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# West Lothian Council

West Lothian Civic Centre Howden South Road LIVINGSTON EH54 6FF

9 August 2017

A meeting of West Lothian Council will be held within **Council Chambers, West Lothian Civic Centre, Livingston** on **Tuesday 15 August 2017** at **10:00am**.

For Chief Executive

# **BUSINESS**

### Public Session

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest Members should declare any financial and nonfinancial interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
- 3. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business and declarations of interest in any urgent business
- 4. Minutes -
  - Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of West Lothian Council held on Thursday 11 May 2017 and Adjourned Meetings held on 18 May and 25 May 2017 (herewith)
  - (b) Confirm Draft Minute of Special Meeting of West Lothian Council held on Thursday 25 May 2017 (herewith)
  - (c) Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of West Lothian Council held on Wednesday 07 June 2017 (herewith)

- (d) Correspondence Arising From Previous Decisions (herewith)
- (e) Note Minute of Meeting of Performance Committee held on Monday 10 April 2017 (herewith)
- (f) Note Minute of Meeting of Audit and Governance Committee held on Monday 27 February 2017 (herewith)
- (g) Note Minute of Meeting of Education (Quality Assurance) Committee held on Tuesday 28 March 2017 (herewith)

# Public Items for Decision

- 5. Election Business
- 6. Consideration of Standards Commission Findings Report by Monitoring Officer (herewith)
- 7. Vacancies on Committees and Outside Bodies Report by Chief Executive (herewith)
- 8. Notice of Motion New Build Housing and Homelessness Submitted by Councillor Frank Anderson (herewith)
- 9. Notice of Motion New Build Programme Submitted by Councilor Frank Anderson (herewith)
- 10. Notice of Motion Family Friendly Working Arrangements Submitted by Councillor Frank Anderson (herewith)
- 11. Notice of Motion Fairtrade Foundation under Threat Submitted by Councillor Frank Anderson (herewith)
- 12. Notice of Motion West Lothian's Labour/Tory Deal An Affront to Democracy! Submitted by Councillor Frank Anderson (herewith)
- 13. Documents for Execution

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<u>Present</u> – Councillors Tom Kerr, Alison Adamson, Frank Anderson, Stuart Borrowman, William Boyle, Diane Calder, Janet Campbell, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Robert De Bold, Jim Dickson, David Dodds, Angela Doran, Bruce Fairbairn, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Peter Heggie, Chris Horne, Carl John, Peter Johnston, Charles Kennedy, Dave King, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Dom McGuire, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, George Paul, Moira Shemilt, Kirsteen Sullivan, David Tait, Damian Timson.

# 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

# 2. <u>ELECTION RETURN</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Graham Hope, the Returning Officer for the elections for West Lothian Council, detailing the Councillors who had been elected to West Lothian Council on Thursday 4 May 2017, as undernoted:-

Ward	Councillor	Party
Linlithgow (1)	Tom Conn	Labour
	Tom Kerr	Conservative
	David Tait	SNP
Broxburn, Uphall	Diane Calder	SNP
and Winchburgh (2)	Janet Campbell	SNP
	Angela Doran	Labour
	Chris Horne	Conservative
Livingston North (3)	Alison Adamson	Conservative
	Robert De Bold	SNP
	Dom McGuire	Labour
	Andrew Miller	SNP
Livingston South (4)	Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Labour
	Peter Heggie	Conservative

	Peter Johnston	SNP
	Moira Shemilt	SNP
East Livingston and East	Frank Anderson	SNP
Calder (5)	Carl John	SNP
	Dave King	Labour
	Damian Timson	Conservative
Fauldhouse and The Breich	Pauline Clark	SNP
Valley (6)	David Dodds	Labour
	Cathy Muldoon	Labour
Whitburn and Blackburn (7)	Jim Dickson	SNP
	Bruce Fairbairn	Conservative
	George Paul	Labour
	George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan	Labour Labour
Bathgate (8)	-	
Bathgate (8)	Kirsteen Sullivan	Labour
Bathgate (8)	Kirsteen Sullivan William Boyle	Labour SNP
Bathgate (8)	Kirsteen Sullivan William Boyle Harry Cartmill	Labour SNP Labour
Bathgate (8) Armadale and Blackridge (9)	Kirsteen Sullivan William Boyle Harry Cartmill Charles Kennedy	Labour SNP Labour Conservative
	Kirsteen Sullivan William Boyle Harry Cartmill Charles Kennedy John McGinty	Labour SNP Labour Conservative Labour

#### Decision

To note the report detailing the Councillors who had been elected to West Lothian Council.

# 3. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive concerning the completion and return of members'

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Declarations of Acceptance of Office.

It was recommended that the Council:-

- Note that members were required to complete and return to the council's Governance Manager by 3 July 2017 a statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- Note that until they did so, members could not carry out any of their duties and responsibilities as councillors, including participation in meetings of the council and its committees, sub-committees and Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels.

The Governance Manager reported verbally that all 33 members had signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as required by Section 33A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Decision

To note the position.

### 4. <u>ELECTION OF PROVOST AND DEPUTE PROVOST</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising that the Council had a statutory duty to elect a Convener, referred to in the council's Standing Orders as "Provost" and to do so at the first meeting of the Council following the local government election, or at any adjournment of it. The report also set out the legal requirement in relation to the election of a Depute Provost

The Council was invited to elect a member to each of the positions of Provost and Depute Provost.

### <u>Motion</u>

"Council notes the results of the local government elections in West Lothian and the short period between the elections and the statutory first meeting of the council today.

Council agrees to adjourn the meeting under Standing Order 25 until 10 am on Thursday 18 May 2017 and to defer the election of the Provost and all remaining items on the agenda until that adjourned meeting."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

The motion was put to a vote in accordance with Standing Order 25. The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

#### <u>Motion</u>

Alison Adamson Frank Anderson Stuart Borrowman William Boyle **Diane Calder** Janet Campbell Harry Cartmill Pauline Clark Tom Conn Robert De Bold Jim Dickson David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Carl John Peter Johnston Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King Sarah King Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire John McGinty Andrew Miller Cathy Muldoon George Paul Moira Shemilt Kirsteen Sullivan David Tait Damian Timson

#### Decision

33 members voted for the motion and it was agreed accordingly.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned until 10.00 am on Tuesday 18 May 2017.

<u>Present</u> – Councillors Tom Kerr, Alison Adamson, Frank Anderson, Stuart Borrowman, William Boyle, Diane Calder, Janet Campbell, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Robert De Bold, Jim Dickson, David Dodds, Angela Doran, Bruce Fairbairn, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Peter Heggie, Chris Horne, Carl John, Peter Johnston, Charles Kennedy, Dave King, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Dom McGuire, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, George Paul, Moira Shemilt, Kirsteen Sullivan, David Tait, Damian Timson.

# 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest made.

### 2. <u>ELECTION OF PROVOST AND DEPUTE PROVOST</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising that the Council had a statutory duty to elect a Convener, referred to in the council's Standing Orders as "Provost" and to do so at the first meeting of the Council following the local government election, or at any adjournment of it. The report also set out the legal requirement in relation to the election of a Depute Provost

The Council was invited to elect a member to each of the positions of Provost and Depute Provost.

### <u>Motion</u>

"To adjourn for 30 minutes to allow further discussion and to hear advice from the Chief Executive and Governance Manager."

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Timson.

#### <u>Amendment</u>

"To agree that the meeting proceed as planned."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

#### For an Adjournment

Against an Adjournment

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### **Decision**

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed that the meeting adjourn for 30 minutes.

The meeting reconvened at 10.35 am.

#### Appointment of Provost - Nominations

Carl John - Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

Tom Kerr - Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Timson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Carl John</u>	Tom Kerr	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson	Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Tom Kerr be appointed as Provost.

Provost Tom Kerr then took the Chair.

The Council was invited to appoint a Depute Provost.

<u>Motion</u>

"To defer the appointment of a Depute Provost to the next meeting of West Lothian Council".

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Timson.

#### **Amendment**

"To proceed to appoint a Depute Provost and that Councillor Dickson be appointed as Depute Provost."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows.

#### <u>Motion</u>

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

### **Amendment**

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

### Decision

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed accordingly.

### 3. ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTE LEADER

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It was recommended that the Council:-

- 1. note that the council was required by its Standing Orders to elect a member to the position of Leader of the Council and to do so at the first meeting of the council following the local government election, or at any adjournment of it.
- 2. Note that the council was able, if desired, to elect a member to the position of Depute Leader of the Council and to consider doing so at the first meeting of the council after the local government election, or any adjournment of it.
- 3. Elect a member to each of the positions of Leader and Depute Leader of the Council.

### **Motion**

"To defer the appointment of Leader of the Council to the next meeting of West Lothian Council."

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Timson.

### Amendment

"To proceed with the business of the agenda."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

### <u>Motion</u>

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire

# <u>Amendment</u>

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

#### Decision

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed accordingly.

The Council was then invited to consider the appointment of a Depute Leader.

#### **Motion**

"To defer the appointment of Depute Leader of the Council to the next meeting of West Lothian Council."

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Timson.

#### Amendment

"To proceed with the business of the agenda."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

#### <u>Motion</u>

#### **Amendment**

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### Decision

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed

accordingly.

#### 4. DETERMINATION OF BODIES IN THE SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising that, in terms of the Council's Standing Orders, the Council was required to determine its committees, subcommittees, Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels and other bodies in the Scheme of Administration, together with their remits and delegated powers, at its first meeting after the election or any adjournment of it.

The council's decision-making structure was set out in the Scheme of Administration which was part of the council's Standing Orders for the Regulation of Meetings. The main structure had been the same since June 2007. Both documents had been reviewed in 2016 and had been approved in their present form on 22 November 2016. The current version of the Scheme of Administration was set out in Appendix 1 to the report. Appointments of members, Chairs and Vice-Chairs to these internal council bodies were dealt with in a separate report.

The Chief Executive advised that, to ensure the council could function lawfully, a number of bodies, or their equivalents were required as a minimum, if necessary on an interim basis. These bodies were identified within the report.

It was recommended that the Council:-

- 1. note the current provisions in the Scheme of Administration for the council's decision-making structure (Appendix 1 to the report)
- 2. determine that those current arrangements should continue, in whole or in part, pending any desired changes being approved a future council meetings.
- 3. note that for the council to carry on its business it required to appoint the bodies listed in paragraph D.4, or their equivalents, as a minimum interim arrangement
- 4. note that further changes to Standing Orders and the Scheme of Administration might only be made by full council on notice being given with the agenda for the meeting
- 5. agree what further action, if any, should be taken to review the current arrangements and bring forward proposals for change.

### <u>Motion</u>

"Council notes recommendations 1, 3 and 4 as outlined in the report; and that in relation to recommendations 2 and 5, Council instructs officers to review the number and remits of Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels and the remit and powers of the Audit and Governance Committee and to bring a report to the meeting of West Lothian Council on 7 June 2017 with any proposals for change; and

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Horne

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<u>Amendment</u>

"Council accepts recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5.

Council further agrees to appoint, in addition to the bodies listed in D4;

1. Partnership & Resources PDSP of 6 members, 2 SNP, 2 Labour 2 Con."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

### <u>Motion</u>

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire **Dom McGuire** Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Amendment

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

### **Decision**

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed accordingly.

### 5. <u>APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising that the council's Standing Orders required the council to appoint Executive Councillors at its first meeting after the election or at any adjournment of it. The Council was invited to appoint Executive Councillors for the nine policy areas set out in the appendix to the report, or such other number or other policy areas as the council determined.

The nine policy areas were:-

- Partnership and Resources
- Culture and Leisure
- Development and transport
- Education
- Environment
- Health and Care
- Services for the Community
- Social Policy
- Voluntary Organisations

The Chief Executive concluded that the appointment of Executive Councillors would secure compliance with the council's Standing Orders and contribute to the arrangements required for the effective conduct of council business.

It was recommended that the Council:-

- 1. Note the present service portfolios in the Scheme of Administration (Appendix 1 to the report) and that Standing Orders required that the appointment of Executive Councillors for those portfolios was considered at the first council meeting after each election, or at any adjournment of that meeting.
- 2. Determine that those current arrangements should continue, in whole or in part, pending any desired changes being approved at future council meetings.
- 3. Appoint Executive Councillors for the nine policy areas set out in the appendix to the report.
- 4. Note that changes to Standing Orders and the Scheme of Administration might only be made by full council on notice being given with the agenda for the meeting.
- 5. Agree what further action, if any, should be taken to review the current arrangements and bring forward proposals for change.
- 6. Consider and agree what action should be taken, if any, in relation to accommodation in the Civic Centre for elected members and Member Services staff.

### <u>Motion</u>

"The appointment of Executive Councillors be deferred until the next meeting of West Lothian Council."

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Horne

### Decision

There being no contrary position moved, to agree the terms of the motion submitted by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

### 6. <u>APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, SHADOW</u> <u>DEPUTE LEADER AND SHADOW EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising that the council's Standing Orders required the council to appoint, if desired, members as shadows to the positions of Leader of the Council, Depute Leader of the Council and Executive Councillors.

It was recommended that:

- 1. Following consideration of earlier reports (Appointment of Leader and Depute Leader of the Council, and Appointment of Executive Councillors), to request that shadow members were appointed for those positions from the opposition parties or groups;
- 2. To note that the positions were not required by law or the council's Standing Orders, and that no provision was made for the council to determine the appointments; and
- 3. To note the appointments made, or alternatively to note that the names of members to be appointed to those positions would be notified to the Clerk at a later date.

### **Decision**

To note that the appointment of these positions would be deferred until the next meeting of West Lothian Council.

# 7. <u>APPOINTMENT TO BODIES IN THE SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive inviting the Council to appoint Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the council's committees, Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels and other bodies in the Scheme of Administration.

It was recommended that the Council:-

- 1. Appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair and other members of the bodies in the council's Scheme of Administration, set out in the appendix to the report, in whole or in part.
- 2. Note that the Scheme of Administration made training for certain committees mandatory for all members (including returning members) and that appropriate training would be offered to all members affected.

### <u>Motion</u>

"Council agrees that members of the Licensing Committee be appointed as recommended and that all other appointments be deferred to the next meeting of West Lothian Council."

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

### <u>Amendment</u>

"To appoint members as outlined under D.4 of the report"

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

### <u>Motion</u>

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

### Amendment

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

### **Decision**

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed accordingly

The Council then considered a motion in relation to the composition of the Licensing Committee.

# Licensing Committee - Composition

### <u>Motion</u>

"That 7 members be appointed to the Licensing Committee, comprising 3 Labour members, 2 Conservative members and 2 SNP members."

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

### Amendment

"That 7 members be appointed to the Licensing Committee, comprising 3 SNP members and 4 Others."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

#### <u>Motion</u>

### Amendment

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire **Dom McGuire** Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

### **Decision**

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed accordingly.

The Council was then invited to consider appointments to the Licensing Committee.

### **Licensing Committee - Chair**

### Nominations

George Paul - Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

Jim Dickson - Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 20 votes to 13 votes that Councillor Paul be appointed as Chair.

The Council was then invited to appoint a Vice-Chair to the Licensing Committee.

### Licensing Committee – Vice-Chair

#### Nominations

Dave King - Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

Frank Anderson - Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

#### Decision

It was agreed by 20 votes to 13 votes that Councillor Dave King be appointed as Vice-Chair.

Thereafter Councillors Dodds, Heggie and Horne were appointed as members of the committee, with the names of the remaining members to be notified later.

### 8. <u>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</u>

The Council was required to appoint members to various statutory boards and statutory bodies and other outside organisations. These appointments were designed to meet legal requirements, to further the corporate aims of the council and the bodies concerned, and to contribute towards partnership working.

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the chief Executive inviting the council to make appointments of councillors and others to various boards and statutory bodies and other outside organisations as detailed in the appendices to the report.

The report provided identified the bodies where immediate appointments were recommended (Appendix 1 to the report), and those bodies for which appointments might be safely postponed or delegated to a committee (Appendix 2 to the report).

The report also provided guidance relating to Arms' Length External Organisations, COSLA's constitution and operation arrangements and member appointments to bodies with particular requirement.

The Council was recommended to:-

- 1. appoint members to the bodies listed in Appendix 1 to ensure compliance with legal requirements and that council could do its business effectively.
- 2. appoint members to the bodies listed in Appendix 2, or to agree a process for those appointments to be made later
- 3. in relation to all outside body appointments, in particular appointments to west Lothian Leisure, to note the summary in paragraph D.3 of the Standards Commission's Advice for Councillors on Arm's Length External Organisations
- 4. appoint the non-councillor members listed in Appendix 3 to the Education Executive and Education (Quality Assurance) Committee, or to any other committees the council may appoint to deal with its education business
- 5. appoint the members to the Placing in Schools (Appeals) Committee, as listed in Appendix 4 to the report.
- 6. appoint the members of the West Lothian Local Licensing Forum listed in Appendix 5
- 7. note that:-
- (a) the list Appendix 5 showed bodies which no longer existed, those which no longer required or desired members to be appointed, and those which had asked for appointments to be deferred
- (b) some members were automatically appointed to local trusts and similar bodies and those were shown in Appendix 7.
- (c) all members served ex officio on community councils and community education centre management committees for their ward areas
- (d) members were not ex officio members of Parent Councils for schools within their wards, but Parent Councils might to choose to co-opt them or invite them to participate in other ways
- 8. note that, subject to a small number of exceptions, the Councillors' Code of Conduct and statutory Guidance required members to include appointments to outside bodies in their register of interests.

### **Motion**

"To adjourn the meeting until Thursday 25 May 2017 at 6.00 pm."

Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Timson.

#### <u>Amendment</u>

"To proceed with the meeting".

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

#### <u>Motion</u>

# <u>Amendment</u>

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

### Decision

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed accordingly.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned until Thursday 25 May at 6.00 pm.

MINUTE of ADJOURNED MEETING of the WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Livingston, on 25 MAY 2017

<u>Present</u> – Councillors Tom Kerr, Alison Adamson, Frank Anderson, Stuart Borrowman, William Boyle, Diane Calder, Janet Campbell, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Robert De Bold, Jim Dickson, David Dodds, Angela Doran, Bruce Fairbairn, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Peter Heggie, Chris Horne, Carl John, Peter Johnston, Charles Kennedy, Dave King, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Dom McGuire, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, George Paul, Moira Shemilt, Kirsteen Sullivan, David Tait, Damian Timson.

### 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest made.

#### Provosťs Remarks

The Provost referred to the Manchester Arena attack earlier in the week. Those present at the meeting observed one minute's silence in memory of those who had lost their lives in the attack.

The Council noted that the Provost and Chief Executive had forwarded a letter of condolences to the Mayor of Manchester.

### 2. <u>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</u>

The Council was required to appoint members to various statutory boards and statutory bodies and other outside organisations. These appointments were designed to meet legal requirements, to further the corporate aims of the council and the bodies concerned, and to contribute towards partnership working.

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the chief Executive inviting the council to make appointments of councillors and others to various boards and statutory bodies and other outside organisations as detailed in the appendices to the report.

At this point in the meeting the Provost moved a motion as follows:-

"To defer the two items of business which were carried over from the adjourned meeting held on 18 May (agenda items 12 and 13) to the end of the Special Meeting."

Moved by Provost Tom Kerr, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

#### <u>Amendment</u>

"To agree that the items are not deferred, and that they be considered."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

#### <u>Motion</u>

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dominic McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

#### Amendment

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### Decision

The motion was successful by 20 votes to 13 votes and it was agreed accordingly.

MINUTE of SPECIAL MEETING of the WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Livingston, on 25 May 2017 AT 6.15pm.

<u>Present</u> – Provost Tom Kerr (Chair), Alison Adamson, Frank Anderson, Stuart Borrowman, William Boyle, Diane Calder, Janet Campbell, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Robert De Bold, Jim Dickson, David Dodds, Angela Doran, Bruce Fairbairn, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Peter Heggie, Chris Horne, Carl John, Peter Johnston, Charles Kennedy, Dave King, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Dom McGuire, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, George Paul, Moira Shemilt, Kirsteen Sullivan, David Tait, Damian Timson.

### 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest made.

# 2. <u>ELECTION OF DEPUTE PROVOST</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising of the legal and governance requirements relating to the election of a Depute Provost, and to secure the election of a member to that position.

The report recalled that the Provost has been elected at the adjourned meeting of West Lothian Council on 18 May 2017.

It was recommended that the Council:-

- 1. note the statutory power to elect a Depute Convener (Depute Provost) and that Standing Orders required that to be considered at the first meeting of the council following the local government election, or at any adjournment of it.
- 2. elect a member to the position of Depute Provost.

### **Nominations**

Dave King - Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Jim Dickson - Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

#### Dave King

Jim Dickson

<u>Abstain</u>

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman	Frank Anderson Willie Boyle	Dom McGuire
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	

Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor King be appointed as Depute Provost.

### 3. ELECTION OF LEADER AND DEPUTE LEADER

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising members of the requirements in the Council's Standing Orders for the election of a Leader and Depute Leader of the Council, and to secure the election of a member to each position.

It was recommended that the Council:-

- 1. Note that the council was required by its Standing Orders to elect a member to the position of Leader of the Council and to do so at the first meeting of the council following the local government election, or at any adjournment of it.
- 2. Note that the council was able, if desired, to elect a member to the position of Depute Leader of the council and to consider doing so at the first meeting of the council after the local government election, or any adjournment of it.
- 3. Elect a member to each of the positions of Leader and Depute Leader of the Council.

### Council Leader

### **Nominations**

Lawrence Fitzpatrick - Proposed by Depute Provost King, seconded by Councillor Timson.

