
Report to: Clackmannanshire Council

Date: 15 May, 2014

Subject: Senior Councillor Positions & Appointments

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite Council to appoint a new Depute Leader and a new Depute Provost and to agree changes to the list of senior councillor positions which attract a responsibility payment.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council:

- a) appoints a new Depute Leader;
- b) appoints a new Depute Provost;
- c) agrees to establish a new senior councillor post which has special responsibility for Partnership, Equality & Diversity and to make the necessary consequential amendments to Standing Orders;
- d) appoints an elected member to the role of Portfolio Holder for Partnership, Equality & Diversity;
- e) approves the amendments to the roles which are awarded senior councillor responsibility payments as set out at paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of this report.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 I have been advised that Councillors Holden and Balsillie have stood down respectively from the positions of Depute Council Leader and Depute Provost.
- 3.2 The Council is now required to appoint to these vacancies under the terms of Standing Orders 14.14-14.19, *Filling Posts or Offices Held by Councillors & Other Representatives*.
- 3.3 The Administration Group has also advised me that it wishes to amend certain elected member posts which have special areas of responsibility as follows:
- a) for present purposes, have the role of Depute Leader carried out by an existing Convenor; this role would attract one special responsibility allowance (the roles are currently carried out by two members each of whom receives an allowance);

b) create a post which has special responsibility for Partnership, Equality & Diversity, the responsibilities of which would be to act, where appropriate, as a Council resource on cross thematic issues and have lead responsibility for:

- Equality & Diversity;
- Third sector partnership and joint working;
- Third sector funding;
- Third sector scrutiny and performance;
- The role of the third sector in the delivery of public sector reform and community engagement.

3.4 The Administration Group has indicated that they wish the post which has special responsibility for Partnership, Equality & Diversity to attract a special responsibility allowance.

3.5 If Council agrees to the changes in elected member posts with special areas of responsibility, Standing Orders will be amended to reflect that decision (paragraph 5.1 of Standing Orders refers).

3.6 In so far as this proposal if agreed is deemed to form a substantive amendment of Standing Order 5.1, the notice required by Standing Order 20.7 has been given. If this proposal is agreed, new Standing Order 5.1 will be as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

NA

5.0 Resource Implications

Financial Details - there are no additional costs associated with the recommendations contained in this report as the number of responsibility allowances remains the same as agreed by Council in June 2012.

Staffing - N/A

6.0 Legality

6.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

7.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 - Proposed New Standing Order 5.1

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Proposed New Standing Order 5.1

5.1 Some of our members will have special areas of responsibility. These are:

POSITION	COUNCIL SERVICES	POLICY AREAS
Leader of Council	Resources and Governance	Community Planning Corporate Policy and Strategy Corporate Governance Financial strategy Best value
Depute Leader of the Council	Strategy & Customer Services	Public Sector Reform Partnership Community Engagement
Convenor of Housing, Health & Care	Housing Social Services	Care Health improvement Housing Health and Care integration Community safety
Convenor of Education, Sport & Leisure	Education	Education Sport Leisure
Convenor of Enterprise & Environment	Development & Environment	Economic Development, Tourism, Employability Sustainability, Environment, Roads and Transportation Waste Management
Portfolio Holder for Partnership, Equality, & Diversity		Equality and Diversity Third Sector Partnership and Joint Working Third Sector Funding Third Sector Scrutiny and Performance Role of Third Sector in delivery of Public Sector Reform and Community Engagement

The Council will appoint one of the convenors to be Depute Leader of the Council

