

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: CONVENTION OF SCOTTISH LOCAL AUTHORITIES:
MEMBERSHIP**
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 30 APRIL 2008
Author: ACTING DIRECTOR OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to advise Council of the recent consultation on proportionality undertaken by CoSLA and the associated decision taken at the March meeting of the Convention.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Falkirk Council agreed to rejoin CoSLA at its meeting held on 27 June 2007. At that time, Council agreed to appoint 3 Members representing the Labour Group and 1 Member representing the SNP Group. The Council's named representatives are Councillors Alexander, Gow, C MacDonald and Nimmo.
- 2.2 In December 2007, CoSLA issued a consultation inviting the views of Councils on the issue of proportionality. The consultation concluded in February 2008 with the outcomes being reported to the Convention at its meeting in March 2008. The decision of the Convention is noted below.
- a. Noted the information provided on the responses to the recent COSLA consultation on the issue of proportionality;
 - b. Agreed that Council's delegations to the Convention should reflect as far as possible the political make up within the Council; and
 - c. Agreed that an updated list of Council's delegations to Convention would go to the Convention meeting in October.

3. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council considers the decision of CoSLA regarding proportionality on the Convention and takes any decisions regarding appointments as a consequence thereof.

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Date: 7 April 2008
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Report considered at the March meeting of the Convention.