Peter Johnston - Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Lawrence Fitzpatrick Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan	Peter Johnston Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Abstain Dom McGuire
Damian Timson		

Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Fitzpatrick be appointed as Leader.

#### **Depute Leader**

#### Nominations

Kirsteen Sullivan - Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by councillor Paul.

Frank Anderson - Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor John.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Kirsteen Sullivan	Frank Anderson	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Peter Johnston	
Chris Horne	Sarah King	
Charles Kennedy	Andrew Miller	
Tom Kerr	Moira Shemilt	
Dave King	David Tait	

John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Sullivan be appointed as Depute Leader.

# 4. <u>APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS</u>

The council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive advising that the Council's Standing Orders required the council to appoint Executive Councillors at its first meeting after the election or at any adjournment of it.

The Council was invited to appoint Executive Councillors for the nine policy areas set out in the appendix to the report, or such other number of policy areas as the council determined.

The nine policy areas were:-

- Partnership and Resources
- Culture and Leisure
- Development and Transport
- Education
- Environment
- Health and Care
- Services for the Community
- Social Policy
- Voluntary Organisations

The Chief Executive concluded that the appointment of Executive Councillors would secure compliance with the council's Standing Orders and contribute to the arrangements required for the effective conduct of council business.

It was recommended that the Council:-

- note the present service portfolios in the Scheme of Administration (Appendix 1) and that Standing Orders required that the appointment of Executive Councillors for those portfolios was considered at the first could meeting after each election, or at any adjournment of that meeting.
- 2. determine that those current arrangements should continue, in whole or in part, pending any desired changes being approved a future council meetings.

- 4. note that changes to Standing Orders and the Scheme of Administration may only be made by full council on notice being given with the agenda for the meeting.
- 5. agree what further action, if any, should be taken to review the current arrangements and bring forward proposals for change.
- 6. consider and agree what action should be taken, if any, in relation to accommodation in the Civic Centre for elected members and Members Services staff.

### <u>Motion</u>

"To agree the recommendations outlined in the report by the Chief Executive; and

To note that, in relation to recommendation 6, the Chief Executive would make the necessary arrangements in relation to accommodation in the Civic Centre for members and Member Services staff in consultation with the three Group Leaders."

Proposed by Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

### <u>Amendment</u>

"Council accepts recommendations 1, 2 and 3.

Council agrees to call for a report to the Partnership and Resources PDSP to consider how Standing Orders and the Scheme of Administration might better ensure our communities have the ability to shape and influence a range of council services that impact on their communities as we seek to work closely together to make West Lothian a fairer, more equal and prosperous community.

Council further agrees that all recommendations from the P&R PDSP with regards to the above be reported to a meeting of West Lothian Council for consideration.

Council further agrees that in relation to the provision of accommodation within the Civic Centre that there will be no change to the current arrangements for the SNP and Labour groups and the officers be required to discuss and agree with the Conservative Group the provision of appropriate accommodation."

Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>

<u>Amendment</u>

<u>Abstain</u>

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul **Kirsteen Sullivan** Damian Timson

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Dom McGuire

#### Decision

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention and it was agreed accordingly.

The Council was then invited to appoint Executive Councillors for the nine policy areas set as outlined in recommendation 3 within the report.

#### Partnership and Resources

#### **Nominations**

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Peter Johnston – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Peter Johnston	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Willie Boyle	
Diane Calder	
Janet Campbell	
Pauline Clark	
Robert De Bold	
Jim Dickson	
Carl John	
Peter Johnston	
Sarah King	
Andrew Miller	
Moira Shemilt	
	Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller

David Tait

Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that the Council Leader be appointed as the Executive Councillor.

### Culture and Leisure

#### **Nominations**

Dave King – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

Willie Boyle – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Dave King Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul **Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson** 

Willie Boyle Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Dave King be appointed as Executive Councillor.

#### Development and Transport

Nominations

Cathy Muldoon – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Robert De Bold – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Cathy Muldoon	Robert De Bold	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Peter Johnston	
Chris Horne	Sarah King	
Charles Kennedy	Andrew Miller	
Tom Kerr	Moira Shemilt	
Dave King	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Muldoon be appointed as the Executive Councillor.

#### **Education**

#### **Nominations**

David Dodds – Proposed by Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Andrew Miller – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

David Dodds	Andrew Miller	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	

Bruce Fairbairn
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Tom Kerr
Dave King
John McGinty
Andrew McGuire
Cathy Muldoon
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan
Damian Timson

Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### <u>Decision</u>

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Dodds be appointed as the Executive Councillor.

#### **Environment**

#### **Nominations**

Tom Conn – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Council Leader.

Diane Calder - Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

**Decision** 

# Health and Care

#### Nominations

John McGinty – Proposed by Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dave King.

Janet Campbell – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>John McGinty</u>	Janet Campbell	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Peter Johnston	
Chris Horne	Sarah King	
Charles Kennedy	Andrew Miller	
Tom Kerr	Moira Shemilt	
Dave King	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor McGinty be appointed as the Executive Councillor.

### Services for the Community

### **Nominations**

George Paul – Proposed by Councillor Muldoon, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Frank Anderson – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor John.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

George PaulFrank ArAlison AdamsonFrank ArStuart BorrowmanWillie BoHarry CartmillDiane CaTom ConnJanet CaDavid DoddsPaulineAngela DoranRobert DBruce FairbairnJim DickLawrence FitzpatrickCarl JohPeter HeggiePeter JoChris HorneSarah KiCharles KennedyAndrewTom KerrMoira ShDave KingDavid TaJohn McGintyAndrew McGuireCathy MuldoonGeorge PaulKirsteen SullivanDamian Timson	nderson byle alder ampbell Clark De Bold son n hnston hnston ing Miller nemilt
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Abstain Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Paul be appointed as Executive Councillor.

#### Social Policy

#### **Nominations**

Angela Doran – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Sarah King – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Angela Doran Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr	Sarah King Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt	<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire
Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King	Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	

John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Doran be appointed as the Executive Councillor.

#### Voluntary Organisations

#### **Nominations**

Kirsteen Sullivan – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

David Tait Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Sullivan be appointed as the Executive Councillor.

5. <u>APPOINTMENT OF SHADOW LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, SHADOW</u> <u>DEPUTE LEADER AND SHADOW EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS</u> Councillors.

It was recommended that:-

- 1. following consideration of earlier reports (Appointment of Leader and Depute Leader of the Council, and Appointment of Executive Councillors), to request that shadow members were appointed for those positions from the opposition parties of groups.
- 2. note that the positions were not required by law or the council's Standing Orders, and that no provision was made for the council to determine the appointments.
- 3. note the appointments made, or alternatively to note that the names of members to be appointed to those positions would be notified to the Clerk at a later date.

#### Decision

To note that the SNP Group and Conservative Group did not wish to appoint to Shadow positions at this time.

# 6. <u>APPOINTMENT TO BODIES IN THE SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive inviting the Council to appoint Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the council's committees, Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels and other bodies in the Scheme of Administration.

It was recommended that the Council:-

- 1. Note that appointments were made on 18 May 2017 to the Licensing Committee.
- 2. Appoint the Chair, Vice-Chair and other members of the other bodies in the council's Scheme of Administration, set out in the appendix, in whole or in part.
- 3. Note that the Scheme of Administration made training for certain committees mandatory for all members (including returning members) and that appropriate training would be offered to all members affected.
- 4. Note that satisfactory disclosure checks would be required before members might participate in meetings of some of the bodies in the Scheme of Administration.

### **Motion**

"To note the recommendations outlined in the report and to fill positions in whole as set out in recommendation 2" - Moved by Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan

#### <u>Amendment</u>

"To agree to appoint, in addition to the bodies listed in D.4 in the report to the 11 May meeting,

1. Partnership & Resources PDSP of 6 members, comprising 2 SNP, 2 Labour and 2 Con."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Abstain Dom McGuire

### **Decision**

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention and it was agreed accordingly.

In relation to recommendation 2, the Council then considered the composition of the various bodies and considered nominations to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair as undernoted.

### **Council Executive - Composition**

#### **Motion**

"To increase membership from 12 to 13 members, comprising 7 Labour, 4 Conservative and 2 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Timson. "For the membership to remain at 12, comprising 7 SNP and 5 Labour/Tory Alliance" – Moved by Councillor Johnson, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Peter Johnston	
Chris Horne	Sarah King	
Charles Kennedy	Andrew Miller	
Tom Kerr	Moira Shemilt	
Dave King	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

### Decision

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention and it was agreed accordingly.

# Council Executive – Chair

### Nominations

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

Peter Johnston – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Peter Johnston	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	

Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dicks
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl Johr
Peter Heggie	Peter Joh
Chris Horne	Sarah Ki
Charles Kennedy	Andrew N
Tom Kerr	Moira Sh
Dave King	David Ta
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

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#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that the Council Leader be appointed as Chair.

### **Council Executive – Vice-Chair**

#### **Nominations**

Kirsteen Sullivan - Proposed by Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Frank Anderson - Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor John.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Kirsteen Sullivan</u>	Peter Johnston	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Peter Johnston	
Chris Horne	Sarah King	
Charles Kennedy	Andrew Miller	
Tom Kerr	Moira Shemilt	
Dave King	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Sullivan be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Education Executive – Composition

## **Motion**

"To appoint 18 councillors, comprising 10 Labour, 1 Independent, 3 Conservative and 4 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

## Amendment

To appoint 13 councillors, comprising 8 SNP and 5 Labour/Conservative Alliance – Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Peter Johnston	
Chris Horne	Sarah King	
Charles Kennedy	Andrew Miller	
Tom Kerr	Moira Shemilt	
Dave King	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

### Decision

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention and it was agreed accordingly.

# Education Executive – Chair

### **Nominations**

David Dodds – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Andrew Miller – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor

Anderson.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>David Dodds</u> Alison Adamson	<u>Andrew Miller</u> Frank Anderson	<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	Dom McGuile
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Peter Johnston	
Chris Horne	Sarah King	
Charles Kennedy	Andrew Miller	
Tom Kerr	Moira Shemilt	
Dave King	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

## Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that Councillor Dodds be appointed as Chair.

# **Education Executive – Vice-Chair**

### **Nominations**

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dave King.

Moira Shemilt – Proposed by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Lawrence Fitzpatrick	<u>Moira Shemilt</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Peter Johnston	
Chris Horne	Sarah King	
Charles Kennedy	Andrew Miller	

Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Moira Shemilt David Tait

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#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 13 votes with 1 abstention that the Council Leader be appointed as Vice-Chair.

#### Adjournment

It was agreed that the meeting adjourn for 15 minutes.

The meeting re-convened after the adjournment and it was noted that Councillor Johnston had given his apologies and would not take part in the remaining items of business.

### Education (Quality Assurance) Committee – Composition

#### **Motion**

"To appoint 13 members, comprising 1 Independent, 4 Labour, 4 Conservative and 4 SNP – Moved by Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

### Decision

There being no contrary position, to agree the motion concerning the composition of the Education (Quality Assurance) Committee.

### Education (Quality Assurance) Committee – Chair

#### Nominations

Stuart Borrowman – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Andrew Miller – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:

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Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dick
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl Joh
Peter Heggie	Sarah K
Chris Horne	Andrew
Charles Kennedy	Moira SI
Tom Kerr	David Ta
Dave King	
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

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#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Borrowman be appointed as Chair.

## Education (Quality Assurance) Committee – Vice-Chair

## Nominations

David Dodds - Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dave King.

Moira Shemilt - Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Abstain Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Dodds be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# West Lothian Council Planning Committee - Chair

#### **Nominations**

Jim Dickson – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

Tom Kerr – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Timson

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Jim Dickson</u>	Tom Kerr	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson	Alison Adamson	Dom McGuire
Willie Boyle	Stuart Borrowman	
Diane Calder	Harry Cartmill	
Janet Campbell	Tom Conn	
Pauline Clark	David Dodds	
Robert De Bold	Angela Doran	
Jim Dickson	Bruce Fairbairn	
Carl John	Lawrence Fitzpatrick	
Sarah King	Peter Heggie	
Andrew Miller	Chris Horne	
Moira Shemilt	Charles Kennedy	
David Tait	Tom Kerr	
	Dave King	
	John McGinty	
	Andrew McGuire	
	Cathy Muldoon	
	George Paul	
	Kirsteen Sullivan	
	Damian Timson	

### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Provost Tom Kerr be appointed as Chair.

# West Lothian Council Planning Committee - Vice-Chair

### Nominations

Dave King – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Timson

Willie Boyle – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Dave King	V
Alison Adamson	F
Stuart Borrowman	V
Harry Cartmill	D
Tom Conn	J
David Dodds	F
Angela Doran	F
Bruce Fairbairn	J
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	C
Peter Heggie	S
Chris Horne	A
Charles Kennedy	Ν
Tom Kerr	C
Dave King	
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Willie Boyle Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

#### <u>Decision</u>

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Dave King be appointed as Vice-Chair.

### Local Review Body – Composition

#### <u>Motion</u>

"To appoint 9 members to the Local Review Body, comprising 1 Independent, 2 Conservative, 3 SNP and 3 Labour" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

#### **Amendment**

"To appoint 9 members, comprising 5 SNP and 4 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	

David Tait

Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

# **Decision**

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

# Local Review Body - Chair

# **Nominations**

George Paul – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Robert De Bold – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

George Paul Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Robert De Bold Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

# Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Paul be appointed as Chair.

# Local Review Body – Vice-Chair

# Nominations

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Willie Boyle – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Tait.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Lawrence Fitzpatrick	<u>Willie Boyle</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
Dave King		
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that the Council Leader be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Audit and Governance Committee – Composition

### **Motion**

"To appoint 5 members, comprising 2 Conservative, 1 Labour and 2 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Doran.

# **Amendment**

"To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 SNP and 2 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	
Alison Adamson	
Stuart Borrowman	

<u>Amendment</u> Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Abstain Dom McGuire Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGintv Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### <u>Decision</u>

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

#### Audit and Governance Committee – Chair

#### Nominations

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

Chris Horne – Proposed by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

David Tait	<u>Chris Horne</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson	Alison Adamson	Dom McGuire
Willie Boyle	Stuart Borrowman	
Diane Calder	Harry Cartmill	
Janet Campbell	Tom Conn	
Pauline Clark	David Dodds	
Robert De Bold	Angela Doran	
Jim Dickson	Bruce Fairbairn	
Carl John	Lawrence Fitzpatrick	
Sarah King	Peter Heggie	
Andrew Miller	Chris Horne	
Moira Shemilt	Charles Kennedy	
David Tait	Tom Kerr	
	Dave King	
	John McGinty	
	Andrew McGuire	
	Cathy Muldoon	
	George Paul	

Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

## Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Horne be appointed as Chair.

# Audit and Governance – Vice-Chair

### Nominations

Damian Timson - Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

Moira Shemilt – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Damian Timson</u>	Moira Shemilt	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
Dave King		
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Timson be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Performance Committee – Composition

### <u>Motion</u>

"To appoint 5 members, comprising 2 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 SNP and 1 Independent – Moved by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

## Amendment

"To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 SNP and 2 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson	Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire
Damian Timson		

### Decision

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

### Performance Committee – Chair

### **Nominations**

Moira Shemilt – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Stuart Borrowman – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows

<u>Moira Shemilt</u>	<u>Stuart Borrowman</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson	Alison Adamson	Dom McGuire
Willie Boyle	Stuart Borrowman	
Diane Calder	Harry Cartmill	
Janet Campbell	Tom Conn	
Pauline Clark	David Dodds	
Robert De Bold	Angela Doran	
Jim Dickson	Bruce Fairbairn	

Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul
	George Paul
	Kirsteen Sullivan
	Damian Timson

## Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Borrowman be appointed as Chair.

## Performance Committee – Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

Andrew McGuire – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Borrowman.

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Andrew McGuire Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson	David Tait Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Abstain Dom McGuire
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#### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member

absent) that Councillor Andrew McGuire be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# **Employees Appeals Committee - Composition**

## <u>Motion</u>

"To appoint 12 members, comprising 6 Labour, 3 Conservative and 3 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

## Amendment

"To appoint 12 members, comprising 7 SNP and 5 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

Amendment

Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

Frank Anderson

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion
Alison Adamson
Stuart Borrowman
Harry Cartmill
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Angela Doran
Bruce Fairbairn
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Tom Kerr
Dave King
John McGinty
Andrew McGuire
Cathy Muldoon
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan
Damian Timson

<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

# Decision

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

# Employee Appeals Committee – Chair

### Nominations

George Paul – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Peter Johnston – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>George Paul</u>
Alison Adamson
Stuart Borrowman
Harry Cartmill
-
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Angela Doran
Bruce Fairbairn
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Tom Kerr
Dave King
John McGinty
Andrew McGuire
Cathy Muldoon
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan
Damian Timson

Peter Johnston Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Paul be appointed as Chair.

#### Employee Appeals Committee – Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

Tom Conn – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dave King.

Frank Anderson – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Tom Conn</u>	Frank Anderson	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
Dave King		

John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

## **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Tom Conn be appointed as Vice-Chair,

# Miscellaneous Appeals Committee – Composition

## **Motion**

"To appoint 9 members, comprising 5 Labour, 2 Conservative and 2 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

## **Amendment**

"To appoint 9 members, comprising 5 SNP and 4 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John
Peter Heggie	Sarah King
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt
Tom Kerr	David Tait
Dave King	
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Abstain Dom McGuire

# **Decision**

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

# Miscellaneous Appeals Committee – Chair

## Nominations

Frank Anderson – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Frank Anderson	Lawrence Fitzpatrick	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson	Alison Adamson	Dom McGuire
Willie Boyle	Stuart Borrowman	
Diane Calder	Harry Cartmill	
Janet Campbell	Tom Conn	
Pauline Clark	David Dodds	
Robert De Bold	Angela Doran	
Jim Dickson	Bruce Fairbairn	
Carl John	Lawrence Fitzpatrick	
Sarah King	Peter Heggie	
Andrew Miller	Chris Horne	
Moira Shemilt	Charles Kennedy	
David Tait	Tom Kerr	
	Dave King	
	John McGinty	
	Andrew McGuire	
	Cathy Muldoon	
	George Paul	
	Kirsteen Sullivan	

Damian Timson

### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that the Council Leader be appointed as Chair.

# Miscellaneous Appeals Committee – Vice-Chair

### **Nominations**

Dave King – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Peter Johnston – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Dave King</u>	Peter Johnston	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	

David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor King be appointed as Vice-Chair.

## Avoidance of Disputes Committee – Composition

### **Motion**

"To appoint 7 members, comprising 5 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

### **Amendment**

"To appoint 7 members, comprising 4 SNP and 3 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>
Alison Adamson
Stuart Borrowman
Harry Cartmill
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Angela Doran
Bruce Fairbairn
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Tom Kerr
Dave King
John McGinty
Andrew McGuire
Cathy Muldoon
George Paul
George i aul

Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

## Decision

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

# Avoidance of Disputes Committee – Chair

## **Nominations**

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Peter Johnston – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Peter Johnston	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
Dave King		
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

### Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that the Council Leader be appointed as Chair.

# Avoidance of Disputes Committee – Vice-Chair

### **Nominations**

Kirsteen Sullivan – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

Frank Anderson - Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

<u>Kirsteen Sullivan</u>	<u>F</u>
Alison Adamson	Fi
Stuart Borrowman	W
Harry Cartmill	D
Tom Conn	Ja
David Dodds	Pa
Angela Doran	R
Bruce Fairbairn	Ji
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	C
Peter Heggie	S
Chris Horne	A
Charles Kennedy	Μ
Tom Kerr	D
Dave King	
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Frank Anderson Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait <u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

## <u>Decision</u>

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Sullivan be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# **Development Management Committee – Composition**

### **Motion**

"To appoint 9 members, comprising 3 Labour, 3 SNP, 2 Conservative and 1 Independent."

Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

### **Amendment**

"To appoint 9 members, comprising 5 SNP and 4 Others" - Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	

Lawrence Fitzpatrick Carl John Peter Heggie Sarah King Chris Horne Andrew Miller Charles Kennedy Moira Shemilt Tom Kerr David Tait Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

# Decision

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

## **Development Management – Chair**

#### **Nominations**

Charles Kennedy – Proposed by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Horne.

Robert De Bold – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

Charles Kennedy Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan	Robert De Bold Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Abstain Dom McGuire
George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson		

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member

absent) that Councillor Kennedy be appointed as Chair.

## **Development Management – Vice-Chair**

## **Nominations**

Tom Kerr - Proposed by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Horne.

Willie Boyle – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

<u>Tom Kerr</u> Alison Adamson	<u>Willie Boyle</u> Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
	Robert De Bold
Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John
Peter Heggie	Sarah King
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt
Tom Kerr	David Tait
Dave King	
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Abstain Dom McGuire

# Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Provost Tom Kerr be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Senior Officer Appointment Committee - Composition

### **Motion**

"To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

### Amendment

"To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 SNP and 2 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Abstain Dom McGuire

#### **Decision**

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

# Senior Officer Appointment Committee - Chair

#### **Nominations**

Peter Johnston – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

Peter Johnston	Lawrence Fitzpatrick	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson	Alison Adamson	Dom McGuire
Willie Boyle	Stuart Borrowman	
Diane Calder	Harry Cartmill	
Janet Campbell	Tom Conn	
Pauline Clark	David Dodds	
Robert De Bold	Angela Doran	
Jim Dickson	Bruce Fairbairn	
Carl John	Lawrence Fitzpatrick	
Sarah King	Peter Heggie	
Andrew Miller	Chris Horne	
Moira Shemilt	Charles Kennedy	
David Tait	Tom Kerr	
	Dave King	

John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

# Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that the Council Leader be appointed as Chair.

