

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: COUNCIL POSITIONS**  
**Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL**  
**Date: 28 JANUARY 2010**  
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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this Report is to:

- advise Council of the resignation of Councillor Gow as Leader of the Council and from membership of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Appointments Committee and of the Audit Committee.
- to invite Council to designate a successor leader and to appoint a convener to the vacant committee positions.
- to note that such appointments may have a consequential impact on other committee positions and to invite Council to make appointments where vacant positions arise.

**2. LEADER**

2.1 Council's Standing Orders provide that the leader of the Council is the "leader of the group or groups which form the administration". In order that the postholder can be appropriately remunerated, however, and in accordance with the terms of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007, Council is invited formally to designate the holder of the leader's position.

**3. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

3.1 In accordance with the resignations from committees noted in paragraph 1.1, vacancies arise for a Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Appointments Committee and the Audit Committee. Dependent upon who is appointed to these positions, further vacancies on those committees may also arise.

3.2 The appointment of a successor convener to Policy and Resources Committee may also have a consequential impact on scrutiny committee memberships, given the provision in Standing Orders which prohibits a member of Policy and Resources from sitting also on any of the scrutiny committees. Notice is accordingly given that there may be a need for Council to receive resignations and to make additional appointments at this meeting.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **4.1 Council is invited to:-**

- (1) Designate a member as Leader of the Council;**
- (2) Appoint a Convener of the Policy and Resources Committee and, if a vacancy still remains in the membership thereof, to fill said vacancy;**
- (3) Appoint a Convener of the Appointments Committee and, if a vacancy still remains in the membership thereof, to fill said vacancy;**
- (4) Appoint a Convener of the Audit Committee and, if a vacancy still remains in the membership thereof, to fill said vacancy; and**
- (5) Deal with such resignations from other positions as may be intimated and to make appointments to any vacancies that arise.**

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**Date: 21 January 2010**

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