



## **Agenda Item 9**

### **Appointment – East of Scotland European Consortium Policy**

**Falkirk Council**

**Title:** Appointment – East of Scotland European Consortium Policy Board  
**Meeting:** Falkirk Council  
**Date:** 26 June 2019  
**Submitted by:** Director of Corporate and Housing Services

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the resignation of Councillor Goldie as the Council's representative on the East of Scotland Consortium Policy Board, and as a member of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) Convention. Council is invited to appoint a successor on the East of Scotland Consortium Policy Board.

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1 Council is invited to note:-**

- (i) the resignation of Councillor Goldie as the Council's representative on the East of Scotland Consortium Policy Board and to appoint a successor, and**
- (ii) that the Labour Group will nominate a successor for the vacancy on the COSLA Convention.**

**3. Considerations**

**East of Scotland Consortium Policy Board**

- 3.1. Council appointed Councillor Goldie as the Council's representative on the East of Scotland Consortium Policy Board on 5 December 2018. He intimated his resignation from the post on 13 June 2019.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.

- 3.4 Council is accordingly invited to appoint a successor to the East of Scotland Consortium Policy Board.

### **COSLA Convention**

- 3.5 The Council is a member of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities which is the national voice for local government in Scotland. The COSLA Convention meets twice per year. It has 133 places for representatives of the 32 Scottish Councils, with 109 reserved to those which are currently members of COSLA. Falkirk Council is allocated 4 places. In terms of COSLA's constitution, the appointments should reflect the political balance of the Council. Of the 4 places, one is reserved for a member of the Labour Group. Councillor Goldie was the Group's nominated representative from May 2017 until his resignation. The Labour Group will nominate a successor.

## **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 is no risk arising from this report.

### **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 appoint a successor to Councillor Goldie as the Council's representative on the East of Scotland Consortium Policy Board.

---

Director of Corporate and Housing Services

Author – Brian Pirie, Democratic Services Manager 01324 506110,  
brian.pirie@falkirk.gov.uk

Date: 17 June 2019

### **Appendices**

None.

### **List of Background Papers:**

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

None