

FC12. Appointments

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services inviting: the creation of an appointments panel to appoint a convener of the Audit Committee; appointment of a second member to the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers (LNCT); the appointment of the Information Governance Manager as the Data Protection Officer for the purpose of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), and the appointment of a deputy convener of the Pensions Committee.

The Audit Committee is convened by a co-opted independent member. Roseann Davidson was appointed in 2010 and reappointed in both 2012 and 2017. At its statutory meeting Council noted that Ms Davidson intended to serve for a further twelve months. It was recommended that an appointments panel, comprising an elected member from each party, was established to undertake the recruitment, selection and appointment of a successor. The successful candidate would be appointed until the next Local Government elections in May 2022. To ensure the convenership retained its independence it was recommended that any convener was limited to serve a maximum of two terms, with a term constituting the lifetime of a Council.

The LNCT is the Falkirk level negotiating group for teachers terms and conditions. The management side had two places for Councillors. One of the places was held by the Education Portfolio Holder, and Council was invited to make an appointment to the vacant position.

In terms of the GDPR Council was required to designate a Data Protection Officer (DPO) which was a statutory office established by the Data Protection Act. It was recommended that the Information Governance Manager was designated as the Council's DPO.

Councillor Patrick had intimated his resignation as the deputy convener of the Pensions Committee on 8 March 2018. Council was invited to appoint a successor.

There was general agreement on the establishment of an Appointments Panel, a two term limit for the Audit Committee convener and that the Information Governance Manager was designated the DPO. There were no nominations to the position of Pensions Committee deputy convener.

Nominations were sought for the vacancy on the LNCT.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillor Bouse.

Councillor Goldie nominated Councillor Nimmo.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Garner, moved that Council:-

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 30 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For Councillor Bouse (14) – Depute Provost Ritchie; and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Garner, Grant, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

For Councillor Nimmo (16) – Provost Buchanan; and Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) to establish an Appointments Panel to appoint a convener of the Audit Committee comprising one member from each political group;**
- (2) that the Audit Committee convener may serve a maximum of two terms;**
- (3) to appoint Councillor Nimmo to the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers, and**
- (4) to appoint the Information Governance Manager as the Data Protection Officer for the purpose of the General Data Protection Regulation.**