

FALKIRK COUNCIL

Subject: ELECTION OF PROVOST AND DEPUTE PROVOST
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
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1. ELECTION OF PROVOST

- 1.1 Section 4 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 requires that the Council appoints a Member to be Convener of the Council at the first meeting of Council following an ordinary election of councillors. The Convener of the Council has traditionally been known by the title of "Provost", and has performed the role of civic head of the Council.
- 1.2 Paragraph 7 of the Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007 provides that, where a local authority decides to pay remuneration to its civic head, the amount of that remuneration shall be £23,179p.a. for a Council within Falkirk's banding. Additionally, the Provost would be entitled to reimbursement of actual and receipted expenditure in carrying out his or her civic duties up to a maximum of £3,000.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTE PROVOST

- 2.1 The 1994 Act also includes a discretionary provision for the appointment of a Depute Provost. The 2007 Regulations, however, provide for payment to one civic head only. Should Council wish to remunerate a depute Provost, the position would require to be included in the group of senior members accorded enhanced remuneration. A further item on the agenda for this meeting covers the remuneration arrangements in more detail.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that:-

- (1) In accordance with the 1994 Act, Council elects a Member to the position of Provost;**
- (2) In accordance with the 2007 Regulations, Council determines to remunerate the position of Provost; and**
- (3) Council determines whether or not it wishes to elect a Member to the position of Depute Provost.**

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Chief Executive

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