# Agenda Item 4 Pension Committee and Board **Appointments**

### **Falkirk Council**

**Subject:** Pension Committee and Board Appointments

Meeting: Joint Meeting of Pensions Committee and Pension Board

Date: 24 August 2017

**Submitted by: Director of Corporate and Housing Services** 

# 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is
  - to advise of new appointments to the Pensions Committee and Pension Board following the May Local Government Elections
  - to invite the Pension Board to appoint a Chair from its Employer Group

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Pensions Committee and Pension Board are asked to note the membership changes set out in this report.
- 2.2 The Employers' Group of the Pension Board is asked to appoint one of their members to serve as Chair of the Board until July 2018.
- 2.3 The Trades Union Group is asked to appoint one of their members to serve as Chair of the Board from July, 2018.

# 3. Pensions Committee Appointments

- 3.1 Councillor Coleman has been appointed as Convener and Councillor Patrick as Deputy Convener.
- 3.2 The Pensions Committee consists of six elected members from Falkirk Council, together with three co-opted members an employer, pensioner and union representative.

### 3.3 New Committee members are:

Councillor Archie Drummond (Clackmannanshire Council) Councillor Billy Buchanan (Falkirk Council) Councillor Adanna McCue (Falkirk Council) Councillor Pat Reid (Falkirk Council)

# 3.4 Continuing members are

Councillor Jim Blackwood (Falkirk Council) Councillor Tom Coleman (Falkirk Council) Councillor John Patrick (Falkirk Council) Mr Andy Douglas (Union Representative) Mr Ian Mclean (Pensioner Representative)

# 4. Pension Board Appointments

- 4.1 Councillor Margaret Brisley has been nominated by Stirling Council as the replacement for Councillor Donald Balsillie.
- 4.2 Continuing Board members are:

Simon Hunt (Scottish Autism)
Ed Morrison (SCRA)
Jennifer Welsh (SEPA)
Susan Crook (UNISON)
Sandy Harrower (UCATT)
Gordon Irvine (UNITE)
Tommy Murphy (GMB)

- 4.3 The Pension Board meets jointly with the Pensions Committee with the Convener of the Committee chairing the meeting. Legislation however requires that each set of representatives on the Board nominates a Chair and that those persons act as Chair of the Board for alternate years. This is on the basis that the Board may wish to convene a meeting separately from the Pensions Committee.
- 4.4 The Board Chair for the year ending June 2018 is scheduled to be from the Employer side with the Chair reverting to the Union side from July 2018.

# 5. Implications

### **Financial**

5.1 None.

### Resources

5.2 None.

# Legal

5.3 There is a statutory requirement for the Pension Board to appoint its own Chair.

# Risk

5.4 Failure to appoint a Pension Board Chair would result in the Fund being in breach of its statutory duties.

# **Equalities**

5.5 There are no equality issues arising from this report.

# **Sustainability/Environmental Impact**

5.6 There are no sustainability/environmental issues arising from this report.

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# **List of Background Papers:**

None