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**REPORT TO: MORAY COUNCIL ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

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

**1. REASON FOR REPORT**

- 1.1 To invite the Council to note the remaining Committee membership vacancies and consider appointments to those committees where vacancies remain.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Council in terms of Sections I, II and III of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the establishment of a Committee structure, the appointment to Committees, the appointment of Chair and Depute Chair thereof and the delegation of functions to Committees.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 It is recommended that the Council considers and agrees to:-**

- (i) note the current vacancies on the Committees as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;**
- (ii) determine the appointment to the Education, Children's and Leisure Services Committee relating to the allocation to the Independent members where 2 nominations have been received; and**
- (iii) defer any further consideration of all of the remaining vacancies until the meeting of Moray Council on 7 December 2022 following the outcome of the Buckie Ward 3 by-election due to be held on 3 November 2022.**

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 At the meeting of Moray Council held on 10 August 2022, the Council agreed that due to the changes in political balance to allow Members until the end of August to agree vacancies and that any places that remain unfilled by that time would be brought back to this meeting where the vacancies will be filled (paragraph 8 of the Minute refers).

- 3.2 Committee Services has been notified of appointments to some but not all of the vacancies. The table at **Appendix 1** lists the remaining vacancies that require to be considered. In regards to the Education, Children's and Leisure Services Committee, the allocation of 1 seat to the Independent Members has not been agreed with 2 nominations coming forward. It is therefore for the Council to determine the appointment to this vacancy.
- 3.3 Following the meeting on the 10 August 2022, Councillor Price submitted his resignation as a member of the Buckie Ward 3 resulting in the calling of the upcoming by-election on the 3 November 2022. His resignation has further impacted on the Committee vacancies.
- 3.4 It has been the practice in the past that any vacancies arising from a resignation remain unfilled until following the outcome of any by-election.

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

(a) **Moray 2026: A Plan for the Future and Moray Corporate Plan 2015 - 2017**

None arising from this report.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

The proposals set out in this report comply with Sections (I) (II) & (III) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to the delegation of functions to Committees and Sub-Committees, the appointments of Members to these and the appointment of Chair & Deputy Chairs.

(c) **Financial implications**

None arising from this report.

(d) **Risk Implications**

None arising from this report.

(e) **Staffing Implications**

The administration of appointments to Committees and Sub-Committees can be met within existing resources.

(f) **Property**

None arising from this report.

(g) **Equalities**

None arising from this report.

(h) **Climate Change and Biodiversity**

None arising from this report

(i) **Consultations**

Head of Governance, Strategy and Performance has been consulted and any comments incorporated into the report.

**5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Council is invited to note the remaining Committee membership vacancies; determine the appointment from within the Independent Members to the Education, Children's and Leisure Services Committee and consider deferring the filling of the remaining vacancies to the meeting of Moray Council on 7 December 2022 following the Buckie Ward 3 by-election to be held on 3 November 2022.**

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Background Papers:  
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