
Report to Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 19 December 2019

Subject: Member Appointments

Report by: Monitoring Officer

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the paper is to inform Council of changes to member appointments. The paper will also seek Council approval for appointment to a number of the vacancies.

2.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1 notes the resignation of Councillor Bill Mason as a Councillor for Ward 5 Clackmannanshire East with effect from 31 December 2019
- 2.2 notes that Councillor Martha Benny has been appointed as the Leader of the Conservative Group with effect from 10 December 2019 and as such will take up the appointments to those Council positions which are filled by the Leader of the Conservative Group as set out in paragraph 3.2
- 2.3 notes that Councillor Mason is also appointed to a number of committees and external organisations in an individual capacity rather than as Leader of the Conservative Group and therefore agrees to appoint Councillor Martha Benny to the following committee and external bodies with immediate effect
- 2.3.1 the Audit Committee
 - 2.3.2 the Partnership and Performance Committee
 - 2.3.3 Integrated Joint Board (IJB)
 - 2.3.4 the Central Scotland Valuation Joint Board (VJB)
 - 2.3.5 CoSLA Policy Board – Environment and Economy substitute
- 2.4 notes that Councillor Holden has resigned as Convenor of the Place Committee and spokesperson for Environment and Housing Services with effect from 1 November 2019

- 2.5 notes that Tullibody Healthy Living Initiative took a decision in October 2019 to close as a company and dissolve as a charity and that therefore the four Ward One Clackmannanshire West Councillors who were appointed to the Board of Tullibody Health Living Initiative will no longer be appointed

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1 The Chief Executive has received a letter from Councillor Bill Mason on 10 December 2019 advising of his intention to resign as a Councillor from ward 5 Clackmannanshire East with effect from 31 December 2019. Councillor Mason has indicated that his resignation is as a result of his ill health. The Chief Executive as Returning Officer will set a date for a by-election in due course. Once the vacancy has been filled there will be a further paper to Council, if required, reviewing political balance and seeking approval for appointments as required.
- 3.2 Councillor Benny has been appointed Leader of the Conservative group. As such she will attend the City Region Deal Joint Committee, the Clackmannanshire Alliance and the Programme Board.
- 3.3 The Chief Executive also received a letter on 1 November 2019 from Councillor Craig Holden advising of his resignation with immediate effect as Convenor of the Place Committee and spokesperson for Environment and Housing Services. The Administration is not proposing any permanent change at this time and the Vice Convenor of Place, Councillor Donald Balsillie will cover the Convenor and Spokesperson role on an interim basis.
- 3.4 The Tullibody Healthy Living Initiative (THLI) took a decision at an EGM on 16 October 2019 to close as a company and dissolve as a charity. In the interest of transparency Council is invited to note that the result of this decision is that Councillor Lee, Councillor Matchett QPM, Councillor Murphy and Councillor Sharp will no longer be appointed to the Board once this process is complete.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

None.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1 Financial Details

There are no financial implications as a result of the recommendations contained in this report.

5.2 Staffing

- 5.3 There are no staffing implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

6.0 Exempt Reports

Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

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

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

- 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** (Please detail)

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?

Yes No

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

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None.

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

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