

FALKIRK COUNCIL

MINUTE of STATUTORY MEETING of FALKIRK COUNCIL held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on FRIDAY 18 MAY 2012 at 9.30 AM.

PRESENT: Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Hughes, Jackson, Macdonald, McCabe, McLuckie, McNally, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, Meiklejohn, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo, Oliver, Paterson, Patrick, Reid, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

CONVENER: Returning Officer (Items FC1, 2, 3 and part of Item FC4)
Provost Reid from Item FC4 onwards.

ATTENDING: Chief Executive (and Returning Officer); Directors of Development Services, and of Social Work Services; Chief Finance Officer; Chief Governance Officer, Depute Chief Governance Officer and Democratic Services Manager.

FC1. SEDERUNT

The sederunt was taken by way of a roll call.

FC2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

FC3. ELECTION OF FALKIRK COUNCILLORS

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 12 May 2012 by the Returning Officer detailing (a) the Councillors elected to Falkirk Council following the local government elections on 3 May 2012, and (b) the political composition of the Council.

NOTED the results of the local government elections on 3 May 2012 and the political composition of the Council.

FC4. ELECTION OF PROVOST AND DEPUTE PROVOST

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 12 May 2012 by the Chief Executive/Returning Officer (a) advising of the requirement to elect a member as Convener of the Council (known traditionally known as “Provost”); (b) detailing the remuneration parameters for the position, and (c) advising that Council has the power to appoint a Depute Provost and that any remuneration for the position would require to be included within the Council’s overall remuneration framework to be considered later in the meeting (item FC7).

AGREED:-

- (1) that the position of Provost be remunerated at £23,179 p.a, and
- (2) to elect Councillor Reid as Provost of Falkirk Council.

Provost Reid then took the Chair and, Council having agreed to appoint a Depute Provost, invited nominations for that position.

AGREED to elect Councillor Patrick as Depute Provost of Falkirk Council.

FC5. STANDING ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL

With reference to the minute of the meeting held on 14 March 2012 (Paragraph FC103 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 12 May 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer (a) proposing revisions to Standing Orders relating to meetings and the Scheme of Delegation which serve to update both documents and to create a single, consistent, document and (b) presenting the revised Standing Orders for approval.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Black moved that “Council approves the Standing Orders as appended to the Report, subject to the following;

- (1) Council recognises that its decision making structure requires to be improved. Council accordingly asks the Chief Executive to lead a comprehensive review of decision making structures and to report to Council on her proposals, with final proposals to be presented to Council by the end of this year with a view to them commencing in January 2013;
- (2) the comprehensive review of decision making structures should consider the issue of expanding the number of representatives of the Council performing civic roles to include Baillies, and
- (3) the Chief Governance Officer to bring a report to the next meeting of Council with suggested amendments to the Standing Orders to enable substitutes to be named for scrutiny committee meetings.

AGREED the terms of the Motion.

FC6. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND SIGNIFICANT STATUTORY BODIES

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 11 May 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer setting out the Council's current decision making structure and seeking nominations to the following positions (a) convener and, where relevant, depute convener of the various committees and bodies of the Council; (b) non office bearing membership of those committees and bodies; (c) the Board of Falkirk Community Trust; (d) Central Scotland Joint Police, Fire & Rescue and Valuation Boards, and (e) various significant statutory organisations, such as the Joint Children's Panel Advisory Committee and the Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority, which require Council representation.

There followed a short recess to consider political proportionality on committees following which all members returned to the meeting.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved (a) the allocation of places on Committees and other bodies; (b) the appointment of conveners and depute conveners and (c) other appointments, all as follows:-

(a) Allocation of places on committees and other bodies

Number of councillors to be appointed	Allocation
3 (e.g. Fife and Forth Valley CJA)	Labour 1 SNP 1 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 1 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
5 (e.g. Falkirk Community Trust)	Labour 2 SNP 2 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 1 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
6 (e.g. Appointments Committee, Pensions Committee, Fire & Rescue Board and Police Board)	Labour 3 SNP 2 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 1 the non – aligned) Independent Member)

8 (e.g. Policy and Resources Committee, Valuation Board, Audit & Appeals Committees)	Labour 4 SNP 3 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 1 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
10 (e.g. Joint Consultative Committee, Civic Licensing Committee and Licensing Board)	Labour 4 SNP 4 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 2 the non – aligned) Independent Member)
12 (e.g. Scrutiny Committees and Planning Committee)	Labour 5 SNP 5 Conservative Group or) Independent Group or) 2 the non – aligned) Independent Member)

