

Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee – Appointments

City of Edinburgh Council

29 April 2010

Purpose of report

- 1 To invite the Council to make two appointments to the Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee and designate two reserves in case of future vacancies.

Details

- 2 In May and June 2007, the Council appointed members of the Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee and agreed a number of reserves in the event of vacancies arising.
- 3 Since then, the number of reserves has proved insufficient and there are two vacancies. A recruitment exercise was undertaken to fill these vacancies and again designate reserves in case of further vacancies arising between now and the next expected recruitment at the time of the 2012 Council elections.
- 4 The interviews were conducted on 20 and 21 April 2010 by Fiona Garwood, Chairman of the Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee and Ron Lancashire, the Council's Criminal Justice Services Manager, with support from Committee Services.
- 5 The interviewing panel recommended that the two persons shown in paragraph 7 below be appointed and that the Council hold in reserve the other two persons shown so that further vacancies may be filled without the need for further advertisement and interview. All those interviewed expressed an interest in being considered as a reserve if they were unsuccessful in securing outright appointment.
- 6 All appointments are subject to receipt of a satisfactory enhanced disclosure certificate from disclosure Scotland.
- 7 The Interview Panel recommended that the Council appoints Ms A McCusker and Mrs J Balfour as members of the Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee; and holds as first and second reserves respectively Mr M Comeau and Mr W Ferguson.

Recommendations

- 8 That the Council appoints Ms A McCusker and Mrs J Balfour as members of the Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee; and holds Mr M Comeau and Mr W Ferguson as first and second reserves respectively.



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Appendices	None.
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Wards affected	None.
Background Papers	None.