

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Report to: Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 31 August, 2017

Subject: Member Representation on CoSLA Policy Boards

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report asks Council to nominate members to represent the Council on four CoSLA Policy Boards.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1. It is recommended that Council appoints an elected member and a substitute member to sit on each of the four CoSLA Policy Boards.

3.0 Background

3.1 CoSLA established four Policy Boards at its Convention in June. Each Board is chaired by a Spokesperson appointed by Convention and comprises a representative from each member Council. The four Boards are:

- Health and Social Care Board
- Community Wellbeing Board
- Children and Young People Board
- Environment and Economy Board

3.2 The undernoted policy areas are covered by the individual Boards and each Board will also have responsibility for considering workforce and funding issues relevant to these areas.

Health and Social Care Board	Community Wellbeing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charging Policies for Social Care • Integration of Health and Social Care • Older People's Care and Support/NCHC and Care Home Provision • Public Health and Health Inequalities • Reform of Adult Social Care • Social Care Workforce • Supporting Carers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community and Criminal Justice • Community Empowerment and Engagement • Community Safety and Resilience • Consumer Protection • Employability • Equalities and Human Rights • Housing & Homelessness • Migration and Refugee Issues • Poverty • Social Security and Welfare Reform • Sports, Culture and Leisure

Environment and Economy	Children and Young People
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadband and Mobile Policy • Climate Change and Energy • Crown Estate • Economic Development • Islands Bill • Planning • Regeneration • Transport • Unconventional Onshore Oil and Gas • Waste 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Support Needs • Child Poverty • Child Protection • Children's Hearings • Children's Services • Developing the Young Workforce • Early Years • Education • GIRFEC and Named Person • Looked After Children • Secure Care • Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children • Workforce Planning and Development • Youth Justice

3.3 The Boards will report to Leaders' meetings on relevant matters arising, and refer issues of significant political and budgetary implication to Leaders.

3.4 Each Board has responsibility for discharging the following functions:

- Engage with and focus on member Councils' priorities in relation to its terms of reference.
- Act as the key network through which all member Councils create policy, examine legislative or other developments, agree lobbying positions, and investigate options for future direction in relation to its terms of reference.
- Take forward work that delivers the strategic priorities set by Convention including campaigns, research, improvement support, public statements and other steps as appropriate.
- Work with CoSLA's Resources Spokesperson to scrutinise and address the financial, human, and other resource implications for Local Government associated with its terms of reference, making recommendations to Leaders as appropriate.
- Involve members, Councils and other appropriate stakeholders in the delivery of its work through a varied mix of events, presentations of advice and evidence, networks, debate, and other means of engagement.
- Draw on the expertise of key advisors from the sector, including SOLACE and other local government professional associations. Professional advisers attending meetings will not have voting rights.
- Contribute to reforms, efficiencies and improvements in the delivery of local services, and identify and share good practice and ideas to stimulate innovation and improvement.
- Provide a mandate to the Spokesperson in their interactions with Ministers and legislatures, and hold them accountable in progressing CoSLA's mandated policy positions.

4.0 Considerations

4.1 The Boards will each meet six times a year and the Spokesperson may call extraordinary meetings of the Board as appropriate.

4.2 Individual Members will be expected to:

- Represent their Council through regular attendance at Board meetings, providing a channel of communication and engagement between their Council and the work of the Board.
- Come to the Board with an informed view of the papers, reflective of their Council position.
- Report back the decisions of the Board to their respective Councils and take responsibility for any agreed actions.
- Promote the work and role of CoSLA.

4.3 Board members unable to attend a meeting should arrange a suitable substitute.

5.0 Sustainability Implications - n/a

6.0 Resource Implications

There are no budget implications as a result of this paper.

7.0 Staffing Implications – n/a

8.0 Exempt Reports

8.1 Is this report exempt? No

9.0 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

(2) Council Policies n/a

10.0 Equalities Impact - n/a

11.0 Legality

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

12.0 Appendices

12.1 None

13.0 Background Papers

13.1 Email dated 14/7/17 from CoSLA re Policy Board Nominations

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