# Senior Officer Appoint Committee – Vice-Chair

# **Nominations**

Kirsteen Sullivan – Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Frank Anderson – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

Kirsteen Sullivan
Alison Adamson
Stuart Borrowman
Harry Cartmill
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Angela Doran
Bruce Fairbairn
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Tom Kerr
Dave King
John McGinty
Andrew McGuire
Cathy Muldoon
George Paul
Kirsteen Sullivan
Damian Timson

Frank Anderson Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

# Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Sullivan be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# West Lothian Leisure Advisory Committee – Composition

# <u>Motion</u>

## **Amendment**

"To appoint 7 members, comprising 4 SNP and 3 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
Dave King		
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

## Decision

The motion was successful by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

# West Lothian Leisure Advisory Committee - Chair

### **Nominations**

Dave King – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Pauline Clark – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Sarah King.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

Dave King	Pauline Clark	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	

David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

**Decision** 

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Dave King be appointed as Chair.

# West Lothian Leisure Advisory Committee – Vice-Chair

### **Nominations**

Cathy Muldoon – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Carl John – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Willie Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken, which resulted as follows:-

Cathy Muldoon Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty
Dave King
Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Carl John Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

# Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Muldoon be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Social Work Complaints Review Committee - Composition

# <u>Motion</u>

"To appoint 4 members, comprising 3 Labour and 1 Opposition" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

# Amendment

"To appoint 4 members, comprising 2 SNP and 2 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan	Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Abstain Dom McGuire
Damian Timson		

# **Decision**

The motion was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

# Local Area Committee - Ward 1 (Linlithgow) - Chair

# **Nominations**

Tom Conn – Proposed by Councillor Dodds, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

David Tait - Proposed by Councillor Anderson seconded by Councillor

# Campbell

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

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Tom Conn	<u>David Tait</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
Dave King		
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

## Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Conn be appointed as Chair.

# Local Area Committee - Ward 1 (Linlithgow) - Vice-Chair

# **Nominations**

Tom Kerr – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Timson.

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Tom Kerr</u>	<u>David Tait</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	

David Tait

Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

# Decision

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Provost Tom Kerr be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 2 (Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh) – Chair

# **Nominations**

Angela Doran – Proposed by Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Janet Campbell – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Angela Doran</u>	Janet Campbell
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John
Peter Heggie	Sarah King
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt
Tom Kerr	David Tait
Dave King	
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Abstain Dom McGuire

### **Decision**

It was agreed by 19 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 1 member absent) that Councillor Doran be appointed as Chair

Depute Provost Dave King left the meeting and did not take part in the

remaining items of business.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 2 (Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh) – Vice-Chair

# **Nominations**

Chris Horne – Proposed by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

Diane Calder – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Chris Horne</u>	Diane Calder
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John
Peter Heggie	Sarah King
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt
Tom Kerr	David Tait
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

# **Decision**

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Horne be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 3 (Livingston North) – Chair

### **Nominations**

Dom McGuire – Proposed by Councillor Dodds, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick.

### Decision

There were no other nominations and Councillor Dom McGuire was appointed as Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 3 (Livingston North) – Vice-Chair

## Nominations

Alison Adamson – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Timson.

Robert De Bold – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Miller.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Alison Adamson Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Robert De BoldAbstainFrank AndersonDom McGuireWillie BoyleDiane CalderJanet CampbellJanet CampbellPauline ClarkRobert De BoldJim DicksonCarl JohnSarah KingAndrew MillerMoira ShemiltDavid Tait

### **Decision**

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Adamson be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 4 (Livingston South) – Chair

### Nominations

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor McGuire, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Moira Shemilt – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Moira Shemilt	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	

Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

### **Decision**

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that the Council Leader be appointed as Chair.

## Local Area Committee - Ward 4 (Livingston South) - Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

Peter Heggie – Proposed by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Horne.

Peter Johnston – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Peter Heggie Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Peter Johnston Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members

absent) that Councillor Heggie be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 5 (East Livingston and East Calder) – Chair

## **Nominations**

Dave King – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Carl John – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Dave King Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Carl John Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

Abstain Dom McGuire

Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Dave King be appointed as Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 5 (East Livingston and East Calder) – Vice-Chair

### **Nominations**

Damian Timson – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

Carl John – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Damian TimsonCarl JohnAbstain

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

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Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Timson be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 6 (Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley) – Chair

#### **Nominations**

Cathy Muldoon – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Pauline Clark – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Cathy Muldoon	Pauline Clark	Abstain
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		

George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Muldoon be appointed as Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 6 (Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley) – Vice-Chair

### Nominations

Pauline Clark – Proposed by Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

David Dodds – Proposed by Councillor Muldoon, seconded by Councillor Andrew McGuire.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

### Pauline Clark Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark

Robert De Bold

Jim Dickson

Andrew Miller

Moira Shemilt

David Tait

Carl John Sarah King David Dodds Abstain Alison Adamson Dom McGuire Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heagie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

### **Decision**

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Dodds be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 7 (Whitburn and Blackburn) – Chair

### **Nominations**

George Paul – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

Jim Dickson – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>George Paul</u>	Jim
Alison Adamson	Fran
Stuart Borrowman	Willi
Harry Cartmill	Dian
Tom Conn	Jane
David Dodds	Paul
Angela Doran	Rob
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl
Peter Heggie	Sara
Chris Horne	And
Charles Kennedy	Moir
Tom Kerr	Davi
John McGinty	
Andrew McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Jim Dickson Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

Abstain Dom McGuire

### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Paul be appointed as Chair.

## Local Area Committee – Ward 7 (Whitburn and Blackburn) – Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

Kirsteen Sullivan – Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick, seconded by Councillor Paul.

Jim Dickson – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Kirsteen Sullivan</u>	<u>Jim Dickson</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	

Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Sullivan be appointed as Vice-Chair.

## Local Area Committee – Ward 8 (Bathgate) – Chair

#### Nominations

Harry Cartmill – Proposed by Councillor McGinty, seconded by the Council Leader.

Willie Boyle – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Harry Cartmill Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heagie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

<u>Willie Boyle</u> Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

**Decision** 

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Cartmill be appointed as Chair.

## Local Area Committee - Ward 8 (Bathgate) - Vice-Chair

Nominations

Charles Kennedy – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by the Councillor Adamson.

Willie Boyle – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Charles Kennedy Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul **Kirsteen Sullivan** Damian Timson

Willie Boyle Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Kennedy be appointed as Vice-Chair.

## Local Area Committee - Ward 9 (Armadale and Blackridge) - Chair

#### Nominations

Andrew McGuire – Proposed by Councillor Borrowman, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Sarah King – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Andrew McGuire	<u>Sarah King</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	

Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Andrew McGuire be appointed as Chair.

# Local Area Committee – Ward 9 (Armadale and Blackridge) – Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

Stuart Borrowman – Proposed by Councillor Andrew McGuire, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Sarah King – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

#### Stuart Borrowman

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Sarah King Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Borrowman be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Joint Consultative Group - Composition

#### Motion

"To appoint 7 members, comprising 4 Labour, 2 Conservative and 1 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

#### **Amendment**

"To appoint 7 members, comprising 4 SNP and 3 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

- Motion Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGintv Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson
- Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

Abstain Dom McGuire

#### Decision

The motion was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

## Joint Consultative Group (Teaching Staff) – Composition

#### **Motion**

"To appoint 7 members, comprising 4 Labour, 2 Conservative and 1 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Muldoon.

#### Amendment

"To appoint 7 members, comprising 4 SNP and 3 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle **Diane Calder** Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

Abstain Dom McGuire

#### Decision

The motion was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

#### Joint Consultative Group (Teaching Staff) - Chair

#### **Nominations**

Andrew Miller - Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

David Dodds - Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire
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Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

## **Decision**

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Dodds be appointed as Chair.

# Partnership and Resources Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel – Composition

## **Motion**

"To increase the number of members from 6 to 7, comprising 4 Labour, 2 Conservative and 1 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Timson.

## Amendment

"To continue with 6 members, comprising 4 SNP and 2 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion

Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGintv Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait <u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

Decision

The motion was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes ((with 1 abstention and 2 members absent)). The motion was agreed accordingly.

## Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel – Chairs

# Partnership and Resources Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel – Vice-Chair

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## Nominations

Peter Johnston - Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

Kirsteen Sullivan – Proposed by Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Peter Johnston Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Kirsteen Sullivan Abstain Alison Adamson **Dom McGuire** Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran **Bruce Fairbairn** Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heagie Chris Horne **Charles Kennedy** Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul **Kirsteen Sullivan** Damian Timson

# Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Sullivan be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels – Composition

# <u>Motion</u>

"To increase the number of members from 6 to 7 in appointing members to the remaining 8 Policy, Development and Scrutiny Panels, comprising 4 Labour, 2 Conservative and 1 SNP" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan. "To continue with 6 members, comprising 4 SNP and 2 Others" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		

## Decision

The motion was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent). The motion was agreed accordingly.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Damian Timson

## <u>Motion</u>

"To adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes" – Moved by Councillor Boyle, seconded by Councillor Anderson.

A vote was taken by a show of hands. There were 12 votes for the motion to break for 30 minutes and 19 votes against. It was agreed to proceed with the meeting without an adjournment.

# **Culture and Leisure Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel Vice-Chair**

## **Nominations**

Cathy Muldoon - Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Doran.

Willie Boyle – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Cathy Muldoon Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGintv Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul **Kirsteen Sullivan** Damian Timson

<u>Willie Boyle</u> Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Muldoon be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Development and Transport Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

David Dodds – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Robert De Bold – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

David Dodds
Alison Adamson
Stuart Borrowman
Harry Cartmill
Tom Conn
David Dodds
Angela Doran
Bruce Fairbairn
Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Peter Heggie
Chris Horne
Charles Kennedy
Tom Kerr

Robert De Bold Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Abstain Dom McGuire John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

#### **Decision**

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Dodds be appointed as Vice-Chair.

## Education Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel - Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

Andrew Miller – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Lawrence Fitzpatrick Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Andrew Miller Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait <u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that the Council Leader be appointed as Vice-Chair.

## **Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel - Vice-Chair**

## Nominations

Cathy Muldoon – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor

Sullivan.

Diane Calder – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Cathy Muldoon Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Diane Calder Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait <u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Cathy Muldoon be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Health and Care Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel - Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

George Paul – Proposed by Councillor Muldoon, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Janet Campbell – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

George Paul Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie

Janet Campbell Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Abstain Dom McGuire Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Paul be appointed as Vice-Chair.

#### Services for the Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel -Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

Andrew McGuire – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Frank Anderson – Proposed by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Andrew McGuire Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Frank Anderson Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait <u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor McGuire be appointed as Vice-Chair.

## Social Policy Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel - Vice-Chair

## Nominations

George Paul – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Sarah King – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

George Paul Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Sarah King Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait <u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Paul be appointed as Vice-Chair.

## Voluntary Organisations Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel - Vice-Chair

#### **Nominations**

Andrew McGuire – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Andrew McGuire	<u>David Tait</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	

David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor Andrew McGuire be appointed as Vice-Chair.

# Members of the Council's Committees, Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels and Other Bodies in the Scheme of Administration.

Following the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the various committees, Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels and other bodies in the Scheme of Administration, the Council was invited to appoint Ordinary Members to these bodies, and these are shown in the table below.

BODY	NOTES	No.	MEMBERS	
West Lothian Council	Provost and Depute Provost are Chair and Vice-Chair	33	All councillors	
West Lothian Council (Planning)	Provost and Depute Provost are Chair and Vice-Chair	33	All councillors	
Council Executive	PVG Scheme	13	Chair	Cllr Lawrence
				Fitzpatrick
	<u>Composition</u>		Vice-Chair	Cllr Kirsteen Sullivan
	7 Labour			Cllr George Paul
	4 Cons			Cllr Dave King
	2 SNP			Cllr David Dodds
				Cllr Dominic McGuire
				Cllr Cathy Muldoon
				Cllr Chris Horne
				Cllr Peter Heggie
				Cllr Damian Timson
				Cllr Charles Kennedy
				SNP - TBA SNP - TBA
Education Executive	6 non-councillors	18	Chair	Cllr David Dodds
	appointed		Vice-Chair	Cllr Lawrence
	separately			Fitzpatrick

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	PVG Scheme			Cllr John McGinty
	<b>o</b> :::			Cllr Cathy Muldoon
	<u>Composition</u>			Cllr George Paul
	10 Labour			Cllr Kirsteen Sullivan
	3 Cons			Cllr Andrew McGuire
	4 SNP			Cllr Dave King
	1 Ind.			Cllr Harry Cartmill
				Cllr Tom Conn
				Cllr Chris Horne
				Cllr Charles Kennedy
				Cllr Peter Heggie
				Cllr Stuart Borrowman
				SNP – TBA
				SNP – TBA
				SNP – TBA
				SNP – TBA
Education (Quality Assurance)	4 non-councillors	13	Chair	Cllr Stuart Borrowman
Committee	appointed		Vice-Chair	Cllr David Dodds
	separately			Cllr Lawrence
	PVG Scheme			Fitzpatrick
	<u>Composition</u>			Cllr Dave King
	4 Labour			Cllr George Paul
	4 Cons			Cons – TBA
	4 SNP			Cons – TBA
	1 Ind.			Cons – TBA
				Cons - TBA
				SNP – TBA
				SNP – TBA
				SNP – TBA
				SNP – TBA
West Lothian Council Planning	All councillors are	33	Chair	Provost
Committee	members		Vice-Chair	Cllr Dave King
	Compulsory		VICE-CITAII	Cill Dave King
	training			
West Lothian Council Local	Compulsory	9	Chair	Cllr George Paul
Review Body	training	5	Vice-Chair	Cllr Lawrence
Review Dody	No substitutes		VICE-Chair	Fitzpatrick
	NO SUDSILIUIES			
	Composition			Cllr Dominic McGuire
	Composition			Cllr Tom Kerr
	3 Labour			Cllr Charles Kennedy
	2 Cons			Cllr Stuart Borrowman
	3 SNP			SNP – TBA
	1 Ind			SNP - TBA
		L		SNP - TBA
Audit & Governance	Composition	5	Chair	Cllr Chris Horne
Committee	1 Labour		Vice-Chair	Cllr Damian Timson
	2 Cons			Cllr Harry Cartmill
	2 SNP			SNP – TBA
				SNP - TBA
Performance Committee	Composition	5	Chair	Cllr Stuart Borrowman
	Composition	5	Chair Vice Chair	
	2 Labour		Vice-Chair	Cllr Andrew McGuire
	1 Cons			Cllr Dave King
	1 SNP			Cons – TBA
	1 Ind.			SNP – TBA
Employees Appeals Committee	Panel of 12, 7	12	Chair	Cllr George Paul
	called to each		Vice-Chair	Cllr Tom Conn
	meeting			Cllr Dominic McGuire
	PVG Scheme			Cllr Andrew McGuire
				Cllr Dave King
	Composition			Clir Angela Doran
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	6 Labour 3 Cons 3 SNP			Cllr Peter Heggie Cllr Chris Horne Cllr Damian Timson SNP – TBA SNP – TBA SNP – TBA
Miscellaneous Appeals Committee	Panel of 9, 5 called to each meeting <u>Composition</u> 5 Labour	9	Chair Vice-Chair	Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick Cllr Dave King Cllr Angela Doran Cllr Dominic McGuire
	2 Cons 2 SNP			Cllr Andrew McGuire Cons – TBA Cons – TBA SNP - TBA
Avoidance of Disputes Committee	Composition 5 Labour 1 Cons 1 SNP	7	Chair Vice-Chair	SNP - TBA Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick Cllr Kirsteen Sullivan Cllr George Paul Cllr Andrew McGuire Cllr Tom Conn Cons - TBA SNP - TBA
Development Management Committee	Compulsory training No substitutes <u>Composition</u> 3 Labour 3 SNP 2 Cons 1 Ind.	9	Chair Vice-Chair	Cllr Charles Kennedy Cllr Tom Kerr Cllr Harry Cartmill Cllr Dominic McGuire Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick Cllr Stuart Borrowman SNP – TBA SNP – TBA SNP – TBA
Senior Officer Appointment Committee	Compulsory training <u>Composition</u> 3 Labour 1 Cons. 1 SNP	5	Chair Vice-Chair	Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick Cllr Kirsteen Sullivan Cllr Andrew McGuire Cons. – TBA Cons TBA
West Lothian Leisure Advisory Committee	Composition 4 Labour 2 Cons. 1 SNP	7	Chair Vice-Chair	Cllr Dave King Cllr Cathy Muldoon Cllr Tom Conn Cllr Andrew McGuire Cllr Charles Kennedy Cllr Alison Adamson SNP – TBA
Social Work Complaints Review Committee	Panel of 4, 1 to be called to each meeting PVG Scheme	4		Cllr Dominic McGuire Cllr Andrew McGuire Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick 1 x SNP TBA
Joint Consultative Group	7 members, one to hold Partnership and	7		Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick Cllr Kirsteen Sullivan

	Resources			Cllr Andrew McGuire
	portfolio			Cllr Dominic McGuire
	Composition			Conservatives x 2 - TBA
	4 Labour			SNP x 1 - TBA
	2 Conservative			SINF X I - I BA
	1 SNP			
	JCG appoints			
	Chair and Vice-			
	Chair			
Joint Consultative Group	7 members, one	7	Chair	Cllr David Dodds
(Teaching Staff)	to hold			
	Education portfolio			Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick
	No provision for			Cllr Dave King
	appointment of			Cill Dave Killg
	Vice-Chair			Cllr Dominic McGuire
				Conservatives x 2 -
				ТВА
				SNP x 1 – TBA
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Partnership and Resources	Council Leader or	7	Chair	Cllr Lawrence
PDSP	Executive			Fitzpatrick
	Councillor to be		Vice-Chair	Cllr Kirsteen Sullivan
	Chair			Cllr George Paul
				Cllr Dave King
				Cllr Chris Horne
				Cllr Damian Timson
				SNP x1 - TBA
Culture and Leisure PDSP	Executive	7	Chair	Cllr Dave King
	Councillor to be		Vice-Chair	Cllr Cathy Muldoon
	Chair		VICE-CITAII	Clir Tom Conn
	Ondi			Clir Andrew McGuire
				Clir Alison Adamson
				Clir Charles Kennedy
				SNP x 1 - TBA
Development and Transport	Executive	7	Chair	Clir Cathy Muldoon
Development and Transport PDSP	Councillor to be	1	Vice-Chair	Clir David Dodds
1 231	Chair		VICE-CITAII	Clir Tom Conn
	Unan			Clir Dominic McGuire
				Cllr Tom Kerr
				Cllr Chris Horne SNP x 1 - TBA
Education BDSB	Evenutive	7	Choir	
Education PDSP	Executive Councillor to be	7	Chair Vice-Chair	Cllr David Dodds
	Chair		vice-Criali	Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick Labour x 2 - TBA
	Unan			
	PVG Scheme			Cllr Peter Heggie
			<u> </u>	Cllr Tom Kerr
Environment DDCD	Executive	7	Chair	SNP x 1 - TBA
Environment PDSP	Councillor to be	1		Cllr Tom Conn
	Councilior to be Chair		Vice-Chair	Cllr Cathy Muldoon
			<u> </u>	Cllr George Paul
				Cllr Dave King
				Cllr Alison Adamson
				Cllr Chris Horne
Lieghth and Care DDOD	Eve evelive	7	Chair	SNP x 1 - TBA
Health and Care PDSP	Executive	7	Chair Vice Chair	Cllr John McGinty
	Councillor to be		Vice-Chair	Cllr George Paul
	Chair			Cllr Dominic McGuire
				Cllr David Dodds

				Cllr Damian Timson
				Cllr Charles Kennedy
				SNP x 1 - TBA
Services for the Community	Executive	7	Chair	Cllr George Paul
PDSP	Councillor to be		Vice-Chair	Cllr Andrew McGuire
	Chair			Cllr John McGinty
				Cllr Lawrence Fitzpatrick
				Cllr Alison Adamson
				Cllr Peter Heggie
				SNP x 1 - TBA
Social Policy PDSP	Executive	7	Chair	Cllr Angela Doran
	Councillor to be		Vice-Chair	Cllr George Paul
	Chair			Cllr Dave King
				Cllr Dominic McGuire
				Conservative x 2 - TBA
				SNP x 1 - TBA
Voluntary Organisations PDSP	Executive	7	Chair	Cllr Kirsteen Sullivan
	Councillor to be		Vice-Chair	Cllr Andrew McGuire
	Chair			Cllr Tom Conn
				Cllr Dodds
				Cllr Bruce Fairbairn
				Cllr Chris Horne
				SNP x 1 - TBA

# 7. <u>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive inviting the council to make appointments of councillors and others to various boards and statutory bodies and other outside organisations as detailed in the appendices to the report. These appointments were designed to meet legal requirements to further the corporate aims of the council and the bodies concerned, and to contribute towards partnership working.

The report identified the bodies where immediate appointments were recommended (Appendix 1 to the report), and those bodies for which appointments might be safety postponed or delegated to a committee (Appendix 2 to the report).

The report also provided guidance relating to Arms' Length External Organisations, COSLA's constitution and operation arrangements and member appointments to bodies with particular requirement.

