implications arising from the report.

Equalities

- 6.5 An equality and poverty impact assessment was not carried out.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 No sustainability assessment has been completed as part of compiling the report.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 Council is asked to appoint a Provost and a Leader of the Council. Both of these posts are remunerated with the latter fixed at £33,857 p.a. Council may also appoint a Depute Provost and Baillies and consideration of remuneration for these posts will take place later in the meeting.

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Appendices:

None.

List of Background Papers:

No papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.