

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Report to: Meeting of Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 9 March 2017

Subject: Council Political Administration

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Council to appoint a new political Administration further to the resignation of the Labour Group at the special meeting held on 23 February, 2017.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that Council makes appointments to the following positions:

- a) Leader of the Council
- b) Depute Leader of the Council
- c) Depute Provost
- d) Chair of Regulatory Committee
- e) Chair of Audit & Finance Committee
- f) Chair of Scrutiny Committee (from the main opposition)
- g) Spokesperson for Education
- h) Spokesperson for Health & Social Work
- i) Spokesperson for Environment & Housing

2.2 Subject to the appointments made above, it is recommended that Council makes any consequential appointments to the Audit & Finance Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.

2.3 It is also recommended that the above-listed posts receive senior responsibility allowances.

3.0 Background

3.1 The Labour Group resigned the political Administration of the Council on 23 February, 2017.

3.2 As such the following positions require to be filled:

- a) Leader of the Council
- b) Depute Leader of the Council
- c) Depute Provost
- d) Chair of Regulatory Committee
- e) Chair of Audit & Finance Committee
- f) Chair of Scrutiny Committee (from the main opposition)
- g) Spokesperson for Education
- h) Spokesperson for Health & Social Work
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3.3 A change in Administration will likely also necessitate membership changes on the Council's Committees so that the political balance continues as per below:

Audit & Finance Committee

4 Administration
3 main opposition
1 from neither the Administration nor main opposition

Scrutiny Committee

4 main opposition (one of whom to be chair)
3 Administration
1 from neither the Administration nor main opposition

3.4 Council is, therefore, asked to make any consequential changes to membership of those committees which arise from the appointment of a new Administration.

4.0 Sustainability Implications - N/A

5.0 Resource Implications – the proposals included in this paper will be funded from within the budget available for such purposes, that budget being £152,043 for special responsibility allowances (excluding the Provost and Leader).

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1 Is this report exempt? No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) Our Priorities

The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations? N/A

9.0 Legality

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

10.0 Appendices

None

11.0 Background Papers

None

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