

## REPORT TO MARR AREA COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER, 2017

### APPOINTMENTS TO GORDON FISHINGS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

#### 1 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- 1.1 **appoint two Councillors from Ward 14 (Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford) to the Gordon Fishings Management Committee; and**
- 1.2 **note that Infrastructure Services Committee have delegated the power to replace the Councillor representatives for their Area to the Area Committee, during the term of this Council.**

#### 2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 Although this group, a joint board between representatives of local angling clubs and Councillors previously reported to the Education, Leisure and Learning Committee, the revision of Committee responsibilities with the implementation of the Scheme of Governance in January 2017 now gives responsibility for the Gordon Fishings Management Committee to the Infrastructure Services Committee.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 24 August, 2017 (Item 8), Infrastructure Services Committee agreed to delegate the authority to Garioch and Marr Area Committees to appoint representatives (in line with the group's constitution) and to make further appointments, during the period of this Council, if any of the Councillors need to be replaced.
- 2.3 The Fishings Management Committee was established by Gordon District Council to "make provision for the better management of the Council's waters... and making the best possible use of the Council's waters thereby imparting the fullest benefit to the said Council and the inhabitants of Gordon District."
- 2.4 In addition to the five Councillors who sit on the Management Committee, representatives from the Inverurie, Kintore, and Kemnay Angling Clubs are also members.
- 2.5 The Council's waters are at Alford, Kintore, and Inverurie, and local ward Councillors have supported the work of the Management Committee to date. Until the local government election of May 2017, Cllrs Cowling and Vernal were the Inverurie Members and Cllr Cullinane, the Kintore Councillor representative, appointed by the Garioch Area Committee; and Cllrs Latham and Petrie were appointed by the Marr Area Committee to represent Alford.

2.6 The Management Committee's constitution requires Council representation on the following basis:-

- 1 representative from East Garioch Ward
- 2 representatives from Inverurie and District Ward; and
- 2 representatives from Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford Ward

2.7 The Management Committee last met on 16 November, 2016.

2.8 There are on-going discussions with local groups about the future management of the fishings which may alter the requirements to have a Management Committee, but these will be reported to Committee in due course.

2.9 The Head of Finance and the Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the proposals. They are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

### **3. Scheme of Governance**

3.1 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of powers delegated by the Infrastructure Services Committee on 24 August, 2017, in terms of Section F.3.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the establishment of Sub-Committees and Working Groups.

### **4. Implications and Risk**

4.1 There are no staffing and financial implications.

4.2 An equality impact assessment is not required because the proposed nomination consideration does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.

4.3 The following Risk has been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: Working with other organisations (see [Corporate Risk Register](#)). No risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level.

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