(b) Appointment of Conveners and Depute Conveners

Committee	Convener	Depute Convener
Policy and Resources	Councillor C Martin	Councillor R Murray
Scrutiny Committees	Convener	Depute Convener
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor D Goldie	Councillor L Gow
Education	Councillor A Nimmo	Provost P Reid
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor C R Martin	Councillor J Paterson
Housing and Social Care	Councillor G Goldie	Councillor A Black
Leisure, Tourism and Community	Councillor A Mahoney	Councillor J Paterson
Other Committees	Convener	Depute Convener
Appeals	Councillor J McLuckie	Councillor J Blackwood
Appointments	Councillor C Martin	Councillor A Black
Civic Licensing	Councillor M Nicol	Provost P Reid
Joint Consultative	Councillor C Macdonald	Staff side appointment
Pensions	Depute Provost Patrick	Councillor C Martin
Planning	Councillor W Buchanan	Councillor J McLuckie

(c) **Other appointments**

With regard to Falkirk Community Trust, the allocation of seats to be on the basis of 2 to the Labour Group, 2 to the SNP Group, and 1 to the Conservative Group. The Labour Group's representatives will be Provost Reid and Councillor Gow. To avoid the possibility of Director posts being left vacant if allocated places are not taken up, nominations to the vacant Director posts must be made to the Chief Executive by 5pm on 31 May 2012 which failing two of the positions will be allocated to Councillor D Goldie and Councillor Paterson.

In response to this part of the motion, Councillor Alexander confirmed that the SNP Group would not be taking up the directorships available to them on the Trust.

In consequence, the Directors nominated to the Trust were Provost Reid, Councillors D Goldie, Gow and Paterson and one representative from the Conservative Group.

No other nominations were received for the positions of Convener and Depute Convener with the exception of the Planning Committee for which Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman, nominated Councillor Carleschi as Convener.

Councillor Spears gave notice of a further amendment.

Council then voted on the position of Convener of the Planning Committee with 17 members voting for Councillor Buchanan and 15 members voting for Councillor Carleschi.

Accordingly, **AGREED** the motion which, in terms of Standing Order 19.6 became the substantive motion upon which the further amendment could be moved.

Councillor Spears, seconded by Councillor McCabe, moved that, "with regard to the allocation of places, where places are allocated to one or more from the Conservative Group or Independent Group or the non-aligned Independent member, that one place is reserved for a member of the Independent Group".

On a division, 17 members voted for the motion and 15 voted for the amendment. Accordingly, **AGREED** the terms of the motion.

Council then adjourned for 20 minutes to allow members of the Conservative and Independent Groups and the non aligned Independent member to meet with a view to establishing whether they could reach agreement among them on the allocation of places in accordance with table (a) above. The Provost confirmed that, in the absence of agreement, the allocation of places would rest with Council.

Council reconvened at 11.15 am with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Nicol advised that no consensus had been reached and accordingly moved, seconded by Councillor Buchanan, that places be allocated as follows:-

Committee	Membership
Policy and Resources	Depute Provost J Patrick
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor W Buchanan and one member from the Independent Group
Education	Councillors M Nicol and W Buchanan
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor M Nicol and one member from the Independent Group
Housing and Social Care	Councillor W Buchanan and one member from the Independent Group
Leisure, Tourism and Community	Councillor M Nicol and one member from the Independent Group
Appeals	Depute Provost J Patrick
Appointments	Councillor M Nicol
Audit	Depute Provost J Patrick
Civic Licensing	Councillor W Buchanan
Joint Consultative	Depute Provost J Patrick and one member from the Independent Group
Planning	Councillor M Nicol
Boards and CJA	Membership
Central Scotland Joint Fire & Rescue Board	Councillor W Buchanan
Central Scotland Joint Police Board	Depute Provost J Patrick
Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board	One member from the Independent Group
Falkirk Council Licensing Board	Councillors W Buchanan and M Nicol
Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority (CJA)	One member from the Independent Group
Other bodies	Membership
Civic Events Panel	Councillor W Buchanan

There being no amendment, the motion was **AGREED**

Councillor C Martin then turned to the appointment to bodies shown in appendix 4 to the report and not otherwise dealt with in previous motions and, seconded by Councillor Nicol, moved that Councillor M Nicol continues to be a Director of Falkirk Community Trust, that Councillor W Buchanan takes up one of the 2 places on SEStran and that Councillor CR Martin and an officer of the Council take up the 2 places on the Pensions Panel.

