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**REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 7 DECEMBER 2022**

**SUBJECT: OUTSIDE BODIES**

**BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)**

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek agreement from the Council to appoint representatives to further requests from Outside Bodies.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section II (12) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to appointments to an outside body.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council consider and agree:
  - i) the nomination of 2 additional members to the Moray Economic Partnership in addition to the existing membership of Councillor Leadbitter;
  - ii) whether the Council wishes to send a representative to join the Scottish Government Cross Party Working Group on the promotion of St Andrews Day as a public holiday; and
  - iii) if a representative is agreed at (ii) above, to seek a nomination for the Council's representative.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At the most recent meeting of the Moray Economic Partnership (MEP) on 7 September 2022 it was agreed that the number of Elected Members on the MEP would be expanded to a total of 3, representing the main political groups. This is an additional 2 members as Councillor Leadbitter (SNP) already sits on the partnership.
- 3.2 The Moray Economic Partnership (MEP) is a formal partnership to support the local economy of Moray. It is part of the Community Planning framework and provides leadership and strategic direction for the economic strand of the Community Planning Partnership.

- 3.3 The Partnership brings together The Moray Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Moray Chamber of Commerce, The Scottish Council for Development and Industry, Moray College UHI, Skills Development Scotland, HITRANS, Moray Strategic Business Forum, NHS Grampian and Moray Health and Social Care Partnership, Cairngorms National Park Authority and tsiMORAY.
- 3.4 The Partnerships aims and objectives are aligned with the Moray Economic Strategy <http://www.moray.gov.uk/downloads/file123287.pdf> and partners are stakeholders in its delivery.
- 3.5 Moray Economic Partnership were in the process of reviewing their membership and at the meeting of Moray Council on 29 June 2022 (para 38 of the minute refers) only 1 representative was sought until the review of the membership was completed.
- 3.6 Following the review, nominations are sought for 2 additional Elected Members representing the main political groups to sit on the partnership.
- 3.7 The Council Leader received an email from the Secretary to the Scottish Parliament cross party working group looking at the promotion of St Andrew's Day as a bank holiday in furtherance of the St Andrew's Day Bank Holiday (Scotland) Bill, passed unanimously by the Parliament.
- 3.8 The Group has asked whether the Council wishes send a delegate to join the group which meets 3 to 4 times per year. The email states "given the pivotal role that local authorities play, both in providing educational services and in community engagement, the Cross-Party Group is keen to work in partnership with all of Scotland's Councils in pursuit of its aims".

#### **4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

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

As previously stated the MEP is part of the Community Planning framework and is responsible for delivering aspects of the 10 year plan, particularly a growing, diverse and sustainable economy. The recommendation in this report is designed to enhance the ability of the MEP to do this during such a critical time.

**(b) Policy and Legal**

None

**(c) Financial implications**

None

**(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 Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Finance and Environment), the Head of Development Services, the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, the Democratic Services Manager, and the Equal Opportunities Officer have been consulted and the comments received have been incorporated into the report.

**5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1 The MEP has approved the addition of 2 extra Councillors to the group. This will bring the total number of Councillors on the MEP to 3.**

**5.2 The Council is asked to nominate those 2 extra members.**

**5.3 The Council is asked whether it wishes to consider a request for a representative to sit on the Cross Party Group on St Andrew's day.**

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Background Papers:

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