

## CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

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**Report to: Clackmannanshire Council**

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**Date of Meeting: 1 June, 2017 (reconvened Statutory Meeting of 18th May, 2017)**

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**Subject: Representation on Outside Bodies**

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**Report by: Chief Executive**

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### **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Council as a matter of urgency to nominate representatives to two outside bodies.
- 1.2 Standing Orders state (SO 11.6) that *'no business, other than that set out on the agenda, will be carried out unless the Provost decides that due to special circumstances the item should be discussed as a matter of urgency.'*
- 1.3 If the Provost does decide that an item of business may be discussed as a matter of urgency, Standing Orders state (11.7) that the Provost will give *'his or her reasons for the decision before the item is discussed'* and that the reasons will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council:
  - a) appoints three elected members to the CoSLA Convention based on the Council's political balance; and
  - b) appoints three elected members to the Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board.

### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The statutory meeting of 18 May, 2017, was adjourned with no key appointments having been made. Had such appointments been made, a further meeting of Council would have been convened shortly thereafter to consider, among other things, appointments of members to committees and of Council representatives to various outside bodies.
- 3.2 There are two important outside bodies which require, or are likely to require, Council representation prior to the Council being in a position to make appointments in the routine way. These bodies are:

## A - CoSLA Convention

- 3.3 While the Convention does not meet until 30 June, nominations for the President and Vice-President of CoSLA have to be in by 9 June and can only be submitted by Convention members. If the Council does not appoint members to the Convention prior to 9 June, the chance to make nominations will be lost.
- 3.4 Clackmannanshire Council has three delegates on the CoSLA Convention and the constitution of CoSLA requires that council delegations reflect the political balance of the individual councils.
- 3.5 For Clackmannanshire, the political balance as measured by the number of seats as a percentage of total seats is:
- SNP - 44%
  - Conservative - 28%
  - Labour - 28%
- 3.6 Applying those %s to the CoSLA Convention would suggest the following representation from the Council:
- 1 from SNP
  - 1 from Conservative
  - 1 from Labour

## B - Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board (VJB)

- 3.7 This is a statutory joint board covering the three council areas of Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling. The Board appoints an Assessor for the Valuation Area who also acts as Electoral Registration Officer. The Board is likely to meet before the end of June so that its draft accounts and financial statements can be approved.
- 3.8 The VJB comprises 15 elected members drawn from the three constituent authorities, with Clackmannanshire having three representatives.
- 3.9 There is no requirement for political balance on the VJB.

### **4.0 Sustainability Implications**

NA

### **5.0 Resource Implications**

*Financial Details* N/A

*Staffing* N/A

### **6.0 Declarations**

- 6.1 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

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail) N/A

**7.0 Equalities Impact** - N/A

**8.0 Legality**

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

**9.0 Appendices** - None

**10.0 Background Papers**

10.1 Letter from CoSLA dated 8 May, 2017

**Author(s)**

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