

**REPORT TO EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE -  
27 MAY, 2021**

**CONFIDENT GOVERNANCE - ROBB'S TRUST - APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE**

**1 Reason for Report / Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the appointment of a Trustee to the Robb's Trust to fill the position previously held by former Councillor Hood.

**2 Recommendations**

**The Committee is recommended to:**

- 2.1 nominate a member to fill the current Trustee vacancy on the Robb's Trust in a decision making capacity.**

**3 Purpose and Decision Making Route**

- 3.1 The Council at its meeting on 18 May, 2017 approved the nomination of 3 members as Trustees to the Robb's Trust in a decision making capacity and agreed to delegate authority to the Education and Children's Services Committee to nominate members.
- 3.2 The Education and Children's Services Committee, on 14 June, 2017 (Item 7) thereafter agreed to nominate Councillors Davidson, Gifford and Hood and those nominations were subsequently confirmed by the Robb's Trust.

**4 Discussion**

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to nominate a member to fill the Trustee vacancy previously held by the former Councillor Hood. The Robb's Trust established in 1934 is a Public Charitable Trust which makes grants, donations, loans, gifts or pensions to "relieve poverty, advance education, advance health, advance religion, advance community development, provide recreational facilities or organise recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended".
- 4.2 The nomination to outside bodies is managed through the Confident Governance process. This provides a cohesive and consistent process. All outside bodies provide their constitutional documents, accounts and complete an application form and these are examined by officers. Members who are nominated to an outside body will receive copies of these documents.
- 4.3 As a reminder, when a councillor takes on a role as a **decision-maker** for an outside body, the councillor becomes a member of that organisation (which is separate from his/her role as a councillor), can make decisions on behalf of the organisation and carries liability for those decisions.

## 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 new Strategic Priorities for Aberdeenshire Council.
- 5.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation is 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 recommended actions are not considered to 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 Level:
- ACORP005 Working with other organisations. The Confident Governance process helps mitigation of possible risks due to the Council being represented on outside bodies. [Corporate Risk Register](#).

There are no risks identified as relevant to this matter on a Strategic Level. [Directorate Risk Registers](#).

## 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 had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 6.2 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section E.5.4 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the report seeks the appointment of an elected member to an outside body as previously approved by Full Council.

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