

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject : CENTRAL SCOTLAND JOINT FIRE AND RESCUE BOARD –
APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS
Meeting : FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 10 DECEMBER 2008
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 In May 2007, Council appointed its representatives to the Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board. Council also agreed to appoint named substitutes to the Board.
- 1.2 In August 2008, Councillor Alexander, who had been a substitute member, was appointed by Council as a full member of the Fire and Rescue Board following the resignation of Councillor Kenna. A named substitute has yet to be appointed in Councillor Alexander's place.
- 1.3 Councillor A MacDonald, a named substitute, has indicated his intention to resign from this post.

2. POLITICAL BALANCE

- 2.1 In appointing members to the Board, Council agreed that the allocation of the 6 places available would be as follows:-

3 Labour
2 SNP and
1 Conservative or 1 Independent or the non-aligned Independent

No such stipulation was made for the appointment of substitute members although the appointment to the substitute list reflects this allocation.

- 2.2 In terms of maintaining the political balance of Falkirk Council's representatives on Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board, the vacant substitute positions would be filled from the SNP Group which has indicated that Councillor McNally would replace Councillor Alexander and Councillor Meiklejohn would replace Councillor A MacDonald.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Council is invited to appoint two members as substitute members on Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board.**

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Date: 3 December 2008

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- * 1. Letter of Resignation.