The Council was recommended to:-

- 1. appoint members to the bodies listed in Appendix 1 to ensure compliance with legal requirements and that council could do its business effectively.
- 2. appoint members to the bodies listed in Appendix 2, or to agree a process for those appointments to be made later.
- 3. in relation to all outside body appointments, in particular appointments to West Lothian Leisure, to note the summary in paragraph D.3 of the Standards Commission's Advice for

Councillors on Arm's Length External Organisations

- 4. appoint the non-councillor members listed in Appendix 3 to the Education Executive and Education (Quality Assurance) Committee, or to any other committees the council may appoint to deal with its education business.
- 5. appoint the members to the Placing in Schools (Appeals) Committee, as listed in Appendix 4.
- 6. appoint the members of the West Lothian Local Licensing Forum listed in Appendix 5.
- 7. To note that:-
  - a) the list in Appendix 6 showed bodies which no longer existed, those which no longer required or desired members to be appointed, and those which had asked for appointments to be deferred.
  - b) some members were automatically appointed to local trusts and similar bodies, and those were shown in Appendix 7.
  - c) all members served ex officio on community councils and community education centre management committees for their ward areas.
  - members were not ex officio members of Parent Councils for schools within their wards, but Parent Councils might choose to co-opt them or invite them to participate in other ways.
- 8. To note that, subject to a small number of exceptions, the Councillors' Code of Conduct and statutory Guidance required members to include appointments to outside bodies in their register of interests.

## <u>Motion</u>

"To note recommendations 3, 7 and 8 as outlined in the report;

To agree recommendations 4, 5 and 6 as outlined in the report;

To agree that, in relation to recommendation 2 and the bodies listed in Appendix 2, to defer consideration until the council meeting on 7 June 2017; and

To agree that, in relation to recommendation 1, and the bodies listed in Appendix 1, to defer consideration until the council meeting on 7 June 2017 with the exception of the following bodies:-

- COSLA Convention
- COSLA Leaders Meeting

- Head Teacher Appointment Panel
- NHS Lothian Board
- Licensing Board
- West Lothian (Placing In Schools) Appeals Committee."

Moved by the Provost, seconded by the Council Leader.

## Amendment

"To move recommendations 1-8 as outlined in the report.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	Amendment	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

## **Decision**

The motion was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes with 1 abstention and 2 members absent. The motion was agreed accordingly.

## **Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA)**

## <u>Motion</u>

"To appoint 2 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 SNP Councillor" - Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Andrew McGuire.

## Amendment

"To appoint 2 SNP Councillors, 1 Labour Councillor and 1 Conservative Councillor" – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Motion	Amendment	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		
Cathy Muldoon		
George Paul		
Kirsteen Sullivan		
Damian Timson		

#### Decision

The motion was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes with 1 abstention and 2 members absent. The motion was agreed accordingly.

The following councillors were then appointed - the Council Leader, Councillor Sullivan, Councillor Timson and 1 SNP Councillor to be advised"

## **COSLA Leaders Meeting**

#### **Nominations**

Lawrence Fitzpatrick - Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Peter Johnston - Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:

Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Peter Johnston	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	

Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson	Diane Calo Janet Carr Pauline Cl Robert De Jim Dickso Carl John Sarah King Andrew Mi Moira She David Tait
Damian Timson	

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#### Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that the Council Leader be appointed.

#### **Head Teacher Appointment Panel**

#### Motion

"To appoint 7 councillors comprising 4 Labour councillors, 2 Conservative councillors and 1 SNP councillor" - Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

#### <u>Amendment</u>

"To appoint 4 SNP councillors and 3 others" - Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Dom McGuire
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Bruce Fairbairn	Jim Dickson	
Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Carl John	
Peter Heggie	Sarah King	
Chris Horne	Andrew Miller	
Charles Kennedy	Moira Shemilt	
Tom Kerr	David Tait	
John McGinty		
Andrew McGuire		

Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

#### **Decision**

The motion was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes with 1 abstention and 2 members absent. The motion was agreed accordingly.

The following councillors were then appointed - the Council Leader, Councillor Dodds, Councillor Doran, Councillor Heggie, Councillor Horne, Councillor Sullivan and 1 SNP Councillor to be advised"

# NHS Lothian Board

#### **Nominations**

John McGinty – Proposed by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

Janet Campbell - Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Boyle.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:

John McGinty Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Janet Campbell Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait <u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire

## Decision

It was agreed by 18 votes to 12 votes (with 1 abstention and 2 members absent) that Councillor McGinty be appointed.

# West Lothian Licensing Board

## <u>Motion</u>

"To appoint 10 councillors comprising 6 SNP Councillors and 4 others" -Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

# Amendment

"To appoint 10 councillors comprising 5 Labour councillors, 3 Conservative councillors and 2 SNP councillors" – Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Motion Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Amendment Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan	<u>Abstain</u> Dom McGuire
	Damian Timson	

## Decision

The amendment was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes with 1 abstention and 2 members absent. The amendment was agreed accordingly.

The following councillors were then appointed - Councillor Fairbairn, Councillor Heggie, Councillor Horne, 5 Labour councillors and 2 SNP councillors to be advised.

# West Lothian (Placing In Schools) Appeals Committee

# <u>Motion</u>

"To appoint 10 councillors comprising 4 Labour councillors, 3 Conservative councillors and 3 SNP councillors" - Moved by the Council

Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

## <u>Amendment</u>

"To appoint 10 councillors comprising 6 SNP Councillors and 4 others" -Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Motion Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Bruce Fairbairn Lawrence Fitzpatrick Peter Heggie Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr John McGinty Andrew McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan	Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Abstain Dom McGuire
Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson		

## Decision

The motion was successful by 18 votes to 12 votes with 1 abstention and 2 members absent. The motion was agreed accordingly.

The following councillors were then appointed - Councillor Heggie, Councillor Kennedy, Councillor Timson, 4 Labour councillors and 3 SNP councillors to be advised".

# 8. MEMBERS' REMUNERATION, ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services providing information about members' remuneration and expenses and seeking to agree a Scheme of Members' Allowances and Reimbursement of Expenses, including Senior Councillor payments.

It was recommended that the Council:-

1. Note the information provided about the payment of councillors' remuneration and expenses and the council's Scheme of Allowances and Reimbursement of Expenses contained in

Appendix 1;

- 2. Agree that those current arrangements should continue, in whole or in part, pending any desired changes being approved at future council meetings;
- 3. Agree the number of Senior Councillor positions and the remuneration to be paid for them and to the Provost; and
- 4. Agree what further action, if any, should be taken to review the current arrangements and bring forward proposals for change.

# <u>Motion</u>

To agree the terms of the Scheme of Elected Members Remuneration set out in the report by the Head of Corporate Services, and to agree the appointment of senior councillors and related remuneration as follows pending any changes approved at Council on 7<sup>th</sup> June.

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Leader of the Council		£33,857
Provost		£25,392
Senior Councillor	Executive Councillor- Culture & Leisure	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Executive Councillor – Development and Transport	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Executive Councillor – Education	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Executive Councillor – Environment	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Executive Councillor – Health & Care	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Executive Councillor – Services for the Community	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Executive Councillor – Social Policy	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Executive Councillor – Voluntary Organisations	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Chair - Licensing Committee	£25,392

Senior Councillor	Chair - Development Management Committee	£25,392
Senior Councillor	Chair – Audit and Governance Committee	£25,392

Moved by the Council Leader, seconded by Councillor Sullivan.

# Decision

There being no contrary position, to approve the terms of the motion.

MINUTE of MEETING of the WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Livingston, on 7 June 2017.

<u>Present</u> – Provost Tom Kerr (Chair), Alison Adamson, Frank Anderson, Stuart Borrowman, William Boyle, Diane Calder, Janet Campbell, Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn, Robert De Bold, Jim Dickson, David Dodds, Angela Doran, Lawrence Fitzpatrick (attended later in the meeting), Chris Horne, Carl John, Peter Johnston, Charles Kennedy, Dave King, Sarah King, John McGinty, Andrew McGuire, Dom McGuire, Andrew Miller, Cathy Muldoon, George Paul, Moira Shemilt, Kirsteen Sullivan, David Tait, Damian Timson

<u>Apologies</u> – Councillors Bruce Fairbairn, Peter Heggie. The Council Leader had given his apologies but joined the meeting later.

# 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 2. <u>MINUTES</u>

- (a) The Council approved the minute of meeting of West Lothian Council held on 18 April 2017.
- (b) The Council noted correspondence arising from previous decisions.
- (c) The Council noted the minute of meeting of the Employee Appeals Committee held on 24 March 2017.

## 3. <u>ELECTION BUSINESS</u>

The Council was informed that the Labour Group wished to replace current representative(s) on Council Executive and Licensing Committee.

The Council was asked to approve representation as undernoted:-

<u>Body</u>	Current Member	Proposed Member
Council Executive	Dave King	Tom Conn
Council Executive	Dom McGuire	Harry Cartmill
Licensing Committee Chair	George Paul	Peter Heggie
Licensing Committee Vice-Chair	Dave King	George Paul
Health and Care PDSP	John McGinty	Harry Cartmill

#### Decision

1. To approve the changes to membership of Council Executive; and

2. To approve the changes to the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of Licensing Committee.

## 4. <u>SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION - REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE</u>

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive bringing forward the results of a review of the Scheme of Administration in relation to the number and remits of PDSPs and the remit and powers of the Audit and Governance Committee.

The Chief Executive recalled that, at its first statutory meeting after the May elections council instructed officers to review the Scheme in relation to the number and remits of Policy Development and Scrutiny Panels and the remit and powers of the Audit and Governance Committee. The present remit had been in place since May 2012. The Council had instructed officers to report to the council meeting on 7 June 2017.

The council had had 9 PDSPs since their inception, each with the Leader or an Executive Councillor as Chair and carrying responsibility for the portfolio of services set out in the relevant PDSP remit. The remits had been adjusted slightly from time to time but by and large the collections of services in each remit were as they were from the start.

No specific proposals for change were made in the report. Their number and remits were ultimately a matter of balance and judgment and were for members to determine. If changes were desired then it was recommended that a process was agreed so that detailed proposals in accordance with council's instructions could be framed and brought for consideration at a future council meeting.

In relation to the Audit and Governance Committee, it was noted that the present remit had been in place since May 2012. Since then, some changes and developments had occurred, and these were examined in the report.

Appendix 1 to the report showed the present Audit and Governance Committee remit with notes added to show that the remit could be divided between two separate committees.

Appendices 2 and 3 showed what those two committee remits could include if this approach were to be taken and if the highlighted terminology changes were to be accepted. Additional wording added was highlighted in yellow. Those additions were suggested in the main to address the potential overlap between the interest of the two committees and the relationship between them.

The report went on to examine arrangements for members' remuneration.

If changes were approved to the Scheme of Administration then consideration should be given to those remuneration arrangements. Under Standing Orders each PDSP remit required the appointment of an Executive Councillor to hold that portfolio and to chair PDSP meetings.

The Chair of Audit and Governance Committee presently carried a Senior Councillor payment.

Council was invited to consider additional appointments, if required by any changes approved, and whether there should be any changes to Senior Councillor positions and payments.

In relation to meeting arrangements, it was noted that changes to the bodies in the Scheme of Administration would require the calendar of meetings to be revisited and for meeting dates to be inserted and adjusted to reflect those changes.

The Council was recommended to:-

- 1. consider the issues identified in the report in relation to the number and remits of PDSPs.
- 2. consider the proposals set out in Appendices 1,2 and 3 in relation to the remit and powers of the Audit and Governance Committee
- 3. in the event that changes were made to the Scheme of Administration, to consider whether changes should be made to the present arrangements for members' remuneration.
- 4. in the event that changes were made to the Scheme of Administration, to consider meeting arrangements and dates in relation to the current Audit and Governance Committee and any additional or different committees established.

## <u>Motion</u>

- 1. "Council agrees to divide the remit and powers of the Audit and Governance Committee as set out at Appendix 1 to create with immediate effect:
  - an Audit Committee having the remit as set out at Appendix 2, and
  - a Governance and Risk Committee having the remit as set out in Appendix 3;

And to agree the proposed respective arrangement for membership/quorum/substitutes/meetings/reporting and criteria on the miscellaneous arrangements both as set out at Para G Appendix 1 and Para G Appendix 2, and to amend the Scheme of Administration accordingly.

- 2. Agrees that membership of each new committee should be on the basis of 2 Labour, 2 Conservative and 1 SNP.
- 3. Invites nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair to each of the Audit Committee and the Governance and Risk Committee and for the remaining places on each.

- 4. Agrees that the position of Chair of each committee be that of a Senior Councillor.
- 5. Agrees that the number of Senior Councillors therefore be increased from the current level of 11 to 12 and correspondingly that all Senior Councillor payments be reduced from £25,392 pa to £24,686.52 to keep under the prescribed ceiling for all Senior Councillor payments of £296,238.25.
- 6. Agrees that the Governance and Risk Committee should meet on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017 and delegates authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair, to arrange a meeting of the Audit Committee to take place before the end of June 2017.
- 7. Agrees in the meantime to retain the present number and remit of PDSPs."

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

#### Amendment

"To refer to paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5 in the report and to note that there was no urgency for change. Therefore, the Council should defer a decision on this matter and continue with the present arrangements."

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u> Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn	<u>Amendment</u> Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

#### Decision

The motion was successful by 17 votes to 13 votes with 3 members absent. The motion was agreed accordingly.

The Council was then invited to consider nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Audit Committee and the Governance and Risk Committee.

## Audit Committee - Chair

#### Nominations

Chris Horne – Proposed by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Chris Horne 17 votes, David Tait 13 votes.

#### Decision

To appoint Councillor Chris Horne as Chair, Audit Committee.

#### Audit Committee – Vice-Chair

#### Nominations

Damian Timson – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Kennedy

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Damian Timson 17 votes, David Tait 13 votes.

#### Decision

To appoint Councillor Damian Timson as Vice-Chair, Audit Committee.

## Governance and Risk Committee – Chair

#### Nominations

Damian Timson – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

<u>Damian Timson</u>	David Tait
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder

Decision

It was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) that Councillor Damian Timson be appointed as Chair.

### Governance and Risk Committee – Vice-Chair

#### Nominations

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:

Fitzpatrick Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire	Tait Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt
Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire	
Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson	

#### Decision

It was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) that Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick be appointed as Vice-Chair.

#### 5. <u>APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES</u>

The Council was required to appoint members to various statutory boards and statutory bodies and other outside organisations. These appointments were designed to meet legal requirements, to further the corporate aims of the council and the bodies concerned, and to contribute towards partnership working.

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Chief Executive inviting the council to make appointments of councillors and others to various boards and statutory bodies and other outside organisations as detailed in the appendices to the report.

The report recalled that a small number of urgent appointments had been made at a special meeting on 25 May 2017 and the remainder were deferred till the meeting on 7 June 2017.

The report identified the bodies where immediate appointments were recommended (Appendix 1 to the report), and those bodies for which appointments might be safely postponed or delegated to a committee (Appendix 2 to the report).

The report also provided guidance relating to Arms' Length External Organisations, COSLA's constitution and operation arrangements and member appointments to bodies with particular requirement.

The Council was recommended to:-

- 1. To appoint members to the bodies listed in Appendices 1 and 2.
- 2. In relation to all outside body appointments, in particular appointments to West Lothian Leisure, to note the summary in paragraph D.3 of the Standards Commission's Advice for Councillors on Arm's Length External Organisations.

Commencing with the bodies listed in Appendix 1, the Council considered membership as undernoted:-

#### <u>Armed Forces Champion – 1 member</u>

#### Nominations

John McGinty – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Conn.

Carl John – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- John

McGinty 17 votes, Carl John 13 votes.

Decision

To appoint Councillor John McGinty.

# Bathgate Town Centre Management Group – 4 (1 member to be appointed as Chair)

#### Nominations

4 ward members with John McGinty as Chair – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Andre McGuire.

4 ward members with Willie Boyle as Chair – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- John McGinty 17 votes, Willie Boyle 13 votes.

#### Decision

To appoint 4 ward members with Councillor John McGinty as Chair.

## Bathgate Business Improvement District (BID) – 2 members

#### Nominations

Harry Cartmill and Charles Kennedy – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

#### Decision

There being no contrary position, Councillors Harry Cartmill and Charles Kennedy were appointed.

# Broxburn Town Centre Management Group – 4 (1 member to be appointed as Chair)

#### Nominations

4 ward members with Angela Doran as Chair – Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Andrew MGuire.

4 ward members with Diane Calder as Chair – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Angela Doran 17 votes, Diane Calder 13 votes.

#### Decision

To appoint 4 ward members with Councillor Angela Doran as Chair.

## Citizens Advice Bureau West Lothian

# Nominations

Andrew McGuire – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Conn.

Moira Shemilt – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:-

Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Peter Johnston
Tom Kerr	Carl John
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

#### Decision

It was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) that Councillor Andrew McGuire be appointed.

# Community Planning Partnership Board – 5 members – Composition

#### Motion

To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 SNP – Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

#### Amendment

To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 SNP and 2 Administration – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell

David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

### Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:-

Councillors Kirsteen Sullivan (Chair), Cathy Muldoon (Vice-Chair), Andrew McGuire, Charles Kennedy and David Tait.

# Community Safety Board – 5 members – Composition

# <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 SNP – Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

# Amendment

To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 SNP and 2 Administration – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Sarah King.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon	Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait
Cathy Muldoon George Paul	David Talt
George Faul	

Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

#### Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:-

Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Kirsteen Sullivan (Vice-Chair), David Dodds, Charles Kennedy and 1 SNP member (to be advised).

# Cosla Community and Wellbeing Board – 1 member

### Nominations

Dave King – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty

Frank Anderson – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Dave King 17 votes, Frank Anderson 13 votes.

### Decision

To appoint Councillor Dave King.

# Cosla Economic and Environment Board – 1 member

#### Nominations

Cathy Muldoon – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

Robert De Bold – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Cathy Muldoon 17 votes, Robert De Bold 13 votes.

#### Decision

To appoint Councillor Cathy Muldoon

# Cosla Executive Group – Education and Children Board – 1 member

#### Nominations

David Dodds – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

Andrew Miller – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- David Dodds 17 votes, Andrew Miller 13 votes.

## Decision

To appoint Councillor David Dodds.

# Cosla Executive Group – Health and Social Care Board – 1 member

### Nominations

Harry Cartmill – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

Peter Johnston – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Harry Cartmill 17 votes, Peter Johnston 13 votes.

### Decision

To appoint Councillor Harry Cartmill

# Edinburgh, Lothians, Borders and Falkirk Shadow Joint Committee – 1 member

#### Decision

To agree without division that Councillor Tom Conn be appointed.

# Linlithgow Town Centre Management Group – 3 members

#### Decision

To agree without division that the 3 ward members be appointed and that Councillor Tom Conn be appointed as Chair.

# <u>Linlithgow Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID) – 3</u> members

#### Nominations

David Tait – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

Councillor Conn – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

A votes was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Tom Conn 17 votes, David Tait 13 votes.

To agree without division that the 3 ward members be appointed and that Councillor Tom Conn be appointed as Chair.

# Linlithgow Mill Road Business Improvement District (BID) – 3 members

### Decision

To agree without division that the three ward members be appointed.

## Livingston Youth Trust

### Decision

To agree without division that 3 members be appointed, comprising 1 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 SNP. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Dom McGuire, Damian Timson and 1 SNP member (to be advised).

# Local Access Forum – 2 members

#### <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative – Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Opposition – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson	Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait
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The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Tom Conn and Alison Adamson.

## Lothian Valuation Joint Board and Joint Committee – 3 members

#### <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 3 members, comprising 2 Labour and 1 Conservative – Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

### Amendment

To appoint 3 members, comprising 2 SNP and 1 Administration – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion Alison Adamson	Amendment Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Dave King, Andrew McGuire, and Damian Timson.

# Lothian Buses Regional Sub-Committee – 1 member and 1 named substitute)

# Decision

To agree without division that Councillor Muldoon be appointed and that Councillor Andrew McGuire be appointed as substitute.

# Scotland Excel – 1 member

# Decision

To agree without division that Councillor McGinty be appointed.

# SESPlan – 2 members

#### <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

#### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Other

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

#### Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Cathy Muldoon and Dom McGuire.

#### SESTran – 2 members

#### Motion

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

# Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Other

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson	Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillor Cathy Muldoon and 1 Conservative (to be advised).

# St John's Hospital Stakeholder Group – 3 members

# <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 3 members, comprising 2 Labour and 1 Conservative – Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

# Amendment

To appoint 3 members comprising 2 SNP and 1 Administration – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark

Angela Doran Robert De Bold Chris Horne Jim Dickson Charles Kennedy Carl John Tom Kerr Peter Johnston Dave King Sarah King John McGinty Andrew Miller Andrew McGuire Moira Shemilt Dom McGuire David Tait Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan

### Decision

Damian Timson

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillor Harry Cartmill and Andrew McGuire and 1 Conservative (to be advised)

# Integration Joint Board – 4 members

### **Motion**

To appoint 4 members, comprising 3 Labour and 1 Conservative – Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

# Amendment

To appoint 4 members, comprising 2 SNP and 2 Administration – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Harry Cartmill (Chair), Dave King, George Paul and Damian Timson.

# West Lothian Development Trust – 4 members

## Decision

To agree without division to appoint 4 members, comprising 2 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 SNP.

The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Cathy Muldoon, David Dodds, Pauline Clark and Peter Heggie.

# West Lothian Leisure Ltd – Board of Directors – 5 members

#### <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 5 members, comprising 2 Labour, 2 Conservative and 1 SNP – Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

### Amendment

To appoint 5 members, comprising 3 SNP and 2 Administration – Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent)

and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Harry Cartmill, Angela Doran, Tom Kerr, Chris Horne and Andrew Miller.

# West Lothian Re-cycling Limited – Board of Management – 1 member

Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Tom Conn.

# <u>Whitburn Town Centre Management Group – 4 members (1 to be appointed as Chair)</u>

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint 4 ward members with Councillor George Paul as Chair.

# Appointments Relating to Appendix 2 to the Report

# <u>Acredale House Old People's Day Centre Management Committee – 1</u> member

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Harry Cartmill.

