

FC8. Appointments

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which invited Council to temporarily reduce the size of the Licensing Board; create a category of membership for a care experienced young person on the Education Executive; rename the Education Executive, and appoint members to the Falkirk Community Trust Board.

(a) Licensing Board

The Licensing Board comprised 10 members. The quorum of the Board was half the membership (5). There had been 2 vacancies on the Board since 19 September 2018.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that Council agrees to temporarily reduce the size of the Licensing Board to 8 members.

There was general agreement on this matter.

(b) Education Executive Membership

There were three categories of non-voting member on the Education Executive: teacher representative; parent representative, and pupil representative. At its meeting on 26 March 2019 the Education Executive, taking cognisance of its widened remit, expressed its interest in having a care experienced young person appointed to it. It was proposed that appointment of the care experienced young person would be by nomination by the Champions Board. Any such appointment would be until the next Local Government elections in 2022. It was also proposed that the nominee should be younger than 26 at the time of appointment.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that Council agrees to create a category of non-voting membership on the Education Executive for a care experienced young person and instructs the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders.

There was general agreement on this matter.

(c) Education Executive Title

Following the decision of Council on 9 May 2018 the remit of the Education Executive was widened to include the full remit of Children's Services. In recognition of this it was proposed that the Education Executive was renamed the Children and Young People Executive to better reflect the remit.

Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that Council agrees that the Education Executive be renamed the Children and Young People Executive and instructs the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders.

Having heard from Councillor Nicol who proposed that the Education Executive be renamed the Education and Young Persons Executive, Councillor Meiklejohn, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor Hughes as her seconder, agreed to amend the terms of her motion as follows:-

That Council agrees that the Education Executive be renamed the Education, Children and Young People Executive and instructs the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders.

There was general agreement on this matter.

(d) Falkirk Community Trust Membership

Council agreed, at its statutory meeting of 24 May 2017, the application of political proportionality to Falkirk Community Trust Board appointments, Council agreed these can be by slate. The political proportionality was:-

SNP –	2
Labour –	1
Conservative –	1
Independent –	1

Appointments to the Board were made for periods of two years. The political groups had confirmed that their nominations to the Board were:-

SNP -	Councillors Binnie and Coleman.
Labour -	Councillor Coombes
Conservative -	Councillor Flynn

In relation to the position for an independent member, Provost Buchanan had intimated his resignation from the Board on 22 March 2019. There was therefore a vacancy on the Board for an independent member. Councillors Kerr, McLuckie and Spears were eligible to be appointed to the Board to fill this position. The independent members were not in agreement on the appointment and the decision accordingly fell to Council.

The Provost sought nominations for the appointment of an independent member to the Falkirk Community Trust Board.

Councillor Bissett nominated Councillor McLuckie.

Councillor Meiklejohn nominated Councillor Spears.

In terms of Standing Order 22.1, the vote was taken by roll call, there being 28 members present with voting as undernoted:-

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

For Councillor Spears (11) – Depute Provost Ritchie and Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Binnie, Bouse, Coleman, Collie, Hughes, Meiklejohn, Murtagh and Spears.

Decision

Council agreed:

- (1) to temporarily reduce the size of the Licensing Board to 8 members;**
- (2) to create a category of non-voting membership on the Education Executive for a care experienced young person and instructed the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders;**
- (3) that the Education Executive be renamed the Education, Children and Young People Executive and instructed the Chief Governance Officer to make any consequential changes to Standing Orders;**
- (4) to appoint Councillor McLuckie as the independent member on the Falkirk Community Trust Board, and**
- (5) to authorise the Chief Executive to provide written notice to the Trust of appointment of the Council Directors on the Board.**