

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 8 JUNE, 2015

Present: Councillors W A Agnew, D R Aitchison, Amanda J Allan, Anne M Allan, P J Argyle, P W Bellarby, A A Bews, G Blackett, A S Buchan, C C Buchan, G W Carr, R A Cassie, E H Chapman, R J Christie, G J Clark, K L Clark, L Clark, R Cowling, J B Cox, A J C Cullinane, I Davidson, J B Dick, A C Duncan, A Evison, K A Farquhar, M A Findlater, M A Ford, A Gardiner, J N Gifford, A S Grant, I W Gray, A Hendry, F C P Hood, W Howatson, M F Ingleby, J Ingram, P K Johnston, M C Kitts-Hayes, J J Latham, S M Lonchay, C R McKail, F McRae, T Malone, R J Merson, I J Mollison, C H Nelson, A K Norrie, P Oddie, G L Owen, H Partridge, L Pirie, S W Pratt, E A Robertson, D A Ross, M J Roy, W A C Shand, N J Smith, S W Smith, D Stewart, J J Strathdee, B H Stuart, I S Tait, R G Thomson, B A Topping, H W Vernal, I M Walker and J Webster.

Apology: Councillor M Watt.

Officers: Chief Executive, Director of Business Services, Director of Communities, Director of Education and Children's Services, Head of Finance, Head of Legal and Governance, Head of Transportation.

CHAIR

Councillor J Webster, Provost of the Council, presided.

BUSINESS

The Provost explained that this special meeting of the Council had been called on the signed requisition of at least one fourth of the whole number of members of the Council to transact four items of business as detailed in the requisition.

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

The Provost asked members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct. No interests were intimated.

2. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Council **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010:-

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
 - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
 - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching their decision.

3. POSTS OF PROVOST AND DEPUTY PROVOST

The Head of Legal and Governance advised that the first item of business specified in the signed requisition was to replace the current Provost and Deputy Provost with new appointees. As the Council's Standing Orders contained no procedure for the removal of the Provost and Deputy Provost, Counsel's Opinion had been sought which confirmed that the matter was an item of competent business for the Council to consider. However, Counsel had advised that a two stage process be used whereby the Council should first determine whether it wished to remove the current incumbents of the posts of Provost and Deputy Provost and, if so determined, should then proceed to make new appointments to the vacant posts.

Thereafter, Councillor Thomson, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that the Council agree to remove the current incumbents of the posts of Provost and Deputy Provost.

As an amendment, Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor Howatson, moved that the Council do not agree to remove the current incumbents of the posts of Provost and Deputy Provost.

The members of the Council voted:-

for the motion	(34)	Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.
for the amendment	(32)	Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.
declined to vote	(1)	Councillor D Stewart.

The **motion was carried** and the Council **agreed** to remove the current incumbents of the posts of Provost and Deputy Provost.

The Head of Legal and Governance advised that, in terms of Standing Order 1(1)(b), the Council was now without a Chair, and requested the Council to choose another member of the Council to preside as Chair.

The Council unanimously **agreed** that Councillor Vernal act as Chair.

The Chair then called for nominations for the appointment of Provost of the Council.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor Vernal be appointed Provost of the Council.

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor Howatson, moved that Councillor Webster be appointed Provost of the Council.

The members of the Council voted:-

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| for Councillor Vernal | (34) | Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal. |
| for Councillor Webster | (32) | Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster. |
| declined to vote | (1) | Councillor D Stewart. |

Councillor Vernal was duly appointed Provost of the Council.

The Provost then called for nominations for the appointment of Deputy Provost.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor Grant be appointed Deputy Provost of the Council.

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor Gardiner, moved that Councillor N J Smith be appointed Deputy Provost of the Council.

The members of the Council voted:-

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| for Councillor Grant | (34) | Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal. |
| for Councillor N J Smith | (32) | Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster. |
| declined to vote | (1) | Councillor D Stewart. |

Councillor Grant was duly appointed Deputy Provost of the Council.

4. APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, STATUTORY BODIES, PARTNERSHIPS AND INTERNAL MEETING GROUPS

A report dated 3 June, 2015, by the Director of Business Services had been circulated recommending that the Council (a) note the current membership of the four Policy Committees, Scrutiny and Audit Committee, Appeals Committee, Appointments Committee, Industrial Cases Committee, Procedures Committee, Future Governance Working Group, the Grampian Valuation Joint Board and the Transitional Leadership Group, (b) note the current appointments to statutory bodies, Partnerships and Internal Meeting Groups together with any relevant conditions regarding re-appointments, (c) note the change in political group affiliation, following notification to the Chief Executive, to the effect that: the Aberdeenshire Alliance has 33 members (comprising Conservative - 13 members, Liberal Democrats - 11 members, Aligned Independents - 9 members); the Scottish National Party group has 28 members; a new coalition called The Progressive Alliance has 4 members (comprising Scottish Labour - 2 members and the Independent Progressive Group - 2 members); the Green/Democratic Independent Group has 2 members; and there remains one unaligned Independent member, (d) note that the political proportionality for the current standard model for a 14 member committee is 7 (Alliance), 6 (SNP), plus one other place allocated amongst the other councillors, and that this has not changed as a result of the above notifications, (e) note that the political proportionality for the current Scrutiny and Audit Committee (12 members) is 6 (Alliance), 5 (SNP), plus one other place allocated amongst the other councillors and that this has not changed as a result of the above notifications, (f) note that the political proportionality for 8 member committees, the Appeals Committee and the Grampian Valuation Joint Board has not changed as a result of the above notifications, and (g) note options with regard to the exact composition of the four Policy Committees and the Scrutiny and Audit Committee, having regard to the principle of each member being allocated one committee place. There had also been circulated a supplementary paper by the Director of Business Services on the composition of the four Policy Committees and the Scrutiny and Audit Committee, having regard to notification of the revised political affiliation that the Scottish National Party group and The Progressive Alliance intended to work in a coalition to be known as The Partnership, and the proportionality options.

Policy Committees and Scrutiny and Audit Committee

The report offered two options using the standard model for a 14 member committee of 7 Alliance, 6 Partnership, plus one other place allocated amongst the other councillors, and the standard model for a 12 member committee such as Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 6 Alliance, 5 Partnership, plus one other place allocated amongst the other councillors, with adjustments to ensure that every member had one committee place, identified in the report as Option 6 and Option 7.

Councillor Thomson, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that the Council approve the recommendations on the basis of Option 6 in the report.

As an amendment, Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor K L Clark, moved that the Council approve the recommendations on the basis of Option 7 in the report.

The members of the Council voted:-

for the motion	(35)	Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith,
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D Stewart, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for the amendment (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

The **motion was carried** and the Council **agreed** to approve the recommendations on the basis of Option 6 in the report with the amended composition of the four Policy Committees and the Scrutiny and Audit Committee being as follows:-

	Policy and Resources	Education, Learning and Leisure	Infrastructure Services	Social Work and Housing	Scrutiny and Audit
Alliance	6	7	7	7	6
Partnership	7	6	7	6	6
Green/ Democratic Independent/ Unaligned Independent	1	1	0	1	0

Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor Kitts-Hayes be appointed as Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Howatson, seconded by Councillor Hood, moved that Councillor Gifford be appointed as Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Kitts-Hayes (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor Gifford (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor Kitts-Hayes was duly appointed as Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor Thomson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor N J Smith, moved that Councillor Hood be appointed as Vice Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Thomson (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor Hood (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor Thomson was duly appointed as Vice Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor Aitchison be appointed as Chair of the Infrastructure Services Committee.

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor Webster, moved that Councillor Argyle be appointed as Chair of the Infrastructure Services Committee.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Aitchison (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor Argyle (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor Aitchison was duly appointed as Chair of the Infrastructure Services Committee.

Councillor Thomson, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor S W Smith be appointed as Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Services Committee.

Councillor Argyle, seconded by Councillor Malone, moved that Councillor A S Buchan be appointed as Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Services Committee.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor S W Smith (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor A S Buchan (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor S W Smith was duly appointed as Vice Chair of the Infrastructure Services Committee.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor Evison be appointed as Chair of the Education, Learning and Leisure Committee.

