

FALKIRK COUNCIL

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

- 1.1 The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 requires that Council elects a member to be convener of the Council at its first meeting following an ordinary election. The Convener of this 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 shall be determined by the authority at a level up to £24,353 p.a. For information, Council agreed in 2007 to remunerate the position at a level of £23,179 p.a. and, in 2009, agreed not to apply a discretionary 2.5% increase leaving the sum payable at the original level.

2. ELECTION OF DEPUTE PROVOST

- 2.1 The 1994 Act also includes a discretionary provision for the election of a Depute Provost. However, 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 in more detail. For information, Council agreed to remunerate the position at a level of £20,753 p.a. in 2007 increasing the amount to £21,803 in 2009.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that:-

- (1) in accordance with the Local Governance etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, Council elects a member to the position of Provost;**
- (2) in accordance with the 2007 Regulations, Council determines whether to remunerate the position of Provost and, if so, the level of remuneration;**
and

- (3) Council determines whether or not it wishes to elect a member to the position of Depute Provost and, if so, makes that election and continues consideration of remuneration for the position to later in the meeting.

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