# Almond Valley Heritage Trust – 2 members

# Motion

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty

# Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Amendment
Frank Anderson
Willie Boyle
Diane Calder
Janet Campbell
Pauline Clark
Robert De Bold
Jim Dickson
Carl John
Peter Johnston
Sarah King
Andrew Miller

Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Moira Shemilt David Tait

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Dom McGuire and Alison Adamson.

# Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) – 3 members

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint 3 members, comprising 2 Labour and 1 SNP. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors George Paul, Dave King and Frank Anderson.

# Bathgate Fairtrade Steering Group – 2 members

# <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

# Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:-

Motion Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire	Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	David Tall
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	

Damian Timson

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors John McGinty and Charles Kennedy.

# Dedridge Good Neighbour Network – 1 member

## Nominations

Lawrence Fitzpatrick – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

Moira Shemilt – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Lawrence Fitzpatrick 17 votes, Moira Shemilt 13 votes.

### Decision

To appoint Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick.

# Disability West Lothian and West Lothian Access Committee – 2 members

#### <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

#### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Motion	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller

Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson Moira Shemilt David Tait

## Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Angela Doran and Peter Heggie.

# Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council – 1 member

### Nominations

Kirsteen Sullivan – Proposed by Councillor McGinty, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

Pauline Clark – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Kirsteen Sullivan 17 votes, Pauline Clark 13 votes.

### Decision

To appoint Councillor Kirsteen Sullivan.

# Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee – 1 member

# **Decision**

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Dave King.

# Family and Community Development West Lothian – 1 member

#### Nominations

Angela Doran – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

Janet Campbell – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Angela Doran 17 votes, Janet Campbell 13 votes.

#### Decision

To appoint Councillor Angela Doran.

# Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley Fairtrade Steering Group – 2 members

# <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 2 Labour members.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan seconded by Councillor McGinty.

# Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Motion	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Cathy Muldoon and David Dodds.

# Firefly Arts – 1 member

To note that no nomination/appointment was made.

# Handicabs (Lothians) Ltd – 1 member

Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Tom Conn.

# Korean War Memorial – 2 members

**Motion** 

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

#### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Motion	Amen
Alison Adamson	Frank
Stuart Borrowman	Willie
Harry Cartmill	Diane
Tom Conn	Janet
David Dodds	Paulin
Angela Doran	Rober
Chris Horne	Jim Di
Charles Kennedy	Carl J
Tom Kerr	Peter
Dave King	Sarah
John McGinty	Andre
Andrew McGuire	Moira
Dom McGuire	David
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Amendment Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

#### Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Tom Conn and Charles Kennedy.

# Lanthorn Community Complex Trust – Board of Management – 2 members

#### Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick and Moira Shemilt.

#### Levenseat Trust - 1 member

#### Nominations

David Dodds – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

Pauline Clark - Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor

Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- David Dodds 17 votes, Pauline Clark 13 votes.

Decision

To appoint Councillor David Dodds.

# Linlithgow Fair Trade Steering Group – 2 members

## **Motion**

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Motion	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Tom Conn and Tom Kerr.

# Linlithgow Parish Trust – 3 members

To agree without division to appoint the three ward members.

# Livingston Fairtrade Steering Group – 2 members

#### <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

#### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

Motion	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillor Tom Conn and Provost Tom Kerr.

# Local Authority Fairtrade Forum – 1 member

#### Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Harry Cartmill

# Lothian Community Transport Services Executive Committee – 1 member

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Tom Conn.

# Lowland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Assocation – 1 member

# Nominations

Bruce Fairbairn – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Timson.

Carl John – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Bruce Fairbairn 17 votes, Carl John 13 votes.

Decision

To appoint Councillor Bruce Fairbairn.

# Mayors for Peace – 1 member

Decision

To agree without division to appoint Provost Tom Kerr.

# <u>Open Door Accommodation Project Management Committee – 1</u> member

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Angela Doran.

# Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum & Joint Committee – <u>1 member</u>

# Nominations

Damian Timson – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

Carl John – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Damian Timson 17 votes, Carl John 13 votes.

# Decision

To appoint Councillor Damian Timson.

# Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate Ltd – 4 members

To agree without division to appoint 4 members, comprising 2 Labour, 1 SNP and 1 Conservative. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillor John McGinty, Harry Cartmill, Charles Kennedy and 1 SNP (to be advised).

# Scottish Accident Prevention Council – 3 members

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint 3 members, comprising 1 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 SNP. The Council then appointed the following members:-Charles Kennedy, Dom McGuire and 1 SNP (to be advised).

# Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS) – 1 member

Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Tom Conn.

# Scottish Council on Visual Impairment – 1 member

**Decision** 

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Dave King.

# Scottish Schools Education Research Centre (SSERC) – 1 member

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor David Dodds.

# SEEMIS Group LLP – 1 member

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor David Dodds.

# VisitScotland Edinburgh and Lothians Area Tourism Partnership – 1 member

# Nominations

Tom Kerr – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

Tom Conn – Proposed by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty

Carl John – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Counciflor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Tom Kerr 5 votes, Tom Conn 11 votes, Carl John 13 votes.

Tom Kerr had the fewest votes and was eliminated. Another vote was taken which resulted as follows:- Tom Conn 17 votes, Carl John 13 votes.

## Decision

To agree to appoint Councillor Tom Conn.

# West Lothian Chamber of Commerce (Board) – 1 member

#### Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Chris Horne.

# West Lothian Destination Management Organisation – 1 member

### Nominations

Tom Kerr – Proposed by Councillor Horne, seconded by Councillor Kennedy.

Carl John – Proposed by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

A vote was taken by a show of hands which resulted as follows:- Tom Kerr 17 votes, Carl John 13 votes.

Decision

To appoint Provost Tom Kerr.

# West Lothian Economic Partnership Forum – 2 members

Motion

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGfinty.

#### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran	Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold

Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	

### Decision

Damian Timson

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Cathy Muldoon and Bruce Fairbairn.

# West Lothian Educational Trust – 5 members

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint 5 members, comprising 2 Labour, 2 SNP and 1 Conservative. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillor David Dodds, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, 2 SNP (to be advised) and 1 Conservative (to be advised).

# West Lothian Enterprise Limited – 3 members

Motion

To appoint 3 members, comprising 1 Conservative, 1 Labour and 1 SNP.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

# Amendment

To appoint 3 members, comprising 2 SNP and 1 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller

Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

Moira Shemilt David Tait

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Chris Horne and 1 SNP (to be advised).

# West Lothian Fairtrade Steering Group – 3 members

### Decision

To agree without division to appoint 3 members, comprising 1 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 SNP. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillor Tom Conn, Peter Heggie and 1 SNP (to be advised).

# West Lothian Leader Local Action Group – 1 member

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor John McGinty.

# West Lothian Trust for the benefit of People with Disabilities – 6 members

To note that the Trust has asked for the appointment of the Provost, Chair and Vice-Chair of Environment PDSP, Chair and Vice-Chair of Culture and Leisure and Leader of the largest opposition party.

# Decision

- 1. To agree to appoint Provost Tom Kerr and Councillors Tom Conn, Cathy Muldoon, Dave King and the SNP Group Leader; and
- 2. To note that one position remained and that the Trust would be contacted for advice on how this should be filled.

# West Lothian Twinning Association – 2 members

#### Motion

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

#### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson
Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	
Damian Timson	

#### Decision

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Dave King and Chris Horne.

# West Lothian Youth Action Project – 2 members

#### Motion

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 Labour and 1 Conservative.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

#### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	Amendment
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell
David Dodds	Pauline Clark
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson

Charles Kennedy	Carl John
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston
Dave King	Sarah King
John McGinty	Andrew Miller
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt
Dom McGuire	David Tait
Cathy Muldoon	
George Paul	
Kirsteen Sullivan	

## Decision

Damian Timson

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Angela Doran and Peter Heggie.

# West Lothian Youth Foundation – 1 member

# Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor George Paul.

# West Lothian/Grapevine Twinning Association – 6 members

# <u>Motion</u>

To appoint 6 members, comprising 2 Labour, 3 Conservative and 1 SNP.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

# Amendment

To appoint 6 members, comprising 3 SNP and 3 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

<u>Motion</u>	Amendment	<u>Abstain</u>
Alison Adamson	Frank Anderson	Stuart Borrowman
Stuart Borrowman	Willie Boyle	
Harry Cartmill	Diane Calder	
Tom Conn	Janet Campbell	
David Dodds	Pauline Clark	
Angela Doran	Robert De Bold	
Chris Horne	Jim Dickson	
Charles Kennedy	Carl John	
Tom Kerr	Peter Johnston	
Dave King	Sarah King	
John McGinty	Andrew Miller	
Andrew McGuire	Moira Shemilt	
Dom McGuire	David Tait	
Cathy Muldoon		

George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

# Decision

The motion was agreed by 16 votes to 13 votes (with 1 abstention and 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors Harry Cartmill, Dave King, Tom Kerr, Charles Kennedy, Chris Horne and 1 SNP (to be advised).

# West Lothian Archaeology Service – 1 member and 1 substitute

Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Lawrence Fitzpatrick as the named member and Councillor Damian Timson as substitute.

# Whitburn Fairtrade Steering Group – 2 members

<u>Motion</u>

To appoint 2 Labour members.

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

### Amendment

To appoint 2 members, comprising 1 SNP and 1 Administration.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

The roll call vote resulted as follows:

The motion was agreed by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly. The Council then appointed the following members:- Councillors George Paul and Kirsteen Sullivan.

## West Lothian Ventures Group Limited – 3 Members

### Decision

To agree without division that 3 members be appointed, comprising 1 Labour,1 Conservative and 1 SNP. The Council then appointed the following members: Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick and Chris Horne and 1 SNP (to be advised).

# Worker's Educational Association – 1 Member

### Decision

To agree without division to appoint Councillor Angela Doran.

### ADJOURNMENT

It was agreed that the meeting adjourn for 45 minutes.

The meeting reconvened after the allotted 45 minutes.

# 6. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION - REMOVE THE BEDROOM TAX - SUBMITTED</u> <u>BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON</u>

The Council considered a motion submitted by Councillor Johnston in the following terms:-

"West Lothian Council condemns the Westminster imposition of the Bedroom Tax upon tenants and the resultant hardship this Tory policy has brought to our communities.

Council welcomes the fact that the SNP Scottish Government has provided the following financial support to West Lothian Council specifically to fully mitigate this appalling policy;

Financial Year	Total DHP spend to mitigate removal of spare room subsidy
2013/14 2014/15 2015/16 2016/17	£625,387 £1,834,775 £1,899,550 £1,981,918
Total Spend	££6,341,630

Council recognises that the Scottish Government receives no grant funding to provide for this significant mitigations and believes that the

removal of the Bedroom Tax, and thus the removal of the need for mitigation, is in the best interests of Scottish Local Government."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Calder.

#### First Amendment

"Social Security powers are being transferred to Scotland and the Scottish Government will have the powers to set out levels of benefits and what previous Acts of Parliament are introduced or abolished. This will include the Welfare Reform Act 2012 which introduced reductions in benefits for under occupancy of rooms and allowed for more appropriate allocation of housing to these who needed it most.

Therefore, the amendment is that no letter is sent to the UK Government as this will be in the powers of a Scottish Government and the fairer way of housing allocation in England made this Act an appropriate and fair Act."

Moved by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Horne.

#### Second Amendment

"West Lothian Council does indeed condemn the imposition of the bedroom tax upon tenants and the resultant hardship this policy has brought to our communities. However, it is regrettable that the Scottish Government chose not to accept the welfare powers that could have abolished this tax, choosing to defer them until 2020.

West Lothian Council welcomes the fact that the Scottish Government chose to fully mitigate the impact of the Bedroom Tax in Scotland by providing local authorities with additional Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) funding, but only after significant pressure from the Scottish Parliamentary Labour Group.

It is accepted that no funding transfers to Scotland occurred for the mitigation of the Bedroom Tax. The Scottish Government's decision to direct £35 million of funding to fully mitigate the Bedroom Tax was a decision for the Scottish Government under its devolved powers.

This Council calls on the Scottish Government to embrace its devolved powers on social security, bring forwards its acceptance of the new powers and address the day job of running Scotland for the benefit of all."

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Dodds.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion against the first amendment moved. The results was as follows:-

Motion	First Amendment	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson	Alison Adamson	Harry Cartmill
Stuart Borrowman	Chris Horne	Tom Conn
Willie Boyle	Charles Kennedy	David Dodds

Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Tom Kerr Damian Timson

Angela Doran Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan

The motion was successful by 14 votes to 5 votes with 11 abstentions and 3 members absent.

A roll call vote was then taken on the motion against the second amendment moved. The result was as follows:-

#### Motion

Second Amendment

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul
	George Paul
	Kirsteen Sullivan
	Damian Timson

#### Decision

The second amendment was successful by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly.

### 7. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION - MEANS TESTING OF COLD WEATHER</u> <u>PAYMENTS - SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ANDERSON</u>

The Council considered a motion submitted by Councillor Anderson in the following terms:-

"West Lothian Council SNP Group notes with dismay the UK manifesto pledge of the Tories to means test 'cold weather payments'. This will mean that many vulnerable pensioners will be denied a contribution towards their fuel bills.

West Lothian Council SNP Group further notes the opposition to this means testing with the Scottish Tory Manifesto.

West Lothian Council SNP Group notes however that this issue is a reserved matter and that therefore a "UK" decision to means test will result in a cut in funding for Scottish Pensioners and require the Scottish Government to divert funding from other areas to mitigate this appalling Tory policy and to protect Scottish pensioners.

West Lothian Council SNP Group therefore calls upon West Lothian Council to condemn this heartless attack on pensioners and to write to the next Prime Minister calling for the removal of this means testing proposal and seeking guarantees that should this removal not be agreed that full Westminster funding of Scottish cold weather payments will be continued."

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Campbell.

### First Amendment

The Council considered an amendment by Councillor Timson and heard legal advice by the Governance Manager in relation to the final sentence within the amendment. The Provost asked if Councillor Timson wished to remove the final sentence of his amendment in light of the advice given. Councillor Horne did so, and informed the Council that his amendment would read as follows:-

"There are no proposals in the Conservative manifesto to alter Cold Weather payments, which are already means-tested.

This Council should not write to the UK Prime Minister on this issue."

Moved by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Horne.

#### Second Amendment

"The SNP Motion makes reference to the Conservative manifesto pledge to means-test Cold Weather payments. It is the case that Cold Weather Payments are different from Winter Fuel Payments.

Cold Weather Payments are existing means-tested payments designed to help those on low incomes meet additional fuel costs during periods of cold weather. In 201516, there were an estimated 415,000 individuals eligible for Cold Weather Payments in Scotland with 119,000 actually receiving a payment and a total expenditure of £3.4m.

It is a matter of fact that on my reading there are no proposals in the Conservative manifesto alter Cold Weather Payments which are already means-tested.

Council is reminded that it was a Westminster Labour Government which introduced Winter Fuel Payments. If any future government implements

proposed changes to means test Winter Fuel Payments, this Council will call on the Scottish Government to use its full powers to mitigate the impact on our elderly citizens.

This Council asserts that triple lock on pensions should be protected."

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor McGinty.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion against the first amendment moved. The results was as follows:-

#### Motion

First Amendment

<u>Abstain</u>

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait Alison Adamson Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Damian Timson Harry Cartmill Stuart Borrowman Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan

The motion was successful by 13 votes to 5 votes (with 12 abstentions and 3 members absent).

A roll call vote was then taken on the motion against the second amendment moved. The result was as follows:-

#### Motion

Second Amendment

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Alison Adamson Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson
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The second amendment was successful by 17 votes to 13 votes (with 3 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly.

8. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION - WESTMINSTER TORIES DEMENTIA TAX -</u> SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

The Council considered a motion submitted by Councillor Johnston in the following terms:-

"West Lothian Council SNP Group condemns the Tories planned introduction of the "Dementia Tax" in England and Wales.

West Lothian Council SNP Group notes that these Tory plans seek to include the value of someone's home when deciding how much they must pay towards care at home.

West Lothian Council SNP Group further notes that a reduction in Government spending on care at home costs in England and Wales will mean a corresponding reduction in the financial support for social care in Scotland.

West Lothian Council SNP Group therefore calls upon West Lothian Council to condemn the Tories "Dementia Tax" and to write to the next Prime Minister making this condemnation clear and seeking a guarantee that there will be no Westminster cut in funding for social care in Scotland."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Sarah King.

At this point, the Council Leader joined the meeting and took part in this item of business and the remaining items of business.

#### First Amendment

"With the increasing in England and Wales of the floor in which older people contribute towards their care, by over times the current amount, it is unclear at what the impact is to Scotland with regards to the Block Grant.

Additionally, with (at this time unknown figure) a cap on how much people will be contributing towards their care costs, it is impossible to ascertain the impact to the Block Grant.

With the Scottish Government having the ability to allocate funds from the Block Grant to whichever area it deems necessary, there is not a specific cut in funding for Social Care in Scotland and therefore this motion is to be rejected as the Scottish Government will be able to put as much monies into social care as it deems necessary."

Moved by Councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Horne.

#### Second Amendment

"The Council recognises that in Scotland personal and nursing care is fully devolved and free, subject to an assessment of need, as delivered by the Labour led Scottish Executive in 2002.

This council welcomes the concern from the SNP group for the welfare of citizens throughout the UK.

The statement in the motion to the effect that a reduction in care at home spending in England and Wales will have on the social care budget for Scotland.

The statement is based on two unproven assumptions:

A reduction in spending on care at home costs in England and Wales will result in a reduction in the overall level of public expenditure in England and Wales and therefore have an adverse impact on the Barnett formula allocation to Scotland. Any adjustments to social care spending in England and Wales, positive or negative, will have a knock on effect on the Scottish block grant, as a result of the Barnett formula. However, at this stage there is no indication of the overall effect all policy changes will have on the Scottish block allocation.

A reduction in block grant translates into a "reduction in the financial support for social care in Scotland". It remains a matter for the Scottish Government to decide how they will allocate Scottish block grant resources, including the Barnett consequentials for any policy changes in England and Wales."

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Paul.

Council Leader Lawrence Fitzpatrick had joined the meeting prior to a vote being taken on this item of business.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion against the first amendment moved. The results was as follows:-

<u>Motion</u>	First Amendment	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait	Alison Adamson Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Damian Timson	Harry Cartmill Stuart Borrowman Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Lawrence Fitz\patrick Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan

The motion was successful by 13 votes to 5 votes (with 13 abstentions and 2 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly.

A roll call vote was then taken on the motion against the second amendment moved. The result was as follows:-

# Motion Second Amendment

Frank Anderson	Alison Adamson
Willie Boyle	Stuart Borrowman
Diane Calder	Harry Cartmill
Janet Campbell	Tom Conn
Pauline Clark	David Dodds
Robert De Bold	Angela Doran
Jim Dickson	Chris Horne
Carl John	Charles Kennedy
Peter Johnston	Tom Kerr
Sarah King	Dave King
Andrew Miller	John McGinty
Moira Shemilt	Andrew McGuire
David Tait	Dom McGuire
	Cathy Muldoon
	George Paul
	Kirsteen Sullivan
	Damian Timson

#### Decision

The second amendment was successful by 18 votes to 13 votes (with 2 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly.

### 9. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION - TORIES RAPE CLAUSE - SUBMITTED BY</u> COUNCILLOR JOHNSTON

The Council considered motion submitted by Councillor Johnston in the following terms:-

West Lothian Council SNP Group condemns the Tories vile and despicable Rape Clause.

West Lothian Council SNP Group condemns the Tories plans to limit tax credits and the child element of universal credit to the first two children in a family as this makes the totally unacceptable statement that we only value the first two children in a family, and seeks to make a judgment on the lives of families live, and on the choices that families make, that is not acceptable in any free society. West Lothian Council SNP Group calls upon West Lothian Council to write to the next Prime Minister condemning this policy and calling for its immediate removal."

Moved by Councillor Johnston, seconded by Councillor Shemilt.

#### First Amendment

"it is incumbent on the UK Government to both reduce the deficit and ensure those who need support the most receive it. The changes to child tax credits ensures that this is the case and the new Child Element of Universal Credit will only apply to the first two children, with the following exemptions:

- Adopting Children
- Those involved in kinship care
- Multiple Births
- Child born out of non-consensual conception.

At the time, this Act was introduced to Parliament, the Labour Party stated they would not be voting against the new Act.

Not to have such policies protecting those in the above circumstances is cruel beyond belief and this motion to write to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom asking to remove this policy is to be rejected."

Moved by councillor Timson, seconded by Councillor Horne.

#### Second Amendment

"It is understood that the move to Universal Credit and Child Tax Credit is being phased out and replaced by a new child element of Universal Credit. Under this move the child element will only apply to the first two children, with the following exemptions:

- adopting children
- those involved in kinship care
- multiple births
- a child born as a result of non-consensual conception this is the so called 'Rape Clause'.

Labour considers that forcing victims of rape to ensure further trauma, as a result of having the 'prove' they have been raped to receive child benefits by filling out an application form, is an affront to women in general and motherhood in particular.

Labour has set out a General Election commitment to abolish the 'Rape Clause',

Council agrees to write to the next UK government post General Election on 9th June to repeal this derisory provision.

Until such times as it is abolished we call on the SNP Government to use the full powers of the Scottish Parliament to mitigate any penalties faced by women and families."

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Doran.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion against the first amendment moved. The results was as follows:-

#### <u>Motion</u>

Frank Anderson Stuart Borrowman Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait First Amendment

Alison Adamson Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Damian Timson Abstain

Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Lawrence Fitzpatrick Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan

The motion was successful by 14 votes to 5 votes with 12 abstentions and 2 members absent.

