
Report to: Meeting of Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 12 April 2018

Subject: Appointment of Council Leader & Other Member Appointments

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- a) advise Council of the resignation of Councillor Les Sharp as Council Leader and invite Council to appoint a new Leader;
- b) advise Council of other resignations from member positions and invite Council to appoint to those vacancies;
- c) invite Council to amend its spokespersons; and
- d) advise Council of various member resignations from outside bodies and invite Council to appoint to those vacancies.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1. It is recommended that Council:

- a) notes that Councillor Les Sharp has resigned as Council Leader;
- b) notes that Councillor Ellen Forson has resigned as Depute Leader with effect from 12 April 2018;
- c) appoints a new Council Leader;
- d) appoints a new Depute Council Leader;
- e) notes that Councillor Ellen Forson has resigned as Health & Social Services spokesperson with effect from 12 April 2018;
- f) appoints a member of the Administration to the post of spokesperson for Health & Social Services;
- g) notes that Councillor Phil Fairlie has resigned as Partnership & Third Sector spokesperson with effect from 12 April 2018;

h) appoints a member of the Administration to the post of spokesperson for Partnership & Third Sector;

i) creates a new spokesperson role of Audit & Finance (replacing the Chair of Audit & Finance post in terms of special responsibility allowance);

j) appoints a member of the Administration as spokesperson for Audit & Finance;

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**k)** appoints a member of the SNP group to the vacancy on the Scrutiny Committee left by the resignation of former Councillor Archie Drummond;

**l)** appoints a member to the vacancy on the Licensing Board left by the resignation of former Councillor Archie Drummond;

**m)** appoints a member of the SNP group to the vacancy on the Planning Committee left by the resignation of former Councillor Archie Drummond;

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n) notes that Councillor Ellen Forson has resigned as the Council's representative on the Board of NHS Forth Valley with effect from 12 April 2018;

o) appoints either the Council Leader or spokesperson for Health & Social Services as the Council's representative on the Board of NHS Forth Valley;

p) notes that Councillor Ellen Forson has resigned as a member of the Integration Joint Board with effect from 12 April 2018;

q) appoints a member of the SNP group to the Integration Joint Board (noting that that member will also fill the post of vice-chair of the Integration Joint Board);

r) notes the resignation of Councillor Derek Stewart from the Clackmannanshire & Stirling Environmental Trust and that no replacement member is required as the organisation has reduced its request for representatives from three to two;

s) notes that Councillor Phil Fairlie has resigned as a Council representative on the Board of SEStran;

t) appoints a member of the SNP group as a Council representative on the Board of SEStran;

u) appoints a member of the Administration to the vacancy on Falkirk Pensions Board left by the resignation of former Councillor Archie Drummond;

v) notes the resignation of Councillor Les Sharp as the Council's representative on the Scotland Excel Committee; and

w) appoints a member of the Administration as the Council's representative on the Scotland Excel Committee.

3.0 Background

Council Political Leadership

3.1 The following resignations have been received:

- Councillor Les Sharp as Council Leader
- Councillor Ellen Forson as Depute Leader (with effect of 12 April)

3.2 Council is invited to appoint a new Leader and Depute Leader.

Spokesperson Roles

3.3 Further to the recent by-election, the resignations of the Council Leader and Depute Leader, and in anticipation of changes to the Council's political decision-making structure, the Administration wishes to review some previous spokesperson appointments and to make a small amendment to Council's spokesperson posts.

3.4 There have been two resignations of Administration members from spokesperson duties, viz:

- Councillor Ellen Forson has resigned as Health & Social Services spokesperson with effect from 12 April 2018; and
- Councillor Phil Fairlie has resigned as Partnership & Third Sector spokesperson with effect from 12 April 2018.

3.5 In addition, the Administration wishes to create a new spokesperson role for Audit & Finance. This would carry with it a special responsibility allowance, with the special responsibility allowance previously agreed for the Chair of Audit & Finance Committee being removed.

3.6 Council is, therefore, invited to:

- create a new spokesperson role of Audit & Finance;
- appoint a member of the Administration as spokesperson for Audit & Finance;
- appoint a member of the Administration to the post of spokesperson for Health & Social Services; and
- appoint a member of the Administration to the post of spokesperson for Partnership & Third Sector.

Committee Vacancies

3.7 The resignation of former Councillor Archie Drummond has left vacancies on the Planning and Scrutiny committees, as well as the Licensing Board.

3.8 Council is invited to appoint:

- a member of the SNP group to each of the Planning and Scrutiny committees; and
- a member to the Licensing Board (noting that that member will be required to undertake specific training).

Outside Bodies

3.9 There have been a number of resignations by members from outside bodies as follows:

- Councillor Ellen Forson has resigned as the Council's representative on the Board of NHS Forth Valley with effect from 12 April 2018;
- Councillor Ellen Forson has resigned as a member of the Integration Joint Board with effect from 12 April 2018;
- Councillor Derek Stewart has resigned from the Clackmannanshire & Stirling Environmental Trust;
- Councillor Phil Fairlie has resigned as one of two Council representatives on the Board of SEStran;
- Councillor Les Sharp has resigned as the Council's representative on the Scotland Excel Committee.

3.10 There is also a vacancy on Falkirk Pensions Board due to the vacancy left by the resignation of former Councillor Archie Drummond.

3.11 Council is invited, therefore, to:

- appoint either the Council Leader or spokesperson for Health & Social Services as the Council's representative on the Board of NHS Forth Valley;
- appoint a member of the SNP group to the Integration Joint Board (noting that that member will also fill the post of vice-chair of the Integration Joint Board; Council is also advised that Councillor Dave Clark has recently been appointed as chair of the Integration Joint Board's Audit Committee for a period of two years);
- appoint a member of the SNP group as a Council representative on the Board of SEStran;
- appoint a member of the Administration as the Council's representative on the Scotland Excel Committee; and
- appoint a member of the Administration to sit on Falkirk Pensions Board.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1. None

5.0 Resource Implications

Financial Details - there are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations contained in this report.

Staffing- there are no staffing implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1. This report is not exempt.

7.0 Declarations

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

(1) **Our Priorities**

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

(2) **Council Policies** - n/a

8.0 Equalities Impact - 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.

10.0 Appendices

10.1 None

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Reports to Council of 18 May 2017 and 28 June 2017, and minutes of those meetings.

Intimations of resignation

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