



REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 29 JUNE 2022

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

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1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Council of a number of outside bodies on which the previous Council was represented and to which the Council is entitled to appoint nominees.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section II (12) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the appointments to outside bodies.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:-

- (i) **consider and make appointments to the outside bodies and other positions listed in APPENDIX I; and**
- (ii) **agree that should those organisations who have yet to respond request a nomination in the future, the decision is made by Group Leaders on who should be appointed on the Council's behalf and if a decision cannot be reached, a report will come back to a future meeting of the Council for agreement.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the start of each new term of office, the Council undertakes to appoint representatives to various outside bodies. Following concerns raised from previous elected members in regard to the large number of organisations seeking council representation and the impact these appointments had on what was already a considerable workload, a review of the list of outside bodies was undertaken both through direct contact with each organisation and by CMT.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

- 4.1 All outside bodies who currently have Council representatives were contacted to seek updated information on their remits and to confirm whether or not they

still required to have council representation. Those organisations who no longer require a council representative have been removed from the list and outlined at para 4.5 below .

4.2 Both elected members and officers represent the Council on outside bodies in the following roles:

- Governance/high level scrutiny role: elected members
- Technical or operational role: officers

Sometimes it is appropriate for both elected members and officers to sit on an outside body (e.g. IJB).

4.3 The requirement to have an elected member on an outside body will often arise from the outside body's constitution. Whilst it may put that body in a difficult position if the Council declined to fill the position on the outside body, the Council cannot be forced to provide a representative.

4.4 A significant number of outside bodies are public trusts where the Council are trustees.

4.5 The organisations listed below no longer need representation:

- Business Loans Scotland
- Forres Golf Club – Board of Trustees
- Knockando Woolmill
- Leadership Board – Highlands and Islands Science Academy
- Moray Chamber of Commerce

4.6 The organisations in **Appendix 1** which are coloured red have yet to respond to the letter asking if they still require a nominee. Should responses be received following this meeting, then the decision on who to appoint should be made by Group Leaders.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

None.

(b) Policy and Legal

None.

(c) Financial implications

Allowances for nominated Members attendance at meetings of organisations appointed is covered in the Councillors and Members Allowance Scheme.

(d) Risk Implications

None.

(e) Staffing Implications

None.

(f) Property

None.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

None.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

None.

(i) Consultations

The Head of Governance, Strategy and Performance and the Democratic Services Manager were consulted and are in agreement with the terms of the report.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 The Council are asked to consider appointing representatives to the bodies as set out in APPENDIX 1.

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