A roll call vote was then taken on the motion against the second amendment moved. The result was as follows:-

#### Motion

Second Amendment

Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Janet Campbell Pauline Clark Robert De Bold Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Sarah King Andrew Miller Moira Shemilt David Tait

Stuart Borrowman Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Lawrence Fitzpatrick Dave King John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Alison Adamson Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Damian Timson

Abstain

#### Decision

The motion received 13 votes and the second amendment received 13 votes. There were 5 abstentions and 2 members absent.

The Provost used his casting vote in favour of the second amendment and it was agreed accordingly.

#### 10. <u>NOTICE OF MOTION - WEST LOTHIAN'S LABOUR/TORY DEAL -</u> <u>SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ANDERSON</u>

Councillors De Bold, Sarah King and Miller left the meeting at this point and took no part in the remaining items of business.

The Council considered a motion submitted by Councillor Anderson in the following terms:-

"West Lothian Council welcomes the statement by the current Scottish Labour Leader Kezia Dugdale, in condemnation of the Aberdeen Council Labour/Tory coalition.

Kezia said.

"It was rejected because we didn't believe there was enough evidence the Labour group put forward that there would be no compulsory redundancies and no end to austerity."

Dugdale said it was rejected because;

"the lived reality is that the Tories are the party of austerity".

West Lothian Council SNP Group agrees that the Tories are the "party of austerity" and that they have well earned the title "Nasty Party" following their pledge to remove free school meals, means test cold weather payments and withdraw the 'triple lock' on pensions.

West Lothian Council SNP Group therefore calls upon the current West Lothian Labour Council Group Leader to detail to this council how his deal with the Tories is different."

Moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John.

# Amendment

"Council recognises that we continue to have a minority Labour Administration here in West Lothian with no power sharing arrangements."

Moved by Councillor Sullivan, seconded by Councillor Cartmill.

It was agreed that a roll call vote be taken which resulted as follows:

Motion	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Frank Anderson Willie Boyle Diane Calder Pauline Clark Janet Campbell Jim Dickson Carl John Peter Johnston Moira Shemilt David Tait	Alison Adamson Harry Cartmill Tom Conn David Dodds Angela Doran Lawrence Fitzpatrick Chris Horne Charles Kennedy Tom Kerr Dave King	Stuart Borrowman

John McGinty Andrew McGuire Dom McGuire Cathy Muldoon George Paul Kirsteen Sullivan Damian Timson

# Decision

The amendment was successful by 17 votes to 10 votes (with 1 abstention and 5 members absent) and it was agreed accordingly.

# 11. DOCUMENTS FOR EXECUTION

The Chief Solicitor presented 170 documents for execution.

## Decision

That the deeds be executed.

## 12. <u>SCHOOL BUS PASSES - QUESTION TO THE EXECUTIVE</u> <u>COUNCILLOR SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BORROWMAN</u>

A written question to the Executive Councillor had been submitted by Councillor Borrowman in the following terms:-

"In summer 2016, the Council issued letters withdrawing school bus passes to around 200 children, notably in south Livingston and east Armadale.

Following discussion, passes were reinstated for academic year 2016-17 for those who had had them in previous schools years – though not for new s1 pupils in the same area(s).

Can the Council confirm that those pupils who had their bus passes reinstated with continue to be issued with them for the remainder of their school career?

The Executive Councillor for Development and Transport provided a verbal answer to the written question.

#### Decision

To note the written question put and verbal answer given.

### 13. <u>MISSED AND LATE BIN COLLECTIONS - QUESTION TO THE</u> <u>EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR - SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR</u> <u>BORROWMAN</u>

A written question to the Executive Councillor had been submitted by

Councillor Borrowman in the following terms:-

"What number of complaints and requests for service were received in regard to late or missed bin collections in:

2015-16 2016-17

The Executive Councillor provided a verbal answer to the written question.

Councillor Borrowman asked a supplementary question and the Executive Councillor undertook to provide a written answer.

Decision

To note the questions put and answers given.

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#### **Corporate Services**

Committee Services Carol Johnston Chief Solicitor

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27 June 2017

Dear Minister

#### AMENDMENT – TORIES RAPE CLAUSE

At a meeting of West Lothian Council held on 7 June 2017, the Council considered a motion concerning 'The Rape Clause'. An amendment by Councillor Sullivan was subsequently agreed.

I would be grateful if you could consider the terms of the amendment (copy attached). I would ask that your response be directed to Graham Hope, Chief Executive, West Lothian Council.

Yours sincerely

A. Higgins

for Graham Hope Chief Executive

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Mr Graham Hope Chief Executive, West Lothian Council Our ref: POS(2)4026/947 Civic Centre Howden South Road Livingston EH54 6FF 31 JUL 2017

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Thank you for your letter of 27 June to the Secretary of State about Universal Credit. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this area of the Department's work.

Support for parents through Child Tax Credit and Universal Credit is now limited to a maximum of two children. In Child Tax Credit the limit will only apply to third and subsequent children born on or after 6 April 2017. For Universal Credit, this policy will also apply to future Universal Credit new claims.

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Households who have been in receipt of support for parents in Universal Credit, Child Tax Credits, Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance in the last six months, will be protected so that their existing level of entitlement is maintained (as long as they remain entitled and responsible for the same children and qualifying young people).

However, we recognise that some claimants are not able to make choices about the number of children in their family and the exceptions will ensure that these claimants continue to receive support for their third and subsequent children. We consulted on how the exceptions should be implemented, and the decision was made for them to apply to third and subsequent children who are:

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- part of a multiple birth: The first child in a multiple birth will not be an exception but additional children in a multiple birth are;
- adopted when they would otherwise be in local authority care;

- living long-term with friends or family and would otherwise be at risk of entering the care system; or
- likely to have been born as a result of non-consensual conception, which for this purpose includes rape or where the claimant was in a controlling or coercive relationship with the child's other biological parent at the time of conception.

Whilst I have noted the concerns you have raised, we believe that the policy strikes the right balance between protecting the vulnerable, such as by retaining extra support for families with disabled children, and encouraging families who receive benefits to make the same financial decisions about the number of children they can afford to support as those families who support themselves solely through work do.

With regard to the fourth exception detailed above, the Government understands that this is an incredibly sensitive issue. As we have said from the beginning, claimants who have a third or subsequent child born as a result of non-consensual conception will not see their child subject to the limit. I can assure you that the claimant will never be questioned about the incident by a member of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) or HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) staff, and we will not require any evidence of a criminal conviction or judicial finding.

In full acknowledgement of the sensitivity of the circumstances of claimants applying for the exceptions, we conducted a consultation on how they should be implemented at the end of 2016 and published the Government response on 20 January this year.

We have listened to stakeholders and the exception has been extended to include children likely to be conceived at a time when the claimant was in a controlling or coercive relationship.

It was in recognition of this feedback that we took the decision to use a third party model in order to determine when the exception should apply. A claimant will be granted the exception through engaging with specialist professionals, those who can provide claimants with, or signpost them to, further support. In some cases this will mean they can use a third party professional that they have already established a relationship with.

Third party professionals will complete a straightforward form with the claimant, which discloses a minimal amount of information and which DWP or HMRC will accept as evidence. Alternatively, if there is existing

evidence such as a relevant criminal conviction or award from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme, the claimant will be able to use this as evidence with no need to discuss their circumstances.

Furthermore, there will be no time limit on when the report must be made and the information will be treated with the utmost sensitivity. Further information on this exception can be found on the Government's website at: www.gov.uk/guidance/universal-credit-and-families-withmore-than-2-children-information-for-claimants#special-circumstances.

I can also assure you that we have been thorough in taking data protection issues into account and the Departments' lawyers are satisfied that the process does not breach the Data Protection Act in any way. Award notices will not state the reason for the exception.

The Department is also familiar with holding sensitive data securely. This includes for example, information about domestic violence, transgender status or instances where we hold sensitive health information on one partner in a joint claim. The same approach on privacy is being followed by HMRC.

It is also worth noting that a third party evidence model is already used in Universal Credit for the temporary relaxation of mandatory work-related requirements for recent victims of domestic violence.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Damian Hinds MP Minister for Employment MINUTE of MEETING of the PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 10 APRIL 2017.

<u>Present</u> – Councillors Stuart Borrowman (Chair), Tony Boyle, Carl John, Greg McCarra, John McGinty

## 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 2. <u>MINUTE</u>

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 30 January 2017 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

## 3. <u>CUSTOMER AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - REPORT BY HEAD OF</u> HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the performance of the Customer and Community Services service.

The report advised that in November 2015 the Council Executive agreed that Community Facilities and Customer Service Development should be integrated to deliver a modernised frontline service on behalf of the council. The two services came together on 1 April 2016 following a major restructure.

Much of the service activity during 2016/17 had been aligned to ensure the service delivered the agreed services across many locations, working in partnership with communities in the form of voluntary management committees. Significant effort was made to ensure that staff was able to meet the requirements of their new generic roles.

The service continued to progress Partnership Centre developments, with East Calder, Linlithgow and Blackburn all due to open in 2017. Early work had begun on Partnership Centres in Armadale and Whitburn with communities taking a lead role in progressing layouts and structures.

The report went on to advise that the service also supported the voluntary community centre management committees through the formation of a Management Committee Forum. The purpose of the Forum was to support committees, share experience and knowledge, arrange training and keep communities of service or legislative changes.

In September 2016 the service undertook an interim review of the service restructure which took account of views from customers, staff and

management committees. A detailed action plan was then put in place to address the issues that arose.

The amalgamated services had a robust performance framework in place that allowed data capture at an individual basis. Following the service reorganisation a full review of all performance indicators was undertaken and a new performance framework was created to allow reporting across the service as well as at neighbourhood level.

In conclusion the report advised that the service went through a major restructure and had built a new performance management framework in order to monitor and assess performance across a range of services.

The report recommended that the committee:-

- 1. Note the performance report for Customers and Community Services
- 2. Provide feedback on the performance information.
- 3. Identify any issues and make recommendations for performance improvement.

There then followed a number of questions particularly in relation to change of hours at libraries, staff training, Management Committees and the Management Committee Forum and what assistance it provided.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

# 4. <u>HR AND SUPPORT SERVICES PERFORMANCE - REPORT BY HEAD</u> OF CORPORATE SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services providing an overview of the performance of HR and Support Services.

The report advised that the HR and Support Services was part of the Corporate Services grouping and provided a range of services, advice and support to all council services. A significant function was to ensure that appropriate employment and people development strategies, policies and procedures were in place to drive and support corporate and service business objectives, modernisation and improvement.

The service also provided a range of administration and support functions within the Civic Centre and to a number of locations outwith the Civic Centre. In addition the service administered payroll services on behalf of the Improvement Service, West Lothian College and West Lothian Leisure

The report went on to advise that the service had a range of performance indicators which were used to measure the performance for the service. In addition the service was responsible for three specified performance indicators: the average number of days per employee lost through sickness absence, the number and percentage of highest paid 5% earners amongst council employees that were women and the gender pay gap.

In conclusion the report and attached appendix summarised the work and performance of HR and Support Services.

The report recommended that the committee:-

- 1. Note the performance report for HR and Support Services
- 2. Provide feedback on service performance
- 3. Identify any recommendations for performance improvement

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

# 5 <u>COMPLAINT PERFORMANCE QUARTER 3 2016/17</u>

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing the quarterly analysis of closed complaints for Quarter 3 2016-17.

The committee was advised that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) developed and published a model Complaint Handling Procedure (CHP) on 28 March 2012. The model CHP was to ensure a standardised approach in dealing with customer complaints across the local authority sector. All local authorities were required to adopt the model CHP by 31 March 2013.

Contained within the report at Table 1 was complaints information by category for Quarter 3 over the 5 year period 2012-13 to 2016-17. It was noted that of the 2523 complaints for Quarter 3, 2016-17, 2090 of these were attributed to Housing, Customer and Building Services and Operational Services.

The main contributors in Standard of Service complaints were Housing, Customer and Building Services with 255 complaints and Operational Services with 694 complaints. The increase in complaints for Operational Services was linked to Waste Services roll out of the 140 litre containers and the route optimisation activity.

The Depute Chief Executive explained that of the 694 Operational Services Standard of Service complaints, Waste Services received a total of 503. These complaints continued to range from missed container collections, issues relating to customer container take out service and the provision of replacement containers.

A total of 435 Policy related complaints were received which was an increase of 159 from the equivalent quarter. An increase in Waiting Time

complaints were generated by Operational Services and Housing Customer and Building Services.

Housing, Customer and Building Services was a main contributor to waiting time complaints, these complaints were generally linked to the time the customer was expected to wait for a repair to be carried out or issues about repeat repairs that required additional work to be carried out.

The Corporate Complaint Steering Board identified 4 high level indicators that provided a summary of complaint handling performance and detailed as follows:-

- Total complaints received
- Complaints closed within 5 working days
- Complaints closed within 20 working days
- Complaints partly upheld/upheld

Table 2 within the report provided a summary of service performance against these four indicators for Quarter 3 in 2015/16 and 2016-17.

Table 3 provided indicative ratios for the number of complaints against the specific customer groups for Area Services, Education Services, Housing, Construction and Building Services and Operational Services.

Table 4 provided a service trend summary of upheld, part upheld complaints as a percentage of complaints received by quarter cover 2015/16, Q1 and Q2 2016/17

The report concluded that the level of complaints received in Quarter 3; 2016-17 had shown an increase when compared to the equivalent quarter in the previous year but had decreased compared to previous quarter. The main contributor to the increase continued to be Operational Services. Operational Services had implemented various corrective actions to manage the demand that was currently being placed on the service.

It was recommended that the Performance Committee :-

- 1. Note the corporate and service complaint performance against the standards outlined in the council's complaint handling procedure; and
- 2. Continue to monitor complaint performance and request additional information from services as required.

# Decision

To note the terms of the report.

MINUTE of MEETING of the AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 27 FEBRUARY 2017.

<u>Present</u> – Councillors Frank Toner (Chair), John McGinty, William Boyle, Jim Dixon and David Tait

Apologies – Noel Lawlor, Lay Member

In attendance

Graham Hope (Chief Executive), Donald Forrest (Head of Finance and Property Services), Kenneth Ribbons (Audit, Risk and Counter Fraud Manager), James Millar (Governance Manager), Stephen Reid and Keith MacPherson (EY).

# 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest made.

# 2. <u>MINUTE</u>

The Audit and Governance Committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 19 December 2016 as being a correct record. The Chair thereafter signed the minute.

# 3. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2017/18

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Audit, Risk and Counter Fraud Manager, providing details of the Internal Audit Plan 2017/18.

The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) requires that a risk based audit plan to be prepared. The internal audit plan for 2017/18 set out the planned internal audit work for the year to 31 March 2018, details of which were attached at appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 to the report set out details of the council's high risks as recorded in the corporate risk register. In relation to the appendix, the original risk score represented the assessed risk before implementation of control measures, and the current risk score represented the assessed risk following the implementation of current control measures.

The internal audit plan ensured that internal audit work was properly planned and focused on areas of greatest risk.

The Audit, Risk and Counter Fraud Manager advised that risk WLC012 was no longer considered to be a high risk, the council's budget having been approved on 20 February. In response to questions he also confirmed that a report previously considered by the committee regarding theft by a council employee in Housing, Customer & Building Services was being dealt with through the Counter Fraud Annual plan. He also confirmed that the resources available to him and the provision in the

annual plan for reactive work meant that the level of assurance given continued to be accurate.

It was recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee approves the 2017/18 internal audit plan.

Decision

Approved the terms of the report.

# 4. RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2017/18

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Audit, Risk and Counter Fraud Manager providing details of the Risk Management Plan 2017/18.

The Committee was advised that the Risk Management Plan for 2017/18 set out the main areas of planning work on risk management, including business continuity planning. A copy of the Risk Management Plan for 2017/18 was attached to the report at Appendix 1. Risk management work aimed to ensure that sound processes were in place at both a corporate and service level for the management of risk.

Business continuity work aimed to ensure that effective corporate and service business continuity plans were in place. The Committee also noted that the council's risk consultant, Gallagher Bassett, provided free risk consultancy as part of the insurance contract and the Governance and Risk Board would be consulted in relation to the potential for further consultancy work to be undertaken during 2017/18.

It was recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee approve the 2017/18 Risk Management Plan.

#### Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

# 5. <u>COUNTER FRAUD PLAN 2017/18</u>

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Audit, Risk and Counter Fraud Manager providing details of the Counter Fraud Plan 2017/18. Attached to the report at Appendix 1 was a copy of the Counter Fraud Plan for 2017/18, which set out the counter fraud work to be undertaken for the year to 31 March 2018.

The Committee was advised that the counter fraud plan was an essential component of the council's counter fraud arrangements. The main elements of the plan were outlined within the report. It was noted that progress in relation to the counter fraud plan and the National Fraud Initiative data matching exercise would be reported periodically to the Audit and Governance Committee.

It was recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee approve the 2017/18 Counter Fraud Plan.

In response to questions about following up whistle-blowing incidents to gauge satisfaction with the process, the Audit, Risk and Counter Fraud Manager confirmed that to do so would risk the security of the procedures and undermine the reliance and confidence of whistle-blowers in that procedure.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

# 6. <u>EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2016/17</u>

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Audit, Risk and Counter Fraud Manager providing details of the external auditors 2016/17 annual audit plan.

The report recalled that in May 2016 the Accounts Commission appointed EY as the council's external auditor for the five year period to 2020/21. EY's annual plan set out the work they proposed to undertake in relation to their 2016/17 audit, details of which were attached as an appendix to the report. The auditors also reported on the four dimensions of public sector audit which comprised the wider scope audit work, i.e. financial sustainability, financial management, governance and transparency and value for money. The wider scope audit work and the judgements and conclusions reached in these areas would contribute to the overall assessment and assurance on Best Value.

EY's annual audit plan also set out their agreed fee and the deliverables from the audit. The auditors aimed to certify the annual accounts by 30 September 2017.

In conclusion, EY's annual audit plan set out their approach to their 2016/17 audit.

It was recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee notes the external auditor's 2016/17 annual audit plan.

**Decision** 

To note the contents of the report.

7. <u>AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT - A REVIEW OF HOUSING BENEFIT</u> INVESTIGATION LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS IN SCOTLAND

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing a summary of the report, 'A review of housing benefit fraud liaison arrangements in Scotland', published by Audit Scotland in December 2016.

The report recalled that in 2010 the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and HM Revenues and Customs (HMRC) fraud and error strategy proposed a Single Fraud Investigation Service (SFIS) to address fraud across all benefits and tax credits, whether administered by DWP, HMRC, or local authorities. A number of local authority pilots were set up to test a variety of partnership approaches and after the successful completion of the pilots it was announced that SFIS (now FES), would be formed.

The transfer of counter fraud work from local authorities commenced nationally in July 2014 and concluded in March 2016. Over seventy local authority fraud investigation staff in Scotland, including three from West Lothian, also transferred to DWP during this period. West Lothian's counter fraud work transferred in February 2015. Since March 2016, FES has conducted single welfare benefit fraud investigation to one set of policies and procedures for all local authorities. The review was carried out to determine the extent to which benefit services were meeting their obligations to achieve continuous improvement in respect of counter fraud activities.

The report then outlined the key findings of the review and the arrangements in place since March 2016. Appendix A to the report highlighted the recommendations for improvement.

Officers would continue to participate with ongoing liaison with the DWP to further develop and establish improved processes, taking into account the six recommendations made in Appendix 1 to the report relating to housing benefit fraud investigation work.

It was acknowledged in the report that the DWP and local authorities in Scotland were committed to delivering process improvements and changes to procedures however there remains scope for further improvement. Ongoing liaison activities have been established and the DWP Performance Development Team would review the end to end fraud referral process and issues associated with the rollout of FES.

It was recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee:

- 1. Notes the content of Audit Scotland's review of housing benefit fraud investigation report, including the recommendations for improvement; and
- 2. Notes that council officers would continue to liaise with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to improve processes.

#### **Decision**

To note the contents of the report.

# 8. <u>CLOSING REMARKS</u>

Since this was the last committee meeting before the elections in May, the

Chair, with the agreement of all members present, expressed thanks to all members of the committee and to its supporting officers for their efforts during the last five years.

MINUTE of MEETING of the EDUCATION (QUALITY ASSURANCE) COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 28 MARCH 2017.

<u>Present</u> – Councillors Stuart Borrowman (Chair), David Dodds, Tony Boyle, Alexander Davidson, Lawrence Fitzpatrick, Carl John, Dave King, Sarah King, Danny Logue, Anne McMillan, Andrew Miller and George Paul; Appointed Representatives Myra Macpherson and Margaret Russell.

<u>Apologies</u> – Councillor John McGinty; Appointed Representative Lynne McEwen and Parent Council Representative Eric Lumsden.

# 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest made.

# 2. <u>MINUTE</u>

The Committee confirmed the minute of its meeting held on 31 January 2017 as being a correct record. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

# 3. EDUCATION SCOTLAND REPORT: BROXBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Improvement and Performance) providing details of the action plan to address the areas for improvement identified in the Education Scotland report published on 31 January 2017.

The Education Officer, Greg Welsh, advised the Committee that a Validated Self Evaluation was carried out in the school in September 2014 which highlighted some significant areas for improvement. The Acting Head Teacher has been in post since June 2016 and has taken the school forward in terms of raising attainment, ethos, culture and improving partnerships with parents and the wider community.

