



Agenda Item 3

Election of Provost

Falkirk Council

Title: Election of Provost
Meeting: Falkirk Council
Date: 15 January 2018
Submitted By: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report invites Council to elect a Provost to fill the casual vacancy arising from the untimely death of Provost Coleman.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council elects a Provost.**

3. Considerations

- 3.1 Council will be aware of the untimely death on 30 November 2017 of Tom Coleman who served as Provost from his election on 24 May 2017. Section 4(6) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 requires the Council to hold an election to fill the vacancy of the office of Provost as soon as is practicable at a meeting of the Council the notice of which specifies the vacancy as an item of business.
- 3.2 The process for the election is governed by standing order 23. A vote will be taken between all candidates with each councillor having one vote only. If there are more than two candidates, in the event of one candidate not obtaining an overall majority of votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be struck out and a new vote taken among the remaining candidates.
- 3.3 Council decided on 24 May to remunerate the position at £23,179 per annum. This will remain the position unless the Council decides otherwise. The maximum level currently available is £25,392 per annum.
- 3.4 Vacancies arising on committees and external bodies will be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Council on 7 March 2018.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 No consultation has taken place in relation to the report.

5. Implications

Financial

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

Resources

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

Legal

- 5.3 The report fulfils the legal requirement on the Council arising from section 4(6) of the 1994 Act.

Risk

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

Equalities

- 5.5 An equality/ risk assessment was not carried out.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

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

6. Conclusions

- 6.1 The report invites the Council to elect a Provost.

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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.