

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 24 August 2017

Appointment of Members to Committees etc.

Item number	7.1
Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	None

Executive summary

Appointments to Committees, Joint Committees and Joint Boards were made at the Council meeting on 29 June 2017. The executive and other parent committees will now be invited to appoint members to any sub-committees and working groups within their remit. Exceptionally, Council is asked to appoint three members to the Pensions Audit Sub-Committee.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint Councillors Child and Rose and Mr John Anzani as members of the Pensions Audit Sub-Committee.
- 1.2 To appoint the Councillor Rose as Convener of the Pensions Audit Sub-Committee.
- 1.3 To request that the Pensions Board appoints two of its members (one employee, one employer) as observers to the Sub-Committee.

Background

- 2.1 In accordance with Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions, appointments to the Council's executive and other committees were made in proportion to each party's representation on the full Council.
- 2.2 Appointments to sub-committees, working groups etc are normally made at executive and other parent groups. Exceptionally, Council is asked to appoint three members of the Pensions Committee as members of this sub-committee.

Main report

- 3.1 At its meeting on 29 June 2017, Council appointed Councillors Rankin (Convener), Child, McVey, Miller and Rose as members of the Pensions Committee, as well as John Anzani and Richard Lamont (member and employer representatives respectively).
- 3.2 Council is now asked to appoint three of these members to the Pensions Audit Sub-Committee, one of whom will serve as its convener (the Pensions Committee convener – Councillor Rankin – cannot serve as the Sub-Committee convener).
- 3.3 Appointment of the Sub-Committee membership now will allow timely scrutiny of the Council's audited accounts, and for any recommendations arising to be considered by the Pensions Committee.
- 3.4 The Pensions Audit Sub-Committee undertakes the audit scrutiny of the pension funds. It is expected to meet three times a year and covers issues relating to financial statements, internal and external audit and the risk control framework. The sub-committee is tasked with helping to ensure that the highest standards of probity and public accountability are maintained and it thus is an essential component of the pension scheme's governance structure.

- 3.5 All members of the Pensions Committee have been consulted about the possible Sub-Committee membership. Consequently, it is proposed to appoint Councillors Rose (Convener) and Child, and Mr John Anzani to the Sub-Committee.
- 3.6 The Pension Board will be asked to nominate two representatives (one employee, one employer) as observers to the Sub-Committee

Measures of success

The appointment will facilitate effective scrutiny of the Council's audited accounts.

Financial impact

Not applicable.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

Failure to adequately scrutinise the Council's audited accounts could lead to challenge.

Equalities impact

Not applicable.

Sustainability impact

Not applicable.

Consultation and engagement

Not applicable.

Background reading / external references

[Minute of City of Edinburgh Council of 29 June 2017](#)

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