Inspectors noted the following key strengths of the school:

- The hard work of the staff, under the leadership of the Acting Head Teacher, identifying and addressing necessary areas for improvement;
- Children were enthusiastic, happy to share their learning and were keen to take on increasingly more leadership opportunities;
- Improved relationships across the school community which has established a calmer and more purposeful ethos for learning in the nursery and primary classes; and

• Effective partnerships which have been established with parents, other agencies and the wider community.

The Acting Head Teacher, Charlette Robertson, advised that members of staff engaged positively in the inspection process. Inspectors were confident that effective plans were in place for improvement. Staff would continue to develop the curriculum giving greater focus on skills for learning, life and work. The school would continue to develop attainment in literacy and numeracy and improved approaches to self-evaluation and tracking and monitoring children's progress ensured that all children benefitted from engaging, relevant and challenging learning experiences. Effective partnership working with parents and carers and the wider community continued to ensure school improvement.

The Head Teacher then responded to questions from members of the Committee confirming that work was ongoing to progress parental engagement and highlighted initiatives that were in place to encourage parents to be involved in their children's learning.

Finally, it was noted that the Quality Improvement Team would continue to work with the Head Teacher on the action plan and would monitor and evaluate the school's progress at regular quality improvement visits.

The Committee noted the update from the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Improvement and Performance) on the plans to appoint the Head Teacher to the school and were assured that the person appointed to the post would be supported and in a position to continue the positive journey of the school.

The Committee acknowledged the excellent progress made under the leadership of the Acting Head Teacher. Feedback received from parents indicated that parents were also pleased with the progress made.

It was recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report and the school's arrangements for continuing improvement.

# Decision

- 1. To note the contents of the report and the arrangements for continued improvement;
- 2. To note the update from the Head Teacher and Education Officer; and
- 3. To note that the school was making good progress under the strong leadership of the Acting Head Teacher.

# 4. <u>VALIDATED SELF EVALUATION: OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL,</u> <u>STONEYBURN</u>

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Improvement and Performance) providing details of the outcomes of the Validated Self

Evaluation (VSE) carried out at Our Lady's Primary School, Stoneyburn.

The VSE was carried out on 23 January 2017. The focus of the VSE was:

- Leadership of change;
- Raising attainment and achievement; and
- Arrangements for ensuring wellbeing, equity and inclusion.

The Head Teacher, Joanne McKissack, advised that members of staff found the VSE process to be constructive. The VSE confirmed areas of strengths and areas for improvement to ensure raised attainment for learners. Engagement with all stakeholders was ongoing with children eager to learn and active in the community. Robust tracking and monitoring systems were in place to monitor children's progress. New learning and teaching approaches were being implemented to raise attainment and achievement and staff continued to build on the good practice within school to develop approaches to ensure that all children were being appropriately challenged in their learning. Professional development enabled staff to effectively evaluate the impact on the outcomes for learners.

The Head Teacher then responded to questions from members of the Committee confirming that staff continued to engage with education services and cluster groups to ensure ongoing professional dialogue to monitor pupil progress.

The report concluded by advising that the Head Teacher provided very effective leadership. The school was well respected within the community and has a clear understanding of its strengths and areas for improvement. The VSE team was confident that the school's arrangements for self-evaluation would continue to lead to improvement and raised attainment for learners.

The Committee thanked the Head Teacher for the update and acknowledged the positive progress made.

It was recommended that the Committee:

- Notes the findings of the VSE and the actions arising;
- Affirm, or otherwise, the school's capacity for improvement; and
- Note any other actions required.

# **Decision**

- 1. To note the contents of the report and the update from the Head Teacher; and
- 2. To note that the Committee was happy with the steps being taken which were leading to improvements being made in school.

# 5. VALIDATED SELF EVALUATION: KIRKNEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Assurance and Performance) providing details of the outcomes of the VSE carried out at Kirknewton Primary School.

The VSE was carried out from 6-9 February 2017. The focus of the VSE was:

- Leadership of change;
- Learning, teaching and assessment;
- Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion;
- Attainment and achievement (Primary); and
- Securing children's progress (Nursery).

The Head Teacher, Eileen Brown, advised that within the school and nursery relationships between staff, pupils and parents were very positive. The school shared a vision that reflected the values, aims and ambitions of all stakeholders. Children were enthusiastic and motivated in their learning. Members of staff were committed to self-evaluation and taking forward improvement and parents were also invited to be involved in selfevaluation by participating in a number of focus groups to support their children's learning. Effective processes were in place to track, monitor and evaluate learners' progress, which enabled the school to build in appropriate support for all pupils including those facing barriers to their learning. The Head Teacher then highlighted the actions arising following the VSE.

The report concluded by confirming that the school was very well respected within the community and had a clear understanding of its strengths and areas for improvement. The VSE team was confident that the school's arrangements for self-evaluation would continue to lead to improvement and raised attainment for learners.

The Committee welcomed the update and commended the staff, under the leadership of the Head Teacher, for the positive progress made within the school and the school's arrangements for continued improvement.

It was recommended that the Committee:

- Note the findings of the VSE and the actions arising;
- Affirm, or otherwise, the school's capacity for improvement; and
- Note any other action required.

# Decision

- 1. To note the contents of the report and the findings of the VSE carried out at Kirknewton Primary School and actions arising following the VSE; and
- 2. To note that the Committee acknowledged the excellent work carried out in school.

# 6. VALIDATED SELF EVALUATION: ST ANTHONY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Improvement and Performance) providing details of the outcomes of the VSE carried out at St Anthony's Primary School.

The VSE was carried out on 7 February 2017. The focus of the VSE was:

- Self-evaluation for self-improvement;
- Leadership of change; and
- Arrangements for ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion.

The Education Officer, Maureen McNaughton, advised that the school engaged well in the VSE process participating in professional dialogue and meaningful discussion about attainment and the challenges and opportunities ahead for the school.

The Head Teacher, Jim McCrory, stated that staff were happy to engage in the VSE process. The school recognises the importance of embedding its vision and shared values and engaged learners in evaluating the work of the school. The work carried out to extend the school was challenging but was now benefitting the children and wider community and allowing the school to cater to increasing demand as the town begins to grow. Parents felt valued and included in the school community and were provided with useful information about supporting their children's learning.

The report provided details of the actions arising following the VSE which included developing and implementing the use of progressive curricular pathways to support a shared understanding of what progression looks like across all areas of the curriculum, continued development of tracking and monitoring to ensure progress could be measured and the evidence of this used to inform strategic interventions and to further develop learner and partner involvement in evaluating the work of the school including planning and evaluating learning.

Finally, working with the VSE team has enabled the school to have a better understanding of its strengths and areas for improvement. The VSE team was confident that the school's arrangements for self-evaluation would continue to lead to improvement and raised attainment for learners.

The Head Teacher then responded to questions from members of the Committee. The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, then acknowledged the positive work carried out in school.

It was recommended that the Committee note the findings of the VSE and the actions arising, affirm, or otherwise, the schools capacity for improvements and note any other action required.

## Decision

- 1. To note the contents of the report and the findings of the VSE carried out;
- 2. To note the update from the Head Teacher and Education Officer; and
- 3. To note that the Committee acknowledged the positive work carried out in school.

# 7. <u>HMI INSPECTION PROCESSES AND REPORTING FOR ALL</u> <u>SCHOOLS</u>

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Education (Curriculum, Quality Improvement and Performance) providing an update on the HMI short inspection model for schools and how the local authority supported schools in this process.

The report explained that Education Scotland introduced a suite of inspection models, which included the following approaches:

- Full inspection model;
- Short inspection model;
- Localised Thematic model; and
- Neighbourhood model.

The report then outlined details relating to each of the four inspection models. The local authority would continue to support schools in line with the new inspection processes.

The council's Quality Improvement Team would continue to keep all school leaders abreast of national developments with evolving inspection models, in preparation of any potential inspections and would continue to engage with schools, reflecting on their evaluations of their provision, and provide a proportionate and responsive level of support to achieve excellence and ensure equity in all of our schools.

In response to a question from the Committee the Head of Education confirmed that Education Scotland would confirm what inspection model would be carried out. It was recommended that the Committee notes the update of HMI's approaches to inspections and its impact for schools.

## Decision

To note the contents of the report.

# 8. WORKPLAN 2016-2017

The Committee noted the contents of the workplan (copies of which had been circulated).

The Chair advised the Committee that the inspection carried out at St Kentigern's Academy was expected to be reported in time to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee scheduled to be held on 27 June 2017.

## Decision

To note the contents of the workplan.

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### WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

#### CONSIDERATION OF STANDARDS COMMISSION FINDINGS

#### **REPORT BY MONITORING OFFICER**

#### A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To comply with the statutory duty on the council in relation to the findings of the Standards Commission following a hearing on a complaint against a former West Lothian councillor, Angela Moohan.

#### B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:-

- 1. Note the findings of the Standards Commission in relation to a complaint against former councillor Angela Moohan contained in the appendix to this report
- **2.** To consider those findings as required by section 18(2) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 and note that the outcome will be reported back to the Standards Commission

#### C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I C	ouncil Values	Being honest, open and accountable
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- II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment) Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000; Councillors' Code of Conduct
- III Implications for Scheme of None Delegations to Officers
- IV Impact on performance and None performance Indicators
- V Relevance to Single None Outcome Agreement
- VI Resources (Financial, N/A Staffing and Property)
- VII Consideration at PDSP Not required
- VIII Other consultations Governance Manager

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### D. TERMS OF REPORT

On 24 May 2017 the Standards Commission held a hearing in relation to a complaint against former Councillor Angela Moohan of a breach of the Councillors' Code of Conduct. The Commission determined that there had been a breach of the Code of Conduct in relation to the requirements to register remunerated employment and to declare non-financial interests and the financial interests of others. Former Councillor Moohan was censured.

The council has a statutory duty to consider the findings of the Commission. The council then has to report the outcome of that consideration to the Commission.

The Commission's findings dated 25 May 2017 are on the appendix to this report.

Council is invited to consider those findings.

#### E. CONCLUSION

Consideration of the Commission's findings and reporting the outcome to the Standards Commission will ensure compliance with the council's statutory duties under the 2000 Act.

#### F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000

Councillors Code of Conduct

Appendix - Standards Commission findings and decision dated 25 May

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Date of meeting: 15 August 2017



Decision of the Hearing Panel of the Standards Commission for Scotland following the Hearing held at West Lothian Council, West Lothian Civic Centre, Livingston on 24 May 2017.

# Panel Members: Mrs Lindsey Gallanders, Chair of the Hearing Panel Mr Michael McCormick Mrs Julie Ward

The Hearing arose in respect of a Report by Mr Bill Thomson, the Commissioner for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland (the CESPLS) further to complaint reference LA/WL/1824, (the complaint) concerning an alleged contravention of the Councillors' Code of Conduct (the Code) by former Councillor, Ms Angela Moohan (the Respondent).

The CESPLS was represented by Mrs Claire Gilmore, Senior Investigating Officer. The Respondent was in attendance at the Hearing and represented by Mrs Frances Randle, Solicitor.

#### COMPLAINT

A complaint was received by the CESPLS about the alleged conduct of the Respondent. The substance of the allegation was that the Respondent had contravened the Councillors' Code of Conduct and, in particular, the requirements to register remunerated employment and to declare non-financial interests and the financial interests of others.

The CESPLS investigated the complaint and concluded that the Respondent had breached paragraphs 4.2, 5.7 and 5.10 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

The relevant provisions were:

4.2 Regulations made by Scottish Ministers describe the detail and timescale for registering interests. It is your personal responsibility to comply with these regulations and you should review regularly and at least once a year your personal circumstances. Annex B contains key definitions and explanatory notes to help you decide what is required when registering your interests under any particular category. The interests which require to be registered are those set out in the following paragraphs and relate to you. It is not necessary to register the interests of your spouse, or cohabitee.

Your Non-Financial Interests 5.7 You must declare, if it is known to you, any NON-FINANCIAL INTEREST if:-(i) that interest has been registered under category eight (Non- Financial Interests) of Section 4 of the Code; or (ii) that interest would fall within the terms of the objective test. There is no need to declare :-(i) an interest where a general exclusion applies, but an interest where a specific exclusion applies must be declared; or (ii) an interest which is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be taken to fall within the objective test.

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#### FORMER COUNCILLOR ANGELA MOOHAN WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL



You must withdraw from the meeting room until discussion of and voting on the relevant item where you have a declarable interest is concluded other than in the following circumstances.

There is no need to withdraw in the case of:-

(i) an interest covered by a general exclusion or a specific exclusion; or

(ii) an interest which is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be taken to fall within the objective test.

The Financial Interests of Other Persons

5.10 The Code requires only your financial interests to be registered. You also, however, have to consider whether you should declare any financial interest of certain other persons.

You must declare if it is known to you ANY FINANCIAL INTEREST of:-

(i) a spouse, a civil partner or a co-habitee;

(ii) a close relative, close friend or close associate;

(iii) an employer or a partner in a firm;

(iv) a body (or subsidiary or parent of a body) of which you are a remunerated member or director;

(v) a person from whom you have received a registrable gift or registrable hospitality; (vi) a person from whom you have received registrable election expenses.

There is no need to declare an interest if it is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be taken to fall within the objective test.

You must withdraw from the meeting room until discussion of and voting on the relevant item where you have a declarable interest is concluded other than in the following circumstances.

There is no need to withdraw in the case of:-

(i) an interest covered by a specific exclusion; or

(ii) an interest which is so remote or insignificant that it could not reasonably be taken to fall within the objective test.

The CESPLS submitted a report to the Standards Commission on 1 February 2017 in accordance with section 14(2) of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000, as amended.

#### **Evidence Presented at the Hearing**

No witnesses were called.

#### Submissions made by the CESPLS's representative

The CESPLS's representative outlined the facts as set out in the CESPLS's Report and advised that these were not in dispute.

The CESPLS's representative advised that the Respondent had been involved in the formation of an unincorporated voluntary organisation, The Larder, in 2010. The Larder became a private company limited by guarantee on 1 August 2011, at which point the Respondent had become a director of the company. She was also its Chairperson until 2014. The CESPLS's representative indicated that The Larder was a member of the Social Enterprise Network in West Lothian.

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The CESPLS's representative stated that towards the end of 2013, the Respondent had received an award of £20,000 from a Social Entrepreneurs' fund to develop The Larder. The Board of The Larder had decided, at a meeting on 8 January 2014, to employ the Respondent and to use the money received to pay her a salary. The CESPLS's representative advised that the Respondent had, however, failed to take steps to register her remunerated employment as Manager of The Larder until 4 March 2014. The CESPLS's representative noted this was despite the Council's Monitoring Officer having sent all elected members an email on 27 November 2013 asking them to review their registered interests and reminding them that any changes, including to their employment, would need to be made.

The CESPLS's representative accepted that, in an email of 4 March 2014, the Respondent notified officers that she had been a remunerated employee of The Larder from January 2014, and that she subsequently sent emails asking them to ensure this information was reflected in her published register of interests. However, the CESPLS's representative noted that regulation 5 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003, required any change to a Register of Interests to be made within one month. The CESPLS's representative advised that the Respondent's failure to take steps to register the remunerated employment until 4 March 2014 meant that she had failed to comply with this provision and had, therefore, contravened paragraph 4.2 of the Code.

The CESPLS's representative advised that the Respondent had taken part in a meeting of the Council Executive on 18 March 2014 where it was decided to divert £50,000 to the Social Enterprise Network. The CESPLS's representative indicated that, knowing The Larder was a member of the Social Enterprise Network and could, therefore, benefit from the additional funding, the Respondent should have applied the objective test under paragraph 5.3 of the Code. In doing so, the Respondent should have considered whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard her interest as a remunerated employee of the Larder as so significant as being likely to prejudice her discussion and / or decision-making. The CESPLS's representative argued that as The Larder replied heavily on external funding, any member of the public who was aware of this would reasonably regard the Respondent's interest in it to be likely to be influence her. The CESPLS's representative indicated that the Respondent should, therefore, have declared the financial interest of her employer and taken no further part in the discussions and decision-making at the meeting. By failing to do so, she had breached paragraph 5.10 of the Code.

The CESPLS's representative further advised that that the Respondent had not declared any interest at meetings of the Council's Voluntary Organisations Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel (the VOPDS Panel) on 14 March 2013, 26 September 2013 and 5 June 2014 during which reports were presented about voluntary organisations moving from a system of best value reviews to an externally accredited system of quality standards. The CESPLS's representative advised that The Larder was one of the voluntary organisations in question and was specifically mentioned in reports considered by the VOPDS Panel at the meetings.

The CESPLS's representative indicated that while the VOPDS Panel was not a decisionmaking committee, the Respondent, knowing that The Larder would be impacted by significant changes in the system being used, should have applied the objective test and considered whether a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would conclude that she would likely to be influenced by her interest in it. The CESPLS's

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representative contended that the Respondent's failure to declare her non-financial interest in The Larder at the VOPDS Panel meetings in question amounted to a breach of paragraph 5.7 of the Code.

The CESPLS's representative confirmed that, contrary to the complaint, the CESPLS had not found that the Respondent had sought any preferential treatment or had used her position as a councillor to obtain benefits for The Larder.

#### Submissions made on behalf of the Respondent

The Respondent's representative confirmed the Respondent accepted the facts as found by the CESPLS. She noted that the Respondent's failure to register her remunerated employment with The Larder had been between 8 January 2014 and 4 March 2014, which amounted to only 36 working days.

The Respondent's representative advised that the Respondent had declared her interest in The Larder at meetings of the VOPDS Panel held on 18 September 2012 and 13 November 2012, where applications for funding were being considered. This demonstrated that the Respondent had not been trying to hide her interest in the Larder and had not been seeking any preferential treatment. The Respondent's representative argued that while there had been mention of training being funded, the focus of the later meetings of the VOPDS Panel at which the Respondent had not declared any interest was on the implementation of the new accredited system of quality standards. The Respondent's representative noted the VOPDS Panel was an advisory body. As such, a member of the public, with knowledge of these facts, might not necessarily consider the Respondent would be influenced by her interest at the meetings of the Panel in question. It was therefore arguable that the objective test did not apply.

#### **DECISION**

The Hearing Panel considered all of the submissions, including the presentations made during the Hearing by the CESPLS's representative and the Respondent's representative, and found as follows:-

- 1. The Councillors' Code of Conduct applied to the Respondent at the time of the events in question.
- 2. The Hearing Panel found the Respondent had breached paragraphs 4.2, 5.7 and 5.10 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

#### Reasons for Decision

The Hearing Panel noted that the Respondent acknowledged that she had failed to take steps to register her remunerated employment as Manager of 'The Larder', a private company limited by guarantee, until 4 March 2014, despite her employment commencing on 8 January 2014, following a Board meeting that day.

The Hearing Panel determined that:

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- The Respondent failed to register her remunerated employment with The Larder within one month, as required by regulation 5 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 (Register of Interests) Regulations 2003.
- The Respondent had therefore breached paragraph 4.2 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

The Hearing Panel noted that the Respondent accepted that she had not declared an interest at a meeting of the Council Executive on 18 March 2014 where it was decided to divert £50,000 to the Social Enterprise Network.

The Hearing Panel noted that it was not in dispute that The Larder was a member of the Social Enterprise Network and could, therefore, benefit from the additional funding. As such, the Hearing Panel determined that the Respondent should have applied the objective test under paragraph 5.3 of the Code. The Hearing Panel was satisfied that a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard the Respondent's interest as a remunerated employee of the Larder as so significant as being likely to prejudice her discussion and / or decision-making at the meeting. As such, the Hearing Panel considered the Respondent should have declared the financial interest of her employer and taken no further part in the discussions and decision-making.

The Hearing Panel determined, therefore, that:

• The Respondent had breached paragraph 5.10 of the Councillors' Code.

The Hearing Panel further noted that it was not in dispute that the Respondent had not declared any interest at meetings of the Council's VOPDS Panel on 14 March 2013, 26 September 2013 and 5 June 2014 during which reports were presented about voluntary organisations, including The Larder, moving to a new accredited system of quality standards. The Hearing Panel noted that The Larder was specifically mentioned in reports considered by the VOPDS Panel at the meetings in question.

The Hearing Panel again considered that the Respondent should have applied the objective test. Had she done so, the Hearing Panel was of the view that she would have considered that a member of the public, with knowledge of her position and the matters under discussion at the meetings, would reasonably regard her interest as so significant as being likely to prejudice her discussion and / or decision-making. This was because while the VOPDS Panel was not making funding decisions at the meetings in question, it was nevertheless introducing a new system of quality standards that could have a significant impact on The Larder. As such, the Hearing Panel considered the Respondent should have declared her non-financial interest in The Larder and taken no further part in the discussions and decision-making at the meetings.

The Hearing Panel determined, therefore, that:

The Respondent had, therefore, breached paragraph 5.7 of the Councillors' Code.



The Hearing Panel considered it was the Respondent's personal responsibility as a Councillor at that time to be aware of, and comply with, the provisions in the Councillors' Code of Conduct. She had failed to do so.

The Hearing Panel therefore concluded that the Respondent had breached paragraphs 4.2, 5.7 and 5.10 of the Code.

#### **Evidence in Mitigation**

The Respondent's representative reiterated that there had been no evidence or suggestion that the Respondent had deliberately concealed her interests in The Larder or that she had sought to gain any preferential treatment or benefit. The Respondent's representative argued that the breaches of the Code had in no way been deliberate and that the Respondent had simply lacked an understanding or full awareness of the nuances of the objective test and how it should be applied. The Respondent's representative asked the Hearing Panel to note that the Respondent had made an early admission of the breaches and had fully co-operated with the CESPLS's investigation.

