

REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2020

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES/PARTNERSHIPS AND

BOARDS

BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (EDUCATION, COMMUNITIES AND

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

1.1 To inform the Council of the current appointments to outside bodies/partnership/boards as detailed in **Appendix 1** of the report and to consider if there is a need to review these appointments in light of the political balance allocations for Committees as agreed by the Council on 12 February 2020 (Para of the Minute refers).

1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Section II (11) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to appointments to Committees.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Council consider if there is a need to review the appointments in light of the political balance allocations for Committees as agreed by the Council on 12 February 2020.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 12 February 2020 the Council agreed to increase the main Committees membership from 13 to 14 with a political balance of 5 SNP, 5 Conservatives, 2 COG, 1.5 MAG and 0.5 Labour.
- 3.2 It was also agreed that a separate report on any implications the change may have in regard to appointments to outside bodies would be provided to the next meeting. However this was delayed due to the impact of COVID-19 and the restrictions imposed.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES/PARTNERSHIPS/BOARDS

4.1 The Council traditionally looks to make appointments to outside bodies/partnerships and Boards at the beginning of each new term of office and also makes occasional appointments for various reasons during each term if required. These appointments are usually circulated in advance in order to allow individual groups the opportunity to discuss and agree

- nominations to be put forward at the meeting. Where there are more nominations than places available, a vote is taken to determine the allocation.
- 4.2 The majority of appointments are allocated in this way, however, there are some that are traditionally accepted as being open only to the Administration of the day.

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 to are covered in the Councillors & Members Allowance Scheme.

(d) Risk Implications

None.

(e) Staffing Implications

None.

(f) Property

None.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

None.

(h) Consultations

None.

6. **CONCLUSION**

6.1 That the Council consider if there is a need to review the appointments to outside bodies/partnerships/boards in light of the political balance allocations for Committees as agreed by the Council on 12 February 2020.

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Background Papers: Held by Author

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