

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject : APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/EXTERNAL
 ORGANISATIONS**
Meeting : FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 23 JUNE 2010
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is (a) to advise of a change in the requirement for Council representation on the Board of Directors of the Linked Work and Training Trust; (b) to seek an appointment to the Falkirk District Twinning Association; and (c) to advise of resignations from the Audit Committee, Civic Licensing Committee and Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Board and to seek appointments thereto.

2. BACKGROUND

Linked Work and Training Trust

- 2.1 Council appointed Councillor Oliver to the Board of Directors of the Linked Work and Training Trust in June 2007. Following an amendment to its Articles of Association the Linked Work and Training Trust has refocused as an organisation and is no longer an independent charitable organisation part funded by organisations such as Falkirk Council and the voluntary sector. As a consequence its management structure has been revised and there is no longer a requirement for a representative of the Council to sit on its Board. Council is invited to note this.

Falkirk District Twinning Association

- 2.2 Council was advised in April 2010, of the resignation of Depute Provost Black from the Falkirk District Twinning Association, and agreed to continue consideration of the appointment of a future meeting.
- 2.3 Falkirk District Twinning Association was established by Falkirk District Council in 1983 to support twinning activities between the communities of the Falkirk District and Creteil, France. The Association is funded by a grant from Falkirk Council which appoints 2 elected representatives to the Association. The Association meets approximately 4 times a year.

Audit Committee

- 2.4 Council appointed Councillors Coleman and Kenna to the Audit Committee in December 2008. Both members intimated their resignations from this Committee with effect from 29 and 28 April 2010 respectively. Council is invited to appoint successors. In terms of the political balance of the Council the successors should be members of the SNP Group.

Civic Licensing Committee

- 2.5 Council appointed Councillor McNally to the Civic Licensing Committee in June 2007. Councillor McNally has intimated his resignation from the Committee. Council is invited to appoint a successor. In terms of the political balance of the Council the successor should be a member of the SNP Group.

Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board

- 2.6 Council appointed Councillor Gow to the Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board on 3 March 2010. Councillor Gow has given notice that she will be resigning from the Board, with effect from 2 September 2010. Council is therefore invited to appoint a successor to this position recognising that the successor member will not take up the new position formally until Councillor Gow's resignation takes effect in September. In terms of political proportionality on Joint Boards agreed by Council on 18 May 2007, the vacant position should be filled by a member of the Labour Group.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Council is invited to:-

- (i) note the position with regard to the Linked Work and Training Trust;
- (ii) note the intimation of resignation of Councillor Gow from Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board which will take effect on 2 September 2010 and to appoint a successor;
- (iii) note the resignation of Councillors Coleman and Kenna from the Audit Committee and to appoint successors;
- (iv) note the resignation of Councillor McNally from the Civic Licensing Committee and to appoint a successor; and
- (v) note the resignation of Depute Provost Black as one of its representatives on the Falkirk District Twinning Association and to appoint a successor.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS
Nil.