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor Bellarby, moved that Councillor Davidson be appointed as Chair of the Education, Learning and Leisure Committee.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Evison (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor Davidson (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson,

Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor Evison was duly appointed as Chair of the Education, Learning and Leisure Committee.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor C C Buchan be appointed as Vice Chair of the Education, Learning and Leisure Committee.

Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Oddie, moved that Councillor McKail be appointed as Vice Chair of the Education, Learning and Leisure Committee.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor C C Buchan (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor McKail (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor C C Buchan was duly appointed as Vice Chair of the Education, Learning and Leisure Committee.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor A M Allan be appointed as Chair of the Social Work and Housing Committee.

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor Robertson, moved that Councillor K L Clark be appointed as Chair of the Social Work and Housing Committee.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor A M Allan (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor K L Clark (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor A M Allan was duly appointed as Chair of the Social Work and Housing Committee.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor Christie be appointed as Vice Chair of the Social Work and Housing Committee.

Councillor K L Clark, seconded by Councillor Walker, moved that Councillor Norrie be appointed as Vice Chair of the Social Work and Housing Committee.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Christie (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor Norrie (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor Christie was duly appointed as Vice Chair of the Social Work and Housing Committee.

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor K L Clark, moved that Councillor Owen be appointed as Chair of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee. There being no other nominations, Councillor Owen was unanimously appointed as Chair of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that Councillor Cassie be appointed as Vice Chair of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee. There being no other nominations, Councillor Cassie was unanimously appointed as Vice Chair of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

Statutory Bodies, Partnerships and Internal Meeting Groups

The Council **agreed** to appoint members to statutory bodies, partnerships and internal meeting groups as follows:-

Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future (ACSEF) -

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, nominated Councillor Thomson as the substantive member.

Councillor K L Clark, seconded by Councillor Argyle, nominated Councillor Gifford as the substantive member.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Thomson (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor Gifford (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor Thomson was duly nominated as the substantive member on Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, nominated Councillor Kitts-Hayes as the substitute member.

Councillor Argyle, seconded by Councillor A S Buchan, nominated Councillor Gifford as the substitute member.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Kitts-Hayes (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, Strathdee, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

for Councillor Gifford (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

declined to vote (1) Councillor D Stewart.

Councillor Kitts-Hayes was duly nominated as the substitute member on Aberdeen City and Shire Economic Future.

Aberdeenshire Community Health Partnership - The Council deferred consideration of nominations pending further investigation of the status of this partnership.

Aberdeenshire Community Planning Board - Councillors Evison, Gifford, Kitts-Hayes and Thomson.

Association for Public Service Excellence - Councillor Bellarby.

COSLA Convention - Councillors K L Clark, Evison, Gifford, Kitts-Hayes and Thomson.

NHS Grampian Board -

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor K L Clark, nominated Councillor Robertson.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Thomson, nominated Councillor Kitts-Hayes.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Councillor Robertson (32) Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.

for Councillor Kitts-Hayes (34) Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, D Stewart, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.

absent from the vote (1) Councillor Strathdee.

Councillor Kitts-Hayes was duly nominated to the NHS Grampian Board.

North East Scotland Transport Partnership Board (NESTRANS) - Councillors Aitchison, Argyle, G J Clark and Ford.

Northern Community Justice Authority -

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, nominated Councillor A M Allan as the substantive member and Councillor Christie as the substitute member.

Councillor Gifford, seconded by Councillor Argyle, nominated Councillor Robertson as the substantive member and Councillor Cullinane as the substitute member.

The members of the Council voted:-

for Cllrs A M Allan & Christie	(34)	Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, D Stewart, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.
for Cllrs Robertson & Cullinane	(32)	Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.
absent from the vote	(1)	Councillor Strathdee.

Councillors A M Allan and Christie were duly nominated as the substantive and substitute members to the Northern Community Justice Authority respectively.

Strategic Development Planning Authority - Councillors Argyle, Bellarby, Cox, Merson, N J Smith and Topping.

Joint Investment Advisory Committee - The Council deferred consideration of nominations pending confirmation of the current status of this body.

