

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 7 OCTOBER 2009
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to (a) provide details of resignations received from external organisations in respect of Paragon Housing Association, WESLO Housing Association and the COSLA Health and Wellbeing Executive Group; (b) seek nominations to the said organisations, and (c) advise of a request received from the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Supporting Veterans in Scotland requesting that Council appoints a “Veterans Champion”.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Resignations from External Organisations

On 27 June 2007 Council appointed Councillor Goldie to the following external organisations:-

- Paragon Housing Association.
- WESLO Housing Association
- COSLA Health and Wellbeing Executive Group

Councillor Goldie has intimated his resignation from the forementioned organisations and Council is therefore invited to appoint replacements.

2.2 Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Supporting Veterans in Scotland

The Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group on Supporting Veterans in Scotland was established in 2008 and considers issues affecting the veterans’ community in Scotland in order that those responsible for shaping policy through the UK recognise that the needs of some veterans may be different from other members of society. To date the group has met on 3 occasions and considers issues such as the provision of social housing for veterans and matters relating to physical and mental health.

The Group is seeking nominations, from each of Scotland’s 32 Local Authorities, of a “Veterans’ Champion”. The role of the Veterans’ Champion is to act as a link with veterans, veterans’ charities, Scottish Parliament, Government and the Cross Party Group itself to create a more robust system of support for veterans.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Council is invited to appoint:-

- (1) a member to Paragon Housing Association**
- (2) a member to WESLO Housing Association**
- (3) a member to COSLA Health and Wellbeing Executive Group**
- (4) a Veterans' Champion**

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.