

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject : APPOINTMENT TO CENTRAL SCOTLAND JOINT FIRE AND
RESCUE BOARD AND TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**
Meeting : FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 3 MARCH 2010
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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1** The purpose of this Report is to advise Members of Councillor C Martin's resignation from Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board and the COSLA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group and to invite Council to appoint successors to these organisations. Information is also provided about the ex officio successor to Councillor Martin on the BID Management Group.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board

Councillor Martin was appointed to Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board in June 2007. He has intimated his resignation from the Board with effect from 25 March 2010. This is the day prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Board to allow continuity until then and to enable the current appointments process for the new Chief Fire Officer in which Councillor Martin is involved to be completed. Council is therefore invited to appoint a successor to the Board to take effect from 25 March 2010. In terms of political proportionality on Joint Boards agreed by Council on 18 May, 2007, the vacant position should be filled by a Member of the Labour Group.

2.2 COSLA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group

Council appointed Councillor Martin to the COSLA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group on 3 October 2007. Councillor Martin has intimated his resignation from this Committee. Council is therefore invited to appoint a successor. The remit of the Executive Group, which meets quarterly, is attached as Appendix 1 to this Report.

2.3 BID Management Group

The Business Improvement District (BID) was established in Falkirk in 2008. A BID is a business led initiative within a defined geographical area where businesses work together to invest collectively in local improvements to their business environments. The BID Management Group comprises 5 representatives of the retail sector, 3 representatives of leisure/hospitality interests, 2 representatives of the office/finance sector with 1 representative of Central Scotland Police and 1 representative of Falkirk Council.

Council agreed in October 2008 that the Convener of the Economic Development Committee, ex officio, would be its appointed representative on the BID Management Group. Councillor Martin was succeeded as Convener of the Economic Strategy and Development Committee by Councillor Mahoney in January 2010 who accordingly became the Council's ex officio representative on the BID Management Group from that date.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Council is invited to:-

- (i) appoint a Member of the Labour Group to the Central Scotland Joint Fire and Rescue Board;**
- (ii) appoint a Member to the COSLA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group; and**
- (iii) note that Council Mahoney, as Convener of the Economic Development and Strategy Committee, is Falkirk Council's representative on the BID Management Group.**

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Date : 23 February 2010
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THE REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT EXECUTIVE GROUP

Remit - The Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group is established to develop policy initiatives advancing the key corporate elements of the COSLA Business Plan relevant to its respective aspect of Local Government interest and activities, and to monitor progress in respect of the relevant operational elements of the Plan.

Terms of Reference - The Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group will:-

- Give national political consideration to issues within its remit, focussing on the strategic priorities within the COSLA Business Plan.
- Develop initiatives, within existing COSLA policy and existing resources to assist in securing the relevant strategic objectives of the Business Plan.
- Be alert to the possibility of issues being addressed within its remit, also being of interest to another Executive Group and to make connection accordingly.
- Monitor progress on the operational elements of COSLA'S Business Plan relevant to this aspect of Local Government.
- Report on general progress, on request, to the Leaders Meeting or to the Convention, possibly through a presentation by the Group's Spokesperson (or a representative if necessary)
- Contribute to the process of Annual Review and update of COSLA'S Business Plan through the Leaders Meeting.
- Give support and political advice to the Group's Spokesperson on the discharge of their responsibilities.
- In relation to amendments to existing COSLA policies or to the possible adoption of new policies, make recommendations accordingly to the Leaders Meeting or to the Convention for further consideration and determination.
- In respect of fresh resource commitments either on the part of COSLA or of its Member Councils which the Group believes, exceptionally, to be of vital importance in advancing COSLA'S aims and interests within its remit, make recommendations accordingly to the Leaders Meeting or to the Convention for further consideration and determination.
- Remain focussed on the deliver of the COSLA Business Plan, other than where unforeseen new issues arise which seem to call for a diversion of activity, in which case make a recommendation to that effect to the Leaders Meeting or to the Convention, bearing in mind that the response determined may be the establishment of a short-life and issue-specific Task Group, particularly where time is of the essence.