Council also **AGREED**:-

- (1) to require members appointed for the first time to the Appointments, Appeals, Audit, Civic Licensing and Planning Committees to undergo training before taking part in decision making on those committees, and

- (2) to authorise the Chief Executive and/or the Chief Governance Officer to give notice of any appointments to third party organisations being made or terminated as a consequence of these decisions.

And **NOTED:-**

- (1) the mandatory training requirement for members appointed to the Licensing Board, the Pension Committee and the Pensions Panel;
- (2) the following appointments to places allocated to the Labour Group (excluding Conveners and Depute Conveners) :-

Committee	Membership
Policy and Resources Committee	Councillor McLuckie Councillor Macdonald Depute Provost Patrick
Scrutiny Committees	
Economic Strategy and Development	Councillor Black Councillor Blackwood Councillor Buchanan Councillor Nimmo
Education	Councillor Blackwood Councillor Buchanan Councillor Gow Councillor C R Martin
Environment and Community Safety	Councillor Blackwood Councillor G. Goldie Councillor Mahoney
Housing and Social Care	Councillor Mahoney Councillor Nimmo Provost Reid
Leisure, Tourism and Community	Councillor G. Goldie Councillor Gow Councillor C R Martin
Other Committees	
Appeals	Councillor D. Goldie Councillor Gow
Appointments	Councillor Black Provost Reid
Audit	Councillor Black Councillor Paterson Depute Provost Patrick Provost Reid
Civic Licensing	Councillor Blackwood Councillor D. Goldie Councillor McLuckie
Joint Consultative	Councillor G. Goldie Councillor Mahoney Councillor C R Martin

Pensions	Councillor Blackwood Councillor Paterson
Planning	Councillor Black Councillor Mahoney Councillor C Martin Councillor Paterson
Boards and CJA	
Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board	Councillor D. Goldie Councillor Nimmo Councillor Murray
Central Scotland Joint Police Board	Councillor Blackwood Councillor Nimmo Councillor Paterson
Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board	Councillor Macdonald Councillor Murray Councillor Mahoney Councillor Nimmo
Fife and Forth Valley Community Justice Authority (CJA)	Councillor Macdonald
Licensing Board	Councillor Black Councillor D Goldie Councillor McLuckie Councillor Nimmo
Other bodies	
Falkirk Community Trust	Councillor D. Goldie Councillor Gow (to continue) Councillor Paterson Provost P Reid (to continue)
Pensions Panel	Councillor C R Martin

- (3) that slates from Groups to fill the positions available to them should be submitted to the Chief Governance Officer following the meeting.

**FC7. LOCAL GOVERNANCE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2004 (REMUNERATION)
AMENDMENT REGULATIONS 2007**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 12 May 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer (a) summarising the statutory remuneration regulations as they relate to members of local authorities, and (b) inviting Council to agree its remuneration framework.

AGREED:-

- (1) to designate Councillor C Martin as Leader of Falkirk Council and Councillor A Black as Deputy Leader, and
- (2) to introduce 13 senior councillor positions with 11 to be remunerated at £21,803 p.a. and to 2 to be remunerated at £18,280 p.a, as set out below:-

Senior Councillor (Higher Payment)	Senior Councillor (Lower Payment)
£21,803	£18,280
Depute Provost	Depute Convener of Environment and Community Safety Committee
Convener of Economic Strategy and Development Committee	Leader of the main Opposition Group
Convener of Education Committee	
Convener of Environment and Community Safety Committee	
Convener of Housing and Social Care Committee	
Convener of Leisure, Tourism and Community Committee	
Convener of Licensing Board	
Convener of Planning Committee	
Convener of Appeals Committee	
Convener of Civic Licensing Committee	
Depute Leader	

FC8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO EXTERNAL BODIES

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 12 May 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer providing information on those external bodies which had requested elected member representation. The report highlighted 4 particular requests for representation namely (a) Cosla Convention; (b) the Helix Trust; (c) Forth Valley Health Board, and (d) the Veterans Champion and collated the remaining requests as an appendix to the report.

Additionally, the report provided information on the registration and declaration provisions contained in the Councillors' Code of Conduct with regard to external appointments.

Council then considered the various requests for representations.

(a) COSLA Convention (4 places)

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Black, moved that the Council's representation on the COSLA Convention be 2 members from the Labour Group, 1 member from the SNP Group and 1 member from among the Conservative Group, the Independent Group or the non-aligned Independent member.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved that the Council's representation be 2 members from the Labour Group and 2 members from the SNP Group.

In terms of Standing Order 21.4 (i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 32 Members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the Motion (17) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Councillors Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Macdonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin, Murray, Nicol, Nimmo and Paterson.

