

FC22. Appointments

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided information on the membership of committees, boards and statutory bodies and highlighted where positions remained unfilled. The report invited Council to make appointments to external organisations, appoint depute conveners where necessary and delegate authority to the Audit Committee to approve the unaudited and audited annual accounts for 2016/17.

At its statutory meeting Council had agreed the political composition of its committees with members either appointed at the meeting or by submission of slate to the Chief Governance Officer after the meeting. Council had also agreed that places allocated to independent members could be filled either by mutual agreement or failing this the appointments would be determined at this meeting. For those positions which remained outstanding Council was invited to make an appointment.

Council then considered each category of appointments set out in the report in turn.

Depute Conveners

Council considered the appointment of depute conveners to the Appeals, Appointments, Civic Licensing, Pensions and Planning committees.

There was general agreement on the following appointments:-

Committee	Depute Convener
Appeals	Councillor McLuckie
Appointments	Councillor Garner
Civic Licensing	Councillor Blackwood
Pensions	Councillor Patrick
Planning	Councillor McLuckie

Independent Places

Council agreed at its statutory meeting on 24 May 2017 (ref FC8) that for those committees and other bodies where an independent member received a place that the appointment may be made by agreement by the Independent members or, failing this, by Council. There had been no agreement reached on the allocation of these outstanding places and Council was invited to make appointments to the following bodies:-

- Appeals Committee
- Audit Committee
- Civic Licensing Committee
- Joint Consultative Committee
- Pensions Committee
- Licensing Board
- Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board
- Falkirk Community Trust Board

Councillor Nicol nominated Councillor Buchanan to the Licensing Board, Civic Licensing Committee and Pensions Committee.

There were no other nominations for these positions and Councillor Buchanan was appointed to the Licensing Board, Civic Licensing Committee and Pensions Committee.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillor Spears to the Falkirk Community Trust Board.

Councillor Nicol nominated Councillor Buchanan to the Falkirk Community Trust Board.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For Councillor Spears (12) – Provost Coleman; Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn and Murtagh.

For Councillor Buchanan (17) – Councillors Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

Councillor Buchanan was appointed to the Falkirk Community Trust Board.

Community Planning Strategic Board

Three places on the Community Planning Strategic Board were reserved to members of Falkirk Council. The Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition were appointed exofficio leaving one place to be agreed by Council.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillor Alexander.

Councillor Goldie nominated Councillor McLuckie.

Following discussion, and with the consent of the Provost, Councillor Goldie withdrew the nomination of Councillor McLuckie.

There were then no further nominations and Councillor Alexander was appointed to the Community Planning Strategic Board.

Scottish Enterprise East Regional Advisory Board

Council considered the appointment of a member to the position on the Scottish Enterprise East Regional Advisory Board.

Councillor Garner nominated Councillor Meiklejohn.

There were no further nominations and Councillor Meiklejohn was appointed to the Scottish Enterprise East Regional Advisory Board.

Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Working Group on Poland

Council considered the appointment of a member to the position on the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Working Group on Poland.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillor Reid.

There were no further nominations and Councillor Reid was appointed to the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Working Group on Poland.

Falkirk Temperance Trust

Council was invited to appoint two members to the Falkirk Temperance Trust.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillor Murtagh.

Councillor Nicol nominated Councillor Grant.

There were no further nominations and Councillors Grant and Murtagh were appointed as trustees of the Falkirk Temperance Trust.

Substitutes

There was general agreement that the appointment of substitute members to the Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board, SEStran and Scotland Excel would be dealt with by slate to the Chief Governance Officer.

Champions Board

Council was invited to agree the political proportionality of the Champions Board and then appoint members.

There was general agreement that the Board would consist of 4 members with 2 being drawn from the administration, and 1 being drawn from each of the opposition groups.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillors Garner and Meiklejohn.

Councillor Nicol nominated Councillor Munro.

Councillor Goldie advised that he would not be submitting a nomination from his group at this time and sought an adjournment to consider his group's nomination.

There were no further nominations at this time and Councillors Garner, Meiklejohn and Munro were appointed to the Champions Board.

Veterans Champion

Councillor Spears had intimated his resignation as Veterans Champion with effect from today's meeting. Council was invited to appoint a Veterans Champion to the resultant vacancy.

Councillor Nicol nominated Councillor Patrick.

There were no further nominations and Councillor Patrick was appointed Veterans Champion.

