

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 23 August 2018

Appointment of Members to Committees

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Executive/routine	
Wards	None

Executive summary

At its meeting on 28 June 2018, the Council confirmed its political management arrangements for 2018/19. It agreed to restore political balance to all committees, specifically in relation to the nine-member committees and sub-committee. This report invites Council to make the appointments necessary to implement this decision.

Following Councillor Graczyk's resignation from the Conservative Group and Councillor Bridgman's from the SNP Group, replacements are sought on three executive committees, and on the Personnel Appeals Committee. In addition a replacement is sought following Councillor Gardiner's resignation as the Sustainability Champion.

Appointment of Members to Committees

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint one Conservative group member in place of an SNP group member on the Personnel Appeals Committee; Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee.
- 1.2 To appoint one Conservative group member to each of the Conservative group vacancies on the Corporate Policy and Strategy and Culture and Communities Committees.
- 1.3 To appoint one SNP group member to each of the SNP vacancies on the Finance and Resources and Governance, Risk and Best Value Committees.
- 1.4 To appoint a Convener for the Personnel Appeals Committee.
- 1.5 To appoint a replacement for Councillor Gardiner as Sustainability Champion.

2. Background

- 2.1 The appointment of committees, joint committees and joint boards is a reserved matter for full Council.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 28 June 2018 Council confirmed the political balance on its committees, and agreed that the membership of the existing nine-member committees should be adjusted to reflect the political balance on the Council.
- 2.3 Subsequently two members, Councillors Bridgman and Graczyk, have resigned from the SNP and Conservative groups respectively, leaving vacancies on the Finance and Resources, Culture and Communities, Personnel Appeals and Corporate Policy and Strategy Committees.

3. Main report

- 3.1 In order to implement the decision regarding the nine-member committees, Council is asked to remove one SNP group member from each of these committees and sub-committee, appointing one Conservative group member in their place.
- 3.2 In each case the members appointed will require to complete the appropriate training.
- 3.3 Additionally, an SNP member requires to be appointed to the Finance and Resources Committee and to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee in place of Councillor Bridgman, and a Conservative group member appointed to

each of the Corporate Policy and Strategy and Culture and Communities Committee in place of Councillor Graczyk.

- 3.4 A convener requires to be appointed for the Personnel Appeals Committee.
- 3.5 Councillor Gardiner has submitted his resignation as Sustainability Champion and a replacement member is sought.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The Council's political managements arrangements are robust, and encourage effective decision-making.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Standing Orders require appointments to Council committees and sub-committees to be proportionate to the political representation of groups on the Council, unless expressly agreed otherwise by Council.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Not applicable.

10 Background reading / external references

- 10.1 [Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 28 June 2018](#)

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