For the Amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Having agreed the Council's representation on the COSLA Convention as 2 representatives from the Labour Group, 1 from the SNP Group and 1 from among the Conservative Group, the Independent Group or the non-aligned Independent member, the Provost sought nominations.

AGREED to appoint Depute Provost Patrick and Councillors C Martin, Gow and Alexander to the COSLA Convention.

(b) Helix Trust (2 places)

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Black, nominated Councillors C R Martin and Gow to the Board of the Helix Trust while Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman nominated Councillor Meiklejohn.

On the first vacancy **AGREED** to appoint Councillor Gow to the Board of the Helix Trust.

On the second vacancy, 17 members voted for Councillor C R Martin and 15 members voted for Councillor Meiklejohn. Accordingly, **AGREED** to appoint Councillor C R Martin to the Board of the Helix Trust.

(c) Forth Valley NHS Board (1 place)

AGREED to appoint Councillor Gow to the Forth Valley NHS Board.

(d) Veterans Champion

AGREED to appoint Depute Provost Patrick as the Council's Veterans' Champion.

Provost Reid then sought nominations to the external organisations detailed in the appendix to the report. A number were received and are detailed below:-

Falkirk Council – Elected Member Representation on Outside Bodies and Organisations

Name of Organisation	Number of Members	Appointed
Age Concern Falkirk	1	Depute Provost J Patrick
Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)	1	Councillor G Goldie
Braveheart Association	1	Councillor C Macdonald
Central Scotland Regional Equality Council (CSRECL)	1	Councillor A Nimmo
Citizens Advice Bureau (Denny & Dunipace)	2	Councillor J Blackwood
Citizens Advice Bureau (Grangemouth & Bo'ness)	1 from Grangemouth and 1 from Bo'ness	Councillor A Black Councillor A Mahoney
Council for Voluntary Sector (CVS)	1	Councillor R Murray
East of Scotland European Consortium	1	No appointment made
Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee	1	No appointment made
Falkirk & District Arts & Civic Council	Provost (Honorary President) and 2 members	Provost P Reid Councillor J McLuckie Councillor J Paterson
Falkirk & District Town Centre Management Limited	1	Councillor A Black
BID Management Group	1 and a substitute	Councillor D Goldie Councillor L Gow (substitute)
Falkirk & District Community Safety Panel	1	Councillor C R Martin
Falkirk District Twinning Association	3 plus the Provost (ex officio)	Provost P Reid Depute Provost J Patrick Councillor D Goldie Councillor L Gow
Falkirk Environment Trust (FET)	1	Councillor J McLuckie

Falkirk for Business	1	Councillor D Goldie Councillor L Gow (substitute)
Falkirk Football Community Foundation	1	Councillor C Martin
Falkirk Sports Council	2	Councillor J Blackwood leaving 1 place vacant
Falkirk Temperance Trust	2/3 representing the former Falkirk Burgh area (Wards 6 and 7)	Provost P Reid Councillor C R Martin
Forth Valley NHS Community Health Partnership	Council appointee to the NHS Board plus 1 Member.	Councillor L Gow Councillor R Murray
Forth Valley Area Tourism Partnership	1	Councillor A Mahoney
Highland Reserve Forces' And Cadets' Assoc.	1	No appointment made
Museums Galleries Scotland	1	Councillor A Mahoney
Order of Malta Dial – a – Journey LTD	1	No appointment made
Paragon Housing Association LTD	1	Councillor J Paterson
Scottish Accident Prevention Council	3	No appointment made
Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive substances (SCCORS)	1	Councillor C R Martin
Scottish Enterprise	1 at Leader of Council or chair of economic development level	Councillor C Martin
Scottish Local Government Forum Against Poverty	1 and 1 named substitute	Councillor J Paterson No substitute appointed
Scottish Railway Preservation Society	1	Councillor S Turner
Scottish Schools Equipment Research Centre (SSERC)	1	Councillor A Nimmo
Stirlingshire Educational Trust	7 3 from the Labour Group, 3 from the SNP Group + 1 from among the 5 members made up of the Conservative Group, the Independent Group and the non aligned independent member.	Provost P Reid Councillor A Nimmo Councillor J Paterson Depute Provost J Patrick

University of Stirling Conference	1 - Provost (ex officio)	Provost P Reid
Workers' Educational Association (WEA)	1	Councillor D Goldie

AGREED:-

- (1) to appoint members to the external organisations as set out above and that nominations for any remaining vacancies be made to the Chief Governance Officer, and
- (2) not to join the National Association of Councillors.

NOTED the requirements upon Members to record any appointments to external bodies in their Register of Interests in accordance with the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

FC9. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS – JUNE TO DECEMBER 2012

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 11 May 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer enclosing as an appendix a proposed programme of meetings for the period June to December 2012.

AGREED the programme of meetings for the period June to December 2012 as set out in appendix 1 to this minute.

NOTED that special meetings of Council or its Committees may be called as necessary.

FC10. DESIGNATION OF STATUTORY OFFICERS, RETURNING OFFICER AND PROPER OFFICERS

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 20 April 2012 by the Chief Executive advising that there was a number of statutory provisions which required Council to appoint an officer for the purpose specified in the statute and setting out each position in an appendix to the Report.

AGREED to designate the identified Chief Officer as the statutory officer or proper officer for the purpose described in the report and as set out in Appendix 2 to this Minute.

Appendix 1
FALKIRK COUNCIL - PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS
JUNE 2012 TO DECEMBER 2012

TIME	COMMITTEE		CYCLE 1	CYCLE 2
9.30 am 9.30 am	Policy & Resources Committee Civic Licensing	Tues 12 June Mon 18 June	Tues 7 August Wed 8 August	Tues 9 October Thurs 11 October
9.30 am	Environment and Community Safety Committee		Tues 14 August	Tues 23 October
9.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am	Audit Education Committee Planning Committee	Tues 19 June	Tues 21 August Wed 22 August	Monday 29 October Tues 30 October Wed 31 October
9.30 am 9.30 am	Housing and Social Care Committee Joint Consultative Committee		Tues 28 August Wed 29 August	Tues 6 November Wed 7 November
9.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am	Planning On-Site Policy & Resources Committee Civic Licensing		Mon 3 September Tues 4 September Wed 5 September	Mon 12 November Tues 13 November Thurs 15 November
9.30 am 9.30 am	Leisure Tourism and Community Committee Pensions Committee		Tues 11 September Thurs 13 September	Tues 20 November
9.30 am 9.30 am	Economic Strategy and Development Committee Planning Committee		Tues 18 September Wed 19 September	Tues 27 November Wed 28 November
9.30 am 9.30 am 9.30 am	Falkirk Council Pensions Committee Planning On-Site	Wed 20 June Mon 6 August	Wed 26 September Mon 8 October	Wed 5 December Thurs 6 December Mon 10 December

Public Holiday: 10 September and 25 and 26 December 2012

Licensing Board: 15 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November and 12 December 2012 (BOARD TO CONFIRM)

*** Note – Meetings of the Planning Committee On-Site may be added to, cancelled or the arrangements varied depending upon the business at hand.**

Appendix 2

DESIGNATION OF PROPER OFFICER

STATUTORY PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO FALKIRK COUNCIL

<u>Statutory Provision</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Proper Officer</u>
Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968	Chief Social Work Officer	Director of Social Work
Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973		
Section 33A	Proper Officer for purposes in connection with Declarations of Acceptance of Office by Councillors.	Chief Executive
Section 34	Proper Officer for receipt of Councillors' resignations.	Chief Executive
Sections 43 and Schedule 7	Proper Officer for purposes in connection with meetings and proceedings of the Council, Committees and Sub Committees.	Chief Governance Officer
Section 50B – F	Proper Officer for various purposes in connection with access to agendas, reports and background papers of the Council, Committees and Sub Committees.	Chief Governance Officer
Section 95	Proper Officer for the administration of the Council's financial affairs.	Chief Finance Officer

Section 190	Proper Officer for various purposes in connection with legal proceedings and service of notices etc. on the Council.	Chief Governance Officer
Section 191	Proper Officer in respect of claims on behalf of the Council in sequestrations and liquidations.	Chief Finance Officer
Section 193	Proper Officer in respect of authentication of documents.	Chief Governance Officer
Section 194	Proper Officer in respect of execution of deeds and use of the Council seal.	Chief Executive and Chief Governance Officer
Sections 202-204	Proper Officer for various purposes in connection with byelaws.	Chief Governance Officer

Representation of the People Act 1983

Section 41	Returning Officer	Chief Executive
	All other references to the proper officer of the Council in legislation pertaining to elections.	Chief Governance Officer

Local Government & Housing Act 1989

Section 2	Proper Officer in respect of list of politically restricted postholders.	Head of Human Resources
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Section 4	Head of Paid Service	Chief Executive
Section 5	Monitoring Officer	Chief Governance Officer
Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982		
Section 112-113	Proper Officer in respect of management rules.	Chief Governance Officer
The Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003	Proper Officer in respect of maintaining the register of members' interests.	Chief Governance Officer