COSLA Working Groups

Councillor Meiklejohn made the following nominations:-

COSLA Working Group	Nomination
Children & Young People	Councillor McCue
Health & Social Care	Councillor Collie
Environment & Economy	Councillor Garner
Community & Wellbeing	Councillor Alexander

Councillor Nicol made the following nominations:-

COSLA Board	Nomination
Children & Young People	Councillor Munro
Health & Social Care	Councillor Harris
Environment & Economy	Councillor Patrick
Community & Wellbeing	Councillor Flynn

Council agreed to an adjournment at 11.35am to allow the Labour Group to consider its nominations to the Champions Board and COSLA Boards and reconvened with all members present as per the sederunt at 11.45am.

Councillor Nicol, with the consent of the Provost, withdrew the nominations of Councillors Munro and Harris.

Councillor Goldie made the following nominations:-

COSLA Board	Nomination
Children & Young People	Councillor Nimmo
Health & Social Care	Councillor Bissett

There were two nominations for each position. Council voted on each position in turn and in terms of Standing Order 22.1, the following votes were taken by roll call, there being 29 members present with voting as set out below:-

Children & Young People Board

For Councillor McCue (12) – Provost Coleman; Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn and Murtagh.

For Councillor Nimmo (17) – Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

Councillor Nimmo was appointed to the COSLA Children & Young People Board.

Health & Social Care Board

For Councillor Collie (12) – Provost Coleman; Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn and Murtagh.

For Councillor Bissett (17) – Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

Councillor Bissett was appointed to the COSLA Health & Social Care Board.

Environment & Economy Board

For Councillor Garner (12) – Provost Coleman; Depute Provost Ritchie; Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Collie, Garner, Hughes, McCue, Meiklejohn and Murtagh.

For Councillor Patrick (17) – Aitchison, Bissett, Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, Coombes, Flynn, Goldie, Grant, Harris, Kerr, McLuckie, Munro, Nicol, Nimmo, Patrick and Reid.

Councillor Patrick was appointed to the COSLA Environment & Economy Board.

Community Wellbeing Board

At this point Councillor Alexander indicated that he did not wish to accept the nomination made by Councillor Meiklejohn to the Community Wellbeing Board.

There being one remaining nomination, Councillor Flynn was appointed to the COSLA Community Wellbeing Board.

Champions Board (continued)

Council had earlier agreed the political proportionality for the Champions Board as being two members of the administration and one from each of the opposition groups. One vacancy remained on the Board for the position allocated to the Labour Group.

Councillor Goldie nominated Councillor Bissett.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- (1) to delegate authority to the Audit Committee to approve the unaudited and audited accounts prior to their submission to the Controller of Audit;

- (2) to appoint Depute Conveners as follows:-

Committee	Depute Convener
Appeals	Councillor McLuckie
Appointments	Councillor Garner
Civic Licensing	Councillor Blackwood
Pensions	Councillor Patrick
Planning	Councillor McLuckie

- (3) to appoint Councillor Buchanan to the:-

- (i) Falkirk Community Trust;
- (ii) Civic Licensing Committee;
- (iii) Licensing Board, and
- (iv) Pensions Committee;

- (4) to appoint Councillor Alexander to the Community Planning Strategic Board;

- (5) to appoint Councillor Meiklejohn to the Scottish Enterprise East Regional Advisory Body;

- (6) to appoint Councillor Reid to the Scottish Parliament's Cross Party Working Group on Poland;

- (7) to appoint Councillors Grant and Murtagh as Trustees of the Falkirk Temperance Trust;

- (8) that nominations for the appointment of substitute members to the Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board; SEStran and Scotland Excel would be provided to the Chief Governance Officer;

- (9) that the political proportionality applied to the Champions Board would be 2 members drawn from the Administration and 2 members drawn from the Opposition with 1 member from each Opposition group;

- (10) to appoint Councillors Bissett, Garner, Meiklejohn and Munro to the Champions Board;

- (11) to appoint Councillor Patrick as Veterans Champion;

- (12) to appoint Councillor Nimmo to the COSLA Children & Young People Board;**
- (13) to appoint Councillor Bissett to the COSLA Health & Social Care Board;**
- (14) to appoint Councillor Patrick to the COSLA Environment & Economy Board, and**
- (15) to appoint Councillor Flynn to the COSLA Community Wellbeing Board.**