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Agenda Item 3

**Local Government By-election:
Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert**

Falkirk Council

Title: Local Government By-election: Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert
Meeting: Falkirk Council
Date: 28 February 2018
Submitted By: Chief Executive

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report advises of the outcome of the Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert by-election held on Thursday 15 February 2018 following the death of former Provost Tom Coleman on 30 November 2017.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Council is asked to note the election of Niall Coleman to serve as local Member for Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert.

3. Background

- 3.1 Following a 26.5% poll of a total electorate of 12,788, the votes were cast as follows:

Candidate	Number of first preference votes	Stage at which candidate was elected
Niall COLEMAN (Scottish National Party (SNP))	1,295	5 th
Linda GOW (Labour and Co-operative Party)	813	
Stuart MARTIN (UKIP)	35	
David ROBERTSON (Scottish Greens)	124	
George STEVENSON (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)	1,088	

- 3.2 There were 30 rejected ballot papers.

- 3.3 Accordingly, Niall Coleman, Scottish National Party (SNP) was duly elected to serve as local Member for Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert.

4. Declaration of Acceptance of Office

- 4.1 I confirm that Councillor Coleman has signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 This report has not been subject to consultation.

6. Implications

Financial

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Resources

- 6.2 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

Legal

- 6.3 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Risk

- 6.4 There are no risk implications arising from this report.

Equalities

- 6.5 No equality and poverty impact assessment was carried out.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 No sustainability assessment has been completed as part of compiling this report.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 Following the Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert by-election held on 15 February 2018, Councillor Niall Coleman was returned to serve on Falkirk Council.

Chief Executive

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List of Background Papers:

Nil