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Agenda Item 11

Appointments

Falkirk Council

Title: Appointments
Meeting: Falkirk Council
Date: 5 December 2018
Submitted by: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report invites Council to consider whether to make an appointment to the position of Deputy Convener of the Planning Committee and thereafter, if so minded, make an appointment. The report also advises Council of a number of changes to committee memberships and invites an appointment to be made to a vacancy on the East of Scotland European Consortium Policy Board

2. Recommendations

2.1 Council is invited to:-

- (1) consider whether to make an appointment to the position of Deputy Convener of the Planning Committee, and if so minded to make the appointment;**
- (2) appoint a member to the East of Scotland European Consortium**
- (3) note the changes to committee membership as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report.**

3. Considerations

- 3.1. There is currently a vacancy on the Planning Committee for the position of Deputy Convener. The Deputy Convener of the Planning Committee is one of the two ex-officio members of the Local Planning Review Body along with the Convener.

- 3.2. The current membership of the Planning Committee is:-

Councillor Alexander	Councillor Grant
Councillor Bissett	Councillor Hughes
Councillor Blackwood	Councillor McCue
Councillor Bouse	Councillor Munro
Provost Buchanan	Councillor Murtagh
Councillor Coombes	

- 3.3. The following changes to committee membership have taken effect by virtue of political group appointment.

Committee	Member Appointed
Audit	Councillor Nimmo
Appeals	Councillor Blackwood
Appeals	Councillor Patrick
Education Executive	Councillor Flynn
Executive	Councillor Flynn
Planning	Councillor Grant

- 3.4 Falkirk Council is a member of the East of Scotland European Consortium (ESEC) which is a local authority membership organisation which collaborates on a shared EU agenda as it affects and supports economic development in the area.
- 3.5 Each of the 7 member authorities of ESEC may appoint an elected member to sit on its Policy Board, the consortium's decision-making body. The Policy Board meets 3-4 times a year and develops and agrees the annual work plan, discusses and approves any constitutional amendments to the consortium, and sets the strategy in context of policy developments such as Brexit.
- 3.6 Council is invited to make an appointment to the place reserved to it on the ESEC Policy Board.

4. Consultation

- 4.1. There has been no consultation on this report.

5. Implications

Financial

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

Resources

- 5.2 There are no resource implications.

Legal

- 5.3 There are no legal implications.

Risk

- 5.4 The Local Planning Review Body comprises the Convener and Depute Convener of the Planning Committee together with 3 other members of the Committee. The quorum of the Local Planning Review Body is 3 members. There is a risk, if no Depute Convener is appointed that meetings will fail to achieve their quorum and therefore delay the consideration of business.

Equalities

- 5.5 An equality and poverty impact assessment is not necessary.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 5.6 A sustainability assessment is not necessary.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 Council is invited to consider whether to, and if so minded, appoint a Depute Convener of the Planning Committee and to appoint a member to the ESEC Policy Board. Council is also advised of a number of changes to committee membership.

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Appendices

None.

List of Background Papers:

No papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.