

REPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 24 JANUARY 2019

NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES, PARTNERSHIPS AND WORKING GROUPS – EUROPEAN MEMBER OFFICER WORKING GROUP AND VISIT ABERDEENSHIRE BOARD

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 **Agree that the Council's representatives on the North Sea Commission Thematic Groups shall be appointed to the European Member Officer Working Group; and**
- 1.2 **Nominate a replacement substantive Member to Visit Aberdeenshire Board.**

2 Background / Discussion

European Member Officer Working Group

- 2.1 Nominations to the European Member Officer Working Group were agreed at Infrastructure Services Committee on 1 June 2017 (Item 7), and membership comprises the Provost, Chair and Vice-Chair of ISC, the Leader of the Council and 3 other Members with a specific European interest. Those three Members are Councillors Thomson, Lonchay and Stirling (Councillor Thomson having been appointed at the Infrastructure Services Committee on 29 November 2018, following the resignation of Councillor Blackett from the Group). At that meeting the Committee asked officers to consider the appointment of those Members who sit on the North Sea Commission Thematic Groups to the European Member Officer Working Group.
- 2.2 The current membership of the North Sea Commission Thematic Groups is as follows:
 - Attractive and Sustainable Communities – Councillor I Walker
 - Climate Change Working Group – Councillor I Davidson
 - Managing Maritime Space – Councillor R Thomson
 - Transport Working Group – Councillor W Howatson
- 2.3 The Committee is asked to agree that for the duration of this Council term, where Members are appointed to the North Sea Commission Thematic Groups, they will as a result be appointed to serve on the European Member Officer Working Group, in order to ensure consistency.

Visit Aberdeenshire Board

- 2.4 Nominations to Visit Aberdeenshire Board were agreed at Infrastructure Services Committee on 1 June 2017 (Item 6), and membership comprises Councillor Howatson with Councillor Argyle as substitute. Councillor

Howatson wishes to stand down as a substantive Member and this will create a vacancy which requires to be filled.

- 2.5 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and 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 Section F.3.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as any changes in named appointments to working groups made by the Infrastructure Services Committee are required to be determined by the Committee.

4 Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because the changes proposed are procedural matters and do not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing or financial implications arising directly as a result of this report.
- 4.3 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate and Directorate Level

[Aberdeenshire Corporate Risks](#)

ACORP006 – Reputation Management

[Business Services Directorate Risks](#)

BSSR007 – Council Transition

The link is here to the [Directorate Risk Registers.](#)

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