

REPORT TO INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE – 8 JUNE 2022

NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

1 Executive Summary/Recommendations

- 1.1.1 This report seeks nominations by the Committee, for the appointment of Elected Members to represent Aberdeenshire Council on a number of outside bodies as listed in **Appendix A** to the report.
- 1.1.2 The report also seeks nominations by the Committee, for the appointment of Elected Members to represent Aberdeenshire Council on a number of partnerships as listed in **Appendix B** to the report.
- 1.1.3 The nomination to outside bodies is managed through the Confident Governance process, providing a cohesive and consistent approach. All outside bodies provide their constitutional documents, accounts and complete an application form and those are examined by Officers. Members who are nominated to an outside body will receive copies of those documents.
- 1.1.4 Nominations, if approved, are effective for the full Council term unless a resignation is received, reappointment is provided for otherwise by statute or a motion to remove a Member is carried by a majority of Members present and voting at the Committee meeting as appropriate.

1.2 The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.2.1 Nominate Members to each of the outside bodies, listed Appendix A to this report in the capacity listed through the Confident Governance Process;**
- 1.2.2 Nominate Members to the partnership bodies as listed in Appendix B to the report.**
- 1.2.3 Note that Council nominations to outside bodies listed in Appendix C to the report are either disbanded or Aberdeenshire Council representation is no longer required;**
- 1.2.4 Instruct Officers to ensure that the necessary formalities are dealt with regarding resignations and nominations of Elected Members to outside bodies/partnerships as listed in Appendix A and B to the report.**

2 Decision Making Route

- 2.1 At the meeting of Aberdeenshire Council on 19 May 2022 (Item 11) the power to nominate Members to outside bodies and partnerships was delegated to this Committee.

3 Discussion

- 3.1 The councillor names noted in the appendices are the nominees from the previous Council. The names are in the appendices for information.
- 3.3 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 their role as a councillor), they can make decisions on behalf of the organisation and carries liability for those decisions. Where the role taken on is one of **observer**, the councillor does not become a member of the outside body and simply observes proceedings or provides advice on what the Council's position is on a particular issue. Members should be aware that when they take on an observational role, they must be careful to limit their remit accordingly and not inadvertently influence policy or management decisions of the outside body, otherwise they may be treated as decision-makers for the organisation and thereby take on liability for the decisions made.

4 Council Priorities, Implications and Risk

- 4.1 This report helps to deliver the Strategic Priority "Infrastructure" within the Pillar "Our Environment", having the right people, in the right place, at the right time.
- 4.2 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation(s) is (are) agreed.

Subject	Yes	No	N/A
Financial			X
Staffing			X
Equalities and Fairer Duty Scotland			X
Children and Young People's Rights and Wellbeing			X
Climate Change and Sustainability			X
Health and Wellbeing			X
Town Centre First			X

- 4.3 There are no staffing or financial implications arising directly as a result of this report. Any remaining staffing resources being applied to the Confident Governance Project, in particular from within Legal and People, are met from existing budgets.
- 4.4 The screening section as part of Stage One of the Integrated Impact Assessment process has not identified the requirement for any further detailed assessments to be undertaken because the proposals are procedural matters and do not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.5 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level:

- ACORP005 - Working with other organisations and partnership working – [Corporate Risk Register](#).
- No Risks have been identified from the Directorate Strategic Risk Register. [Directorate Strategic Risk Register](#)

5 Scheme of Governance

- 5.1 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. They are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 5.2 The Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section F.3.4 of the [List of Committee Powers in Part 2A](#) of the Scheme of Governance as it relates to the approval of nominations and appointments of elected members to outside bodies, and partnerships.

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Date

List of Appendices

Appendix A – List of Outside Bodies which require nominations
Appendix B – List of Partnerships which require nominations
Appendix C – List of Outside Bodies who are disbanded or no longer seek nominations.

APPENDIX A

Infrastructure Services Committee Nominations

KEY: *- no longer Councillors

	OUTSIDE BODY	CAPACITY	NUMBER REQUESTED	FORMER REPRESENTATION
1	Aberdeen International Airport Consultative Committee	Observer	3	Cllr G Blackett Cllr J Cox Cllr M Roy *
2	Aberdeenshire Local Outdoor Access Forum	Observer	1	Cllr V Harper *
3	North East Scotland Preservation Trust	Decision Making	2	Cllr G Reynolds Cllr A Kille *
4	North Sea Commission	Decision Making	2	Cllr P Argyle * Cllr A Stirling
5	North Sea Commission Thematic Groups a) Attractive and Sustainable Communities b) Climate Change Working Group c) Managing Maritime Space d) Transport Working Group	Decision Making	1 per group	a) Cllr I Walker b) Cllr I Davidson c) Cllr D Aitchison d) Cllr W Howatson *

APPENDIX B – LIST OF PARTNERSHIPS SEEKING COUNCIL REPRESENTATION

	PARTNERSHIPS	NUMBER REQUESTED	FORMER REPRESENTATION
1	Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group (AREG)	1 plus 1 sub	No action/ appointment made by the previous council.
2	Conference on Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)	1	Cllr J Gifford
3	Visit Aberdeenshire	1 plus 1 sub	Cllr P Argyle * Cllr J Gifford
4	KIMO (Kommunenes Internasjonale Miljøorganisasjon)	3	Cllr C Buchan * Cllr M Findlater Cllr W Howatson *
5	Cairngorms National Park Authority Board **	1	Cllr Latham *
6	North East (NE Local Plan District)	1	Cllr P Argyle *
7	Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin (TEAMB) LPD (Steering Group)	4	Cllr Carr Cllr Howatson * Cllr L Wilson * (one other opp)

8	East Grampian Coastal Partnership	1 plus 1 sub	Cllr R Cassie Cllr I Sutherland *
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** Cairngorms National Park – additional information: Current membership is one member appointed to represent the Infrastructure Services Committee (former Councillor Latham) and one member appointed to represent the Marr Area Committee (former Councillor Argyle). These appointments last until 30 September, 2022. In relation to nominees from the Council there is a requirement to highlight how each meets a specific criterion - “have knowledge or experience relevant to the functions of the National Park Authority or the National Park”. In addition one of the nominees must be local as defined in the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 in that they reside in the National Park area or are a Councillor for an electoral ward within the area. It is also a requirement that individual nominees have no financial or other interest likely to affect prejudicially the person’s performance as a member of the National Park Authority. Members of the Park Authority are expected to commit 2 - 3 days per month to the Authority’s work. Remuneration is paid for this work.

APPENDIX C

List of Outside Bodies - Disbanded or No Longer Seeking Council Representation

	OUTSIDE BODY	CAPACITY	NUMBER REQUESTED	FORMER REPRESENTATION
1	Aberdeenshire Environmental Forum	Observer	2	Cllr Baillie Cllr I Davidson DISBANDED
2	Enterprise North East Trust (Elevator UK)	Decision Making	2	Cllr Ingram * Cllr A Ross DO NOT WISH A NOMINATION
3	Moray Firth Partnership Management Group	Observer	1	Cllr H Partridge * DO NOT WISH A NOMINATION