



Agenda Item 6

Membership of Committees, Boards and Significant Statutory Bodies – Portfolio Remits

Falkirk Council

Title: Membership of Committees, Boards and Significant Statutory Bodies – Portfolio Remits
Meeting: Falkirk Council
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Submitted By: Director of Transformation, Communities & Corporate Services

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides, for information, an update to the remit of each portfolio as determined by the Leader of the Council.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council notes the new portfolio holder remits and appointments made.**

3. Background

- 3.1 In line with Standing Orders the Leader of the Council may appoint members of the Administration as portfolio holders and may determine the number of portfolio holders. The remit of each portfolio holder is determined by the Leader of the Council, subject to the requirement that all areas of responsibility listed in the Standing Orders are covered and intimated to the Chief Governance Officer. All appointments and portfolio remits are reported to Council for information.

4. Considerations

- 4.1 The Leader of the Council has advised the Chief Governance Officer that the portfolios of the Council will be as follows:-

Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council will exercise strategic leadership of the Council and promote the Council's core values, ensuring effective communication of Council policies and strategies. The Leader will carry overall political accountability for the co-ordination of Council business, achievement of the priorities identified in the corporate plans and leadership of the Council's Community Planning responsibilities.

The role of the Leader can operate across all portfolio areas as and when appropriate. This might, for example, include leading a policy development panel on an area not directly under their remit but one that requires specific expertise or strategic political direction.

In addition to the general leadership role set out above, the Leader will exercise strategic and political leadership in the following areas:-

- oversight of the Council's corporate governance arrangements;
- corporate budget planning and financial strategy;
- oversight of the Council's arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs;
- procurement;
- Information Technology (ICT);
- information security and governance;
- corporate risk management;
- workforce;
- equalities;
- the poverty strategy;
- community participation, and
- efficient and effective use of the Council's heritable office and workplace assets.

Climate Change

To exercise strategic and political leadership in the following areas:-

- sustainability;
- climate change;
- flood risk management;
- energy efficiency and carbon management;
- renewable energy, and
- waste and recycling.

Economic Development

To exercise strategic and political leadership in the following areas:

- economic development including inward investment, regeneration and business support;
- employment training;
- development planning policy;
- strategic transport and infrastructure planning;
- development and management of the Council's non-operational land and property;
- economic partnerships;
- funding from European programmes;
- culture and the arts;
- museums and galleries;
- development and maintenance of parks and public open space;

- tourism;
- built and natural heritage;
- management and maintenance of roads and related assets, road safety and traffic management;
- public transportation, and
- strategic management of assets maintained for the purposes contained in this portfolio.

Education & Leisure

To exercise strategic and political leadership in the following areas:-

- Early years, nursery, primary, secondary and special school provision;
- “Getting it right for every child” (GIRFEC), particularly for children with additional support needs;
- Curriculum for Excellence with a focus on attainment, wider achievement and improving positive and sustained destinations for all young people aged 16+;
- community learning and development;
- leisure, sport and recreation;
- integrated children’s services plan, and
- strategic management of the school and Community Learning Development estate and management of school admissions.

Health & Social Care

To exercise strategic and political leadership in the following areas:-

- community care and adult services;
- mental health and wellbeing;
- health inequalities;
- health improvement;
- substance misuse;
- care and carers including provision for looked after children, and
- services for people with a disability.

Housing & Communities

To exercise strategic and political leadership in the following areas:-

- strategic housing investment;
- local housing strategy;
- housing allocations policy;
- tenancy participation;
- homelessness;
- affordable housing;
- services related to the private sector including landlord registration;
- tenant/tenancy support and supported accommodation;

- strategic management of assets held on the Housing Revenue Account, and
- libraries.

Public Protection

To exercise strategic and political leadership in the following areas:-

- community safety;
- relationships with Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
- criminal justice services including the management of offenders
- protection of children and vulnerable adults;
- domestic abuse;
- emergency planning;
- trading standards;
- environmental health;
- cemeteries and crematoria;
- animal health and welfare;
- building control, and
- licensing policy, other than that which is the responsibility of the Licensing Board.

4.2 The Leader of the Council has also advised that the appointments as portfolio holders are:-

Climate Change – Councillor Sinclair
 Economic Development – Councillor Garner
 Education & Leisure – Councillor Murtagh
 Health & Social Care – Councillor Collie
 Housing & Communities – Councillor Bouse
 Public Protection – Councillor Devine

5. Consultation

5.1 No formal consultation has taken place.

6. Implications

Financial

6.1 There are no financial implications.

Resources

6.2 There are no resource implications.

Legal

6.3 There are no legal implications.

Risk

- 6.4 No risks have been identified from the proposals in the report.

Equalities

- 6.5 No equalities issues arise from the proposals in the report.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 There are no sustainability issues arising from the report.

7. Conclusion

Council is invited to note the updated position provided in this report on its portfolio remits and that members of the Administration have been appointed to these positions.

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List of Background Papers:

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

Appendices

There are no appendices.