Aberdeen University Court - The Council deferred consideration of a nomination pending confirmation of whether it is permitted to change a nominee/appointee to this body mid-term.

East of Scotland War Pensions Committee - Councillor Hendry.

5. REMUNERATION OF ELECTED MEMBERS

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of 28 June, 2012 (Item 9, Page 408), a report dated 3 June, 2015, by the Director of Business Services had been circulated recommending that the Council (a) note the legislative framework that controls the payment of remuneration to councillors in Aberdeenshire, (b) note the scheme and arrangement of the scheme of remuneration which currently applies; and (c) note that payments apply from the date of taking up appointment to the relevant position. The report stated that councillors were remunerated in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Regulations 2007, as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2004 (Remuneration) Amendment Regulations 2008, and further guidance issued by the Scottish Government in April 2010.

The Head of Legal and Governance referred to the provision in the 2007 Regulations that each local authority can pay remuneration to one Leader of the Council, having regard to the decision taken in relation to Co-Leaders of the Council recorded in Item 6 below, and the Head of Finance proposed a solution which would ensure that remuneration payments conformed with the 2007 Regulations.

The Council **agreed** to delegate authority to the Head of Finance to make provision for the remuneration of elected members, taking account of the arrangement whereby there were Co-Leaders of the Council.

6. DEFINITION OF POLITICAL GROUPS, LEADERS AND SENIOR COUNCILLORS

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of 28 June, 2012 (Item 10, Page 409), a report dated 3 June, 2015, by the Director of Business Services had been circulated requesting the Council to re-consider its decision of 28 June, 2012, wherein it agreed the recognition of the Political Groups, their Leaders and the definition of Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Senior Councillors for the purposes of consultation in relevant policies and procedures. The report stated that, since agreeing these definitions, the reference to the Council's "Administration" had caused discussion. Defining the Leader of the Council by reference to Leader of the Administration and Administration was no longer sufficient, and it was now necessary to address the incongruity that could arise from its current definition of Leader of the Council by reference to an Administration. The report offered a number of options for consideration.

Councillor S W Smith, seconded by Councillor Lonchay, moved that the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee will be Leader of the Council and the Vice-Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee will be Deputy Leader of the Council. However, the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee may elect to job-share the roles of Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader of the Council with the Vice-Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee and, if the Vice-Chair agrees, they will then be Co-Leaders of the Council.

As an amendment, Councillor Owen, seconded by Councillor K L Clark, moved that the Council delegate the definition of Political Groups, Leaders, Co-Leaders and Senior Councillors to the Future Governance Working Group where all scenarios can be discussed fully in a timeous and transparent way before bringing it back to Full Council for decision.

The members of the Council voted:-

for the motion	(34)	Councillors Aitchison, A J Allan, A M Allan, Bews, Blackett, C C Buchan, Cassie, Christie, G J Clark, L Clark, Cox, Dick, Duncan, Evison, Ford, Grant, Gray, Hendry, Ingram, Johnston, Kitts-Hayes, Lonchay, McRae, Merson, Partridge, Pirie, Pratt, Shand, S W Smith, D Stewart, B H Stuart, Thomson, Topping and Vernal.
for the amendment	(32)	Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Bellarby, A S Buchan, Carr, Chapman, K L Clark, Cowling, Cullinane, Davidson, Farquhar, Findlater, Gardiner, Gifford, Hood, Howatson, Ingleby, Latham, Malone, McKail, Mollison, Nelson, Norrie, Oddie, Owen, Robertson, Ross, Roy, N J Smith, Tait, Walker and Webster.
absent from the vote	(1)	Councillor Strathdee.

The **motion was carried** and the Council **agreed** that the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee will be Leader of the Council and the Vice-Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee will be Deputy Leader of the Council. However, the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee may elect to job-share the roles of Leader of the Council and Deputy

Leader of the Council with the Vice-Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee and, if the Vice-Chair agrees, they will then be Co-Leaders of the Council.

Thereafter, the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee elected to job-share the role of Leader of the Council with the Vice-Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Vice Chair agreed. Consequently, the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader of the Council are the Co-Leaders who hold the posts of Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee and Vice Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee.