

FC107. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CARRYING OUT COUNCIL FUNCTIONS FROM MARCH – MAY 2012

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 20 February 2012 by the Chief Governance Officer (a) setting out proposed arrangements to allow Council to carry out its functions from the conclusion of the meeting until the Statutory Meeting of the new Council following the local government elections in May 2012; (b) highlighting workstreams being undertaken in advance of the formation of a new Council, and (c) seeking Council's view on how elected Member membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme should be funded.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Nimmo, moved the recommendations set out in the Report and that "the cost of Members' PVG memberships would be met by elected Members, in an arrangement akin to that established for employees".

Councillor Alexander requested that Council consider the impact of the motion in terms of an individual Member's ability to meet the cost of membership of the Scheme.

After discussion, Councillor Martin, with the consent of the Provost, and of Councillor Nimmo as his seconder, agreed to adjust the Motion in regard to PVG Scheme membership to:-

"that the cost of membership of the PVG Scheme for those councillors who require to be members will be shared among all councillors and paid by them over a period of 6 months to accord with the arrangements for employees".

Accordingly, **NOTED:-**

- (1) that the statutory meeting of the new Council will be held on or before 24 May 2012,
- (2) the current preparatory work being undertaken in advance of the Statutory Meeting, and
- (3) that only those members appointed to Committees dealing with education and social work issues will require to be members of the PVG scheme.

AGREED:-

- (1) to authorise the Chief Executive and Directors to take decisions between 14 March 2012 and the statutory meeting as set out in paragraphs 2.3 to 2.6 of the report, and
- (2) that the cost of membership of the PVG Scheme for those councillors who require to be members will be shared among all councillors and paid by them over a period of 6 months to accord with the arrangements for employees.