

REPORT TO ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL – 14 JANUARY, 2021

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF LOCAL REVIEW BODY AND VICE CHAIR OF COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

1 Reason for Report / Summary

- 1.1 The Council is requested to consider the appointment of a Chair of the Local Review Body, following the resignation of Councillor Hood from that position, and a Vice Chair of the Communities Committee, following the resignation of Councillor Mair from that position.

2 Recommendations

The Council is recommended to:

- 2.1 note the resignation of Councillor Hood as the Chair of the Local Review Body;**
- 2.2 note the resignation of Councillor Mair as the Vice Chair of the Communities Committee;**
- 2.3 take the necessary steps to fill both vacancies.**

3 Purpose and Decision Making Route

Local Review Body

- 3.1 The Council, at its meeting on 28 September, 2017 (Item 10), approved the appointment of Councillor Hood as Chair and Councillor Johnston as Vice Chair of the Local Review Body (LRB).
- 3.2 Councillor Hood has intimated his resignation as Chair and as a substantive member of that meeting group.
- 3.3 Membership of the LRB is made up of one substantive member and one substitute member from each Council Area and appointment of members to that Body is delegated to Area Committees based on the proportionality previously agreed by Council. The Garioch Area Committee has approved the appointment of a substantive member to fill the vacancy created by Councillor Hood's resignation and current membership of the LRB is as follows –

| Area | Substantive | Substitute |
|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Banff and Buchan | Councillor Cassie | Councillor Roy |
| Buchan | Vacancy | Councillor Ingram |
| Formartine | Councillor Johnston | Councillor Davidson |
| Garioch | Councillor McKelvie | Councillor Whyte |
| Kincardine and Mearns | Councillor Hutchison | Councillor Dickinson |
| Marr | Councillor Gibb | Councillor Withey |

Communities Committee

- 3.4 The Council, at its meeting on 25 June, 2020 (Item 11), agreed to appoint Councillor Mair as the Vice Chair of Communities Committee.
- 3.5 Councillor Mair has intimated her resignation from that position, with effect from 21 December, 2020, following her appointment as Chair of the Banff and Buchan Area Committee.

4. Discussion

- 4.1 The appointment of Committees and their Chairs and Vice Chairs, other than the Chairs and Vice Chairs of Area Committees, is a matter reserved for determination by Full Council. The Council is therefore invited to take the necessary steps to fill the vacancies of Chair of the Local Review Body and Vice Chair of the Communities Committee.

5 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 5.1 This report supports the delivery of the key principle of having the right people, in the right place, at the right time in the Strategic Priorities for Aberdeenshire Council.
- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendations are agreed.

| Subject | Yes | No | N/A |
|--|------------|-----------|------------|
| Financial | | X | |
| Staffing | | X | |
| Equalities | | X | |
| Fairer Scotland Duty | | X | |
| Town Centre First | | X | |
| Sustainability | | X | |
| Children and Young People’s Rights and Wellbeing | | X | |

- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 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

6 Scheme of Governance

- 6.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 6.2 Section A.2.1 of the List of Committee Powers at Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance requires the appointment of Committees and the appointment of their Chairs and Vice Chairs, other than the appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs of Area Committees, to be determined by Full Council.

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