

The background of the slide features a large, light blue watermark of the City of Vancouver's coat of arms. The crest is a shield divided into four quadrants. The top-left quadrant shows a sailing ship on wavy lines representing water. The top-right quadrant depicts a stag's head with large antlers. The bottom-left quadrant shows a beaver. The bottom-right quadrant features a grizzly bear. Above the shield is a crown with four maple leaves. A banner at the bottom of the shield contains the motto "A NE FOR A".

Agenda Item 9

Appointments

Falkirk Council

Title: Appointments
Meeting: Falkirk Council
Date: 6 March 2019
Submitted by: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report advises Council of matters relating to appointments and membership of committees and external bodies including: Leader of the Opposition; Convener of the Executives; Depute Convener of the Appeals Committee; Chair of Integration Joint Board; COSLA Board Positions, and the Provost's membership of the Odenwald Trust Fund Board.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Council is invited to:-

- (1) note that Councillor Bissett is the Leader of the Opposition;**
- (2) appoint a Convener of the Executives, and if necessary make any consequential appointments;**
- (3) consider whether to make an appointment to the position of Depute Convener of the Appeals Committee, and if so minded to make the appointment;**
- (4) appoint a Chairperson of the Integration Joint Board, and**
- (5) appoint a representative to the COSLA Children & Young People Board;**
- (6) appoint a representative to the COSLA Health & Social Care Board**
- (7) note that the Provost is ex-officio a member of the Odenwald Trust Fund Board.**

3. Considerations

Leader of the Opposition

- 3.1. The Leader of the Opposition is defined in Standing Orders as the leader of the largest Opposition Group on the Council. The Labour Group is the largest Opposition Group. The Labour Group has advised that, as of 11

February 2019, their leader is Councillor Bissett. As a consequence of this Council is invited to note that Councillor Bissett is the Leader of the Opposition.

Convener of the Executive and Education Executive

- 3.2. Councillor Goldie resigned as Convener of the Executive and Education Executive on 6 February 2019 and has also stood down as a member. Council is therefore invited to appoint a Convener of the Executive and Education Executive. The Labour Group has advised that Councillor Reid will take the places vacated by Councillor Goldie. The respective memberships are set out below:-

Executive	Education Executive
Councillor Alexander	Councillor Alexander
Councillor Bissett	Councillor Bissett
Councillor Bouse	Councillor Collie
Councillor Coombes	Councillor Coombes
Councillor Flynn	Councillor Flynn
Councillor Garner	Councillor Harris
Councillor Harris	Councillor McCue
Councillor Hughes	Councillor Meiklejohn
Councillor Meiklejohn	Councillor Murtagh
Councillor Nicol	Councillor Nimmo
Councillor Nimmo	Councillor Patrick
Councillor Reid	Councillor Reid

- 3.3. Council agreed at its meeting of 9 May 2018 (ref FC11) that, as the Convener of the Executives was a member of the Labour Group, that the Conveners of the Scrutiny and Scrutiny (External) Committees would be allocated to each of the other political groups on the Council.
- 3.4. If Council is minded to appoint a Labour Group member as Convener of the Executives there would be no consequential requirement to consider the Conveners of the Scrutiny Committees. However, should Council be minded to appoint a member of another political group as Convener of the Executives, Council would further require to consider the political groups from which the Conveners of the Scrutiny Committees were drawn.

Depute Convener of the Appeals Committee

- 3.5. There is a vacancy for the position of Depute Convener of the Appeals Committee. Council is invited to consider appointing a Depute Convener from the membership of the committee, excluding Councillor Bouse as Convener, which is Councillors: Alexander; Blackwood; Collie; Munro; Patrick; Reid, and Spears.

Integration Joint Board

- 3.6 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) rotate between the constituent parties (Council and Health Board) on a biennial basis. The Chair is currently Julia Swan, non-executive director NHS Forth Valley and Councillor Black is the Vice-chair. From 1 May 2019 the Chair of the IJB falls to be appointed by Council from one of its Board members. These are Councillors Black, Collie and Meiklejohn.
- 3.7 The Vice-Chair will be filled by a Health Board nominee with effect from 1 May 2019.

COSLA Boards

- 3.8 The Council is a member of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities which is the national voice for local government in Scotland. Policy and direction is set by the COSLA Convention. There are four Boards which meet six times a year to consider national issues and make recommendations to the Convention. These are:-
- Children and Young People;
 - Health and Social Care;
 - Environment and Economy, and
 - Community Wellbeing
- 3.9 Councillors Nimmo and Bissett have advised of their resignations from the Children & Young People, and Health & Social Care Boards respectively. Council is therefore invited to appoint a representative to each of these vacancies.

Odenwald Trust Fund Board

- 3.10 Council is invited to note that the Provost is *ex officio* a member of the Odenwald Trust Fund Board. The membership of the Odenwald Trust Fund Board is the Provosts of Falkirk and Stirling Councils and the Chief Executive of Clackmannanshire Council, all *ex officio*.
- 3.11 The Board meets as required to determine funding applications made to the Trust.

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 There are no risk implications.

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 note and make a number of appointments as set out above while taking cognisance of the current arrangement which allocates the positions of Convener of the Executives and a Scrutiny Committee to each of the political groups on the Council.

Director of Corporate and Housing Services

Author – Jack Frawley, Committee Services Officer 01324 506116,
jack.frawley@falkirk.gov.uk

Date: 26 February 2019

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.