The Respondent's representative further reiterated that the failure to register the remunerated employment had been for a very limited duration. She asked the Hearing Panel to note that the Respondent had made a number of efforts after 4 March 2014 to ensure her register of interests was correct.

The Respondent advised the Hearing Panel that her involvement with The Larder was solely motivated by her aim of providing a service and make a difference for disadvantaged communities in West Lothian. She advised that she had taken her role as a councillor seriously and had worked hard as an elected member to serve and help the public.

#### **SANCTION**

The decision of the Hearing Panel was to censure the Respondent. The sanction was made under the terms of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 section 19(1)(a).

#### **Reason for Sanction**

In reaching their decision, the Hearing Panel:

- 1. Noted the submissions on behalf of the Respondent in mitigation and, in particular, that she was motivated by trying to act in the interests of her constituents and service users in respect of her work with The Larder.
- 2. Acknowledged the contribution to public life made by the Respondent and the effort she had made in attending the Hearing and addressing the Panel.
- 3. Noted that while it was a late notification, the Respondent had taken steps to rectify her register of interests within approximately one month of the required timescale.

However, the Hearing Panel:



- 4. Emphasised it was a councillor's personal responsibility to be aware of the provisions in the Code and to ensure that he or she complied with them.
- 5. Further emphasised the registration and declaration of interests are fundamental requirements of the Code and that a failure to register and declare interests appropriately removes the opportunity for openness and transparency in a councillor's role. This could deny a member of the public the opportunity to consider whether a councillor's interests may or may not influence their discussion and decision-making.

#### **<u>RIGHT OF APPEAL</u>**

The attention of the Respondent is drawn to Section 22 of the Ethical Standards in Public Life etc. (Scotland) Act 2000 as amended which details the right of appeal in respect of this decision.

Date: 25 May 2017

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Mrs Lindsey Gallanders Chair of the Hearing Panel

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#### WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL

#### VACANCIES ON COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

#### **REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT Α.

To revisit appointments made in May and June 2017 to bodies in the Scheme of Administration and to outside bodies, and to address vacancies on some of those bodies.

#### В. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To appoint one member as the council's representative on the Children's Panel Area Support Team (Appendix 3)

2. To note the vacancies in membership of the bodies in the Scheme of Administration (Appendix 1) and to consider what action should be taken

3. To note the vacancies in outside body appointments (Appendix 2) and to consider what action should be taken

#### C.

SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIO	NS
I Council Values	Being honest, open and accountable; working in partnership
(including Stra Environmental	egal Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973; the council's Standing Orders; Councillors' Code of Conduct and related Standards Commission Guidance and Advice. The voting procedure for appointments is in Standing Order 3. The requirement that there is no casting vote is in the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
III Implications for Sche of Delegations to Offi	
IV Impact on performane and Performance Indicators	<b>e</b> None
V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	None
VI Resources - (Financia	I, None

· (Financiai, VI Resources Staffing and Property)

VII Consideration at PDSP None

Committee Services; leaders of political groups

#### D. TERMS OF REPORT

#### 1 Committees and other internal bodies

VIII Other consultations

- 1.1 The council's Scheme of Administration contains details of the committees and other bodies established by the council in its internal decision-making structure. In May and June 2017 council determined the number of member appointments to each of those and allocated them amongst political parties and the sole Independent member. Most members were appointed at the council meetings, but some were left to be notified later.
- 1.2 Some positions have not been filled. The relevant political groups have been asked to consider making appointments to fill the remaining places which were allocated to them. Appendix 1 is a list of the bodies in the Scheme of Administration where there are still vacancies.
- 1.3 An unfilled place on these bodies increases the risk of a meeting being inquorate. It may result in a heavier workload for members appointed and attending. It may mean that not all political parties are represented.
- 1.4 Council is asked to consider what action should be taken to address these remaining appointments.

#### 2 Outside bodies

- 2.1 In May and June the council also made appointments to a variety of outside bodies. Again, some of the members were not appointed there and then but were to be notified later.
- 2.2 Some positions have not been filled. The relevant political groups have been asked to consider making appointments to fill the remaining places which were allocated to them. Appendix 2 is a list of the bodies in the Scheme of Administration where there are still vacancies.
- 2.3 An unfilled place on these bodies means that the council's interests may not be fully represented. It may result in a heavier workload for members appointed and attending. It may mean that not all political parties are represented.
- 2.4 Gaps in the membership of some of those outside bodies cause some more significant difficulties:-
  - Licensing Board the legal requirement is to appoint between 6 and 10 members. Council decided to appoint 10 members which means the quorum for a Board meeting is five. Only six names have been forthcoming. The result is that almost a full attendance is required to ensure the meeting is quorate. It also imposes additional demands on the six members to deal with Board business

- Placing in Schools (Appeals) Committee the workload for this appeals committee is variable and has reduced in recent years. Having ten members trained and available is judged to be sufficient and appropriate to deal with current and potential increased numbers of appeals and to spread the work in a reasonable way amongst members. If an appeal is not dealt with in accordance with legal rules then an appeal is deemed to have been refused and may lead to litigation in the Sheriff Court, as well as to reputational damage
- 2.5 Council is asked to consider what action should be taken to address these remaining appointments.

#### 3 Outside bodies - new appointment required

- 3.1 One outside body appointment was missed from the lists brought to council in May and June. It is the appointment of one member to the Children's Panel Area Support Team (Appendix 3).
- 3.2 Council is asked to make that overlooked appointment.

#### 4 Considerations in making appointments

- 4.1 In making decisions about these appointments, members should bear in mind the following factors:-
  - The appointment should be relevant to the council's business and contribute to it
  - The Councillors' Code of Conduct continues to apply because the appointment is part of a councillor's duties
  - Other codes of conduct and regulations may apply at the same time, for example, charity regulations or directors' duties under company law
  - Members may be assuming legal responsibilities and, in some cases, risks in relation to the consequences of non-compliance with regulatory regimes or insolvency
  - Under the Councillors' Code of Conduct, the appointment may restrict members' participation at council and committee meetings where the outside body's interests are involved. Those rules are relaxed for certain types of outside body but not for them all and not for all types of business
  - Members must be aware of potential conflicts of interest when accepting an appointment and then during it
  - Members cannot act contrary to council policy when representing the council's interests on an outside body
  - The council cannot arrange for payments to be made to councillors by an outside body subject to its control
- 4.2 The Standards Commission in 2016 issued Advice for Councillors on Arms' Length External Organisations but it is relevant and helpful in relation to all outside body appointments. In summary:-

- Representation can help ensure they are being properly run and that all funds are being used appropriately and in accord with best value principles
- There is potential for conflicts of interest and risks to arise and councils and members should consider arrangements for funding and scrutiny that, for example, minimise potential conflicts
- Councils should ensure they are considering both the advantages and risks of having representatives on boards at all
- There can be a risk if a councillor has a role on both an ALEO Board and also on the council committee that governs or scrutinises it
- Councils should not entirely rely on those who sit on ALEO boards to scrutinise and monitor them
- Members appointed to ALEOs should be aware of the skills and abilities required of any board position, and assure themselves that they can meet that requirement. Councils should have regard to those considerations when making appointments
- Councils should try to ensure the right mix of skills and experience required to govern the organisation, and to ensure that councillors and officers are advised of their responsibilities
- Members appointed should have sufficient information, training and support to enable them to fulfil their role on the ALEO

#### 5 Voting procedure

- 5.1 The chair of a council meeting has no casting vote in decisions about appointment of members. Tied votes are resolved by lot. The method used to make a decision by lot is determined by the Clerk (Chief Executive). The voting procedure for these positions is set out in Standing Order 3, as follows:-
  - A mover and a seconder is required for each candidate
  - Any vote takes place amongst all candidates at the same time
  - Where one candidate has an absolute majority of the votes cast that candidate is appointed
  - If no candidate has an absolute majority the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and another vote is taken amongst the remaining candidates. If required, that is repeated until one candidate has an absolute majority of the votes cast
  - Where there is a tie between the candidates with fewest votes, there is an extra vote to decide which to eliminate. If that vote is tied then the elimination is decided by lot
  - A tie between the last two candidates remaining is decided by lot

- 5.2 The provision in Standing Order 16 in the Scheme of Administration requiring roll call votes at council meetings does not apply to the appointment of members under Standing Order 3.
- 5.3 There are no issues in relation to declaration of interests in relation to appointments and remuneration. Councillors may vote for themselves to be appointed.

#### E. CONCLUSION

Dealing with vacancies in appointments to internal and external bodies will ensure compliance with legal requirements and will assist in the conduct of the business of the council and of the bodies and organisations concerned.

#### F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

West Lothian Council, 11, 18, 25 May and 7 June, all 2017

Scheme of Administration - <u>http://intranet.westlothian.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=14552&p=0</u>

Appendices:- Appendix 1 - Bodies in the Scheme of Administration - Vacancies Appendix 2 - Outside Bodies - Vacancies Appendix 3 - Outside Bodies - New Appointment

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Graham Hope, Chief Executive

Date: 15 August 2017

#### **APPENDIX 1**

#### **BODIES IN SCHEME OF ADMINISTRATION - VACANCIES**

BODY	NOTES	No	MEMBERS	
Audit	1. Composition -	5	Chair	Chris Horne
Committee	Labour, 2 Conservatives, 1		Vice-Chair	Damian Timson
				Lawrence Fitzpatrick
	SNP			John McGinty
	2. Quorum - 3			SNP vacancy
Avoidance of	1. Composition - 5	7	Chair	Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Disputes	Labour, 1		Vice-Chair	Kirsteen Sullivan
Committee	Conservatives, 1			George Paul
	SNP			Andrew McGuire
	2. Quorum - 3			Tom Conn
				Bruce Fairbairn
				SNP vacancy
Development	1. Compulsory	9	Chair	Charles Kennedy
Management	training		Vice-Chair	Tom Kerr
Committee	2. No substitutes			Harry Cartmill
	3. Composition - 3			Dominic McGuire
	Labour, 3 SNP, 2			Lawrence Fitzpatrick
	Conservatives, 1			Stuart Borrowman
	Ind.			David Tait
	3. Quorum - 3			Willie Boyle
				SNP vacancy
Education	1. Executive	7	Chair	David Dodds
PDSP	Councillor to be		Vice-Chair	Lawrence Fitzpatrick
	Chair			John McGinty
	2. Composition - 4			Labour vacancy
	Labour, 2			Peter Heggie
	Conservative, 1 SNP			Tom Kerr
	3. PVG Scheme			Andrew Miller
Employees	1. 7 called to each	12	Chair	George Paul
Appeals	meeting		Vice-Chair	Tom Conn
Committee	2. PVG Scheme 3. Composition - 6			Dominic McGuire
				Andrew McGuire
	Labour, 3			Dave King
	Conservatives, 3			Angela Doran
	SNP 3. Quorum - 3			Peter Heggie
	3. Quorum - 3			Chris Horne
				Damian Timson
				SNP vacancy
				SNP vacancy
				SNP vacancy
Governance	1. Composition - 2Labour,2	5	Chair	Damian Timson
and Risk			Vice-Chair	Lawrence Fitzpatrick
	Conservatives, 1			Chris Horne
	SNP			Harry Cartmill
	2. Quorum - 3	<u> </u>		SNP vacancy
Licensing	1. Composition - 3	7	Chair	Peter Heggie
Committee	Labour, 2		Vice-Chair	George Paul
	Conservative, 2 SNP			David Dodds

	2. Quorum - 3	[		Dave King
				Chris Horne
		-		SNP vacancy
				SNP vacancy
Miscellaneous	1. 5 called to each	9	Chair	Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Appeals	meeting		Vice-Chair	Dave King
Committee	2. Composition - 5			Angela Doran
	Labour, 2			Dominic McGuire
	Conservatives, 2			
	SNP			Andrew McGuire
	3. Quorum - 3			Damian Timson
				Charles Kennedy
				SNP vacancy
				SNP vacancy
Performance	1. Composition - 2	5	Chair	Stuart Borrowman
Committee	Labour, 1		Vice-Chair	Andrew McGuire
	Conservatives, 1			Dave King
	SNP, 1 Ind.			Charles Kennedy
	2. Quorum - 3			SNP vacancy
Senior Officer	1. Compulsory	5	Chair	Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Appointment	training 2. Composition - 3		Vice-Chair	Kirsteen Sullivan
				Andrew McGuire
	Labour, 1			Tom Kerr
Conservatives., 1				SNP vacancy
	SNP			
Social Work	3. Quorum - 3 1. Panel of 4, 1 to be	4	No Chair	Dominic McGuire
Complaints	called to each	4		
Review	meeting		No Vice-Chair	Andrew McGuire
Committee	2. PVG Scheme			Lawrence Fitzpatrick
				SNP vacancy
West Lothian	1. Composition - 4	7	Chair	Dave King
Leisure	Labour, 2 Conservatives, 1 SNP		Vice-Chair	Cathy Muldoon
Advisory Committee				Tom Conn
				Andrew McGuire
	2. Quorum - 3			Charles Kennedy
				Alison Adamson
				SNP vacancy

#### **APPENDIX 2**

### **OUTSIDE BODIES - VACANCIES**

BODY	NOTES	No	MEMBERS	
Community Safety	3 Labour, 1	5	Chair	Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Board	Conservative,		Vice-Chair	Kirsteen Sullivan
	1 SNP			David Dodds
				Charles Kennedy
				SNP vacancy

Firefly Arts	Nil	1	Council vacancy
Head Teacher	4 Labour, 2	7	Angela Doran
Appointment Panel	Conservative, 1 SNP		David Dodds
			Lawrence Fitzpatrick
			Kirsteen Sullivan
			Peter Heggie
			Chris Horne
			SNP vacancy
Licensing Board	5 Labour, 3	10	Harry Cartmill
	Conservative,		Dominic McGuire
	2 SNP		George Paul
			Labour vacancy
			Labour vacancy
			Bruce Fairbairn
			Peter Heggie
			Chris Horne
			SNP vacancy
			SNP vacancy
Livingston Youth	1 Labour, 1	3	Dominic McGuire
Trust	Conservative,	-	Damian Timson
	1 SNP		SNP vacancy
Placing in Schools	4 Labour, 3	10	Tom Conn
(Appeals)	Conservative,		David Dodds
Committée	3 SNP		Angela Doran
			Lawrence Fitzpatrick
			Peter Heggie
			Charles Kennedy
			Damian Timson
			SNP vacancy
			SNP vacancy
			SNP vacancy
Regal Community	2 Labour, 1	4	Harry Cartmill
Theatre Bathgate	Conservative, 1 SNP		John McGinty
Ltd			Charles Kennedy
			SNP vacancy
Scottish Accident	1 Labour, 1	3	Dominic McGuire
Prevention Council	Conservative,	5	Charles Kennedy
	1 SNP		SNP vacancy
West Lothian	2 Labour, 2	5	David Dodds
Educational Trust	SNP, 1 Conservative	5	Lawrence Fitzpatrick
			Moira Shemilt
			SNP vacancy
			Peter Heggie
West Lothian	1 Labour, 1	3	Tom Conn
Fairtrade Steering	Conservative,	Ŭ	Peter Heggie
Group	1 SNP		SNP vacancy
West	Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 SNP	6	Harry Cartmill
Lothian/Grapevine			Dave King
Twinning			Chris Horne
Association			Charles Kennedy
			Tom Kerr
			SNP vacancy
West Lothian Trust	Provost. 5	6	Tom Kerr
for the Benefit of	others in	0	
			Tom Conn

People with	defined roles		Dave King
Disabilities	including		Cathy Muldoon
	Leader of the largest opposition party		SNP vacancy
West Lothian	1 Labour, 1	3	Lawrence Fitzpatrick
Ventures Group Ltd	Conservative,		Chris Horne
	1 SNP		SNP vacancy

### **APPENDIX 3**

#### ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

BODY	PURPOSE	No	MEMBER
Children's Panel	Council representation on	1	
Area Support Team	regional group of councils for children's panel business		

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The SNP Group welcomes the additional £3 billion+ committed to the new build housing and in particular, the £8.963 million allocated to West Lothian for 2017/18.

Furthermore, we welcome the allocation of a further £38.048 million to West Lothian over the next 3 years.

The SNP Group therefore calls for a report to the next SF&C PDSP detailing the sites identified for building 2,000 council houses, how we can stipulate that all new build have PV capacity, and can be adapted to accept 'storage' batteries.

The SNP Group further calls for a report on how we are tackling homelessness. This report to include the amount spent on bed and breakfast accommodation per year, the options to alleviate using B&B (including the possible use of prefabricated tiny (?) houses, or the conversion of a suitable building). This report to also include the option of a new build 'homeless unit' within the Livingston area.

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The SNP Group recognise that the voters of West Lothian voted for a change at May's Council Elections. They did not give control of the Council to any one particular party.

Recognising this, and accepting that under the previous Labour Administration only 123 houses were completed out of the promised 1,000, then the people of West Lothian can't have any confidence in placing the same Councillor in charge of any new build programme.

The SNP Group therefore calls for the resignation of Councillor George Paul from the position of Executive Member of the Services for the Community Portfolio.

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The SNP Group welcomes and recognises the strides made in Holyrood to make the business day/week more family friendly. The working week changes have been credited, partially, with encouraging more females to enter the political arena.

The SNP Group therefore calls for an officer report, before the end of August 2017, on how Council meetings business can better reflect 'work/life balance' and be more family friendly, this to include making the venue more accessible with crèche facilities available, if necessary.

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### Fairtrade Foundation under Threat

The SNP Group are dismayed to note that some of Britain's leading supermarkets are contemplating dropping the Fairtrade label. In fact, Sainsbury's has already started trials of its own 'Fairly Traded' label to replace their support of the Fairtrade certification scheme.

The Fairtrade Foundation is an internationally renowned and respected certification scheme, which empowers and supports farmers around the world by ensuring they are paid a minimum price for their produce, as well as a financial bonus which is reinvested in their local communities in the form of education, pensions and sick pay.

Sainsbury's own scheme disempowers farmers who can work hard to produce the items we take for granted in our weekly shop such as tea, coffee, sugar and bananas. Farmers will no longer be guaranteed this bonus, which can run into thousands of pounds and make a critical difference in poorer parts of the world.

The SNP Group are concerned that these types of schemes are being introduced as a cost cutting measure to improve the company's own bottom line.

We urge Council to support this motion and write to, in particular, Tesco and Sainsbury urging them to rethink their policy and not to abandon their support of Fairtrade.

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### West Lothian's Labour/Tory Deal – An Affront to Democracy!

Council congratulates Almond Valley Labour Party for their efforts in seeking their party's national executive to fully investigate the "deal" between the Labour and Tory political groups on West Lothian Council.

Council notes that this Tory/Labour "deal" has resulted in 5 members of the 7 strong Tory Group receiving enhanced payments and that in return Tory votes have secured 9 members of the 12 strong Labour Group similar rewards.

Council further notes that this Labour/Tory "deal" has further resulted in the political balance within this council's democratic process being farcically skewed to deliver enhanced representation for both Labour and Tory parties - in complete opposition to the views of our local electorate - with the council's largest party, the SNP, being denied the representation our electorate voted for.

Council further notes the Labour/Tory "deal" delivered by Labour and Tory members voting in concert has put in place;

- 1. A Council Executive with Labour Party 12 members given 7 seats, the Tory Party of 7 members given 4 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 2 seats.
- 2. An Education Policy Development PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.
- 3. A Partnership and Resources PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.
- 4. A Development and Transport PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.
- 5. A Culture & Leisure PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.
- 6. An Environment PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.



- 7. A Social Policy PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.
- 8. A Voluntary Organisations PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.
- 9. A Services for the Community PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.
- 10. A Health & Care PDSP with the Labour Party with 12 members given 4 seats, the Tories, with 7 members given 2 seats and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.

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- 11. A St. John's Stakeholder Group with no SNP representation.
- 12. A West Lothian Integration Joint Board with no SNP representation.
- 13. West Lothian's COSLA Convention representation with the Labour Party with 12 members given 2 seats, the Tories with 7 members given 1 seat and the SNP with 13 members given 1 seat.

In light of all the above this Council agrees to;

- 1. Instruct officers to report to the next scheduled meeting of West Lothian Council detailing the steps necessary to ensure that the political balance of all parts of this council's democratic process most accurately reflects the wishes of our local electorate as expressed at the last West Lothian Council election.
- 2. Provide full details of the collusion between the Labour and Tory council groups which has delivered the wholly undemocratic system detailed above to the national executive committee of the Labour Party in Scotland to assist them in their investigations of the deal between the Labour and Tory parties in West Lothian.
- 3. Call for report on how structure would look under a "truly" proportional system. Write to Scottish Government asking them to consider introducing legislation to compel Councils to reflect the wishes of the electorate.

### **Councillors in Receipt of Additional payments**

	Provost	Tom Kerr	Conservative
	Leader of the Council	Lawrence Fitzpatrick	Labour
1	Audit Committee - Chair	Chris Horne	Conservative
2	Culture & Leisure Chair	Dave King	Labour
3	Development Management Committee-Chair	Charles Kennedy	Conservative
4	Development & Transport - Chair	Cathy Muldoon	Labour
5	Education Executive – Chair	David Dodds	Labour
6	Environment – Chair	Tom Conn	Labour
7	Governance & Risk Committee-Chair	Damien Timson	Conservative
8	Health & Care - Chair	Harry Cartmill	Labour
9	Licensing Committee- Chair	Peter Heggie	Conservative
10	Performance Committee- Chair	Stuart Borrowman	Independent
11	Services for the Community –Chair	George Paul	Labour
12	Social Policy-Chair	Angela Doran	Labour
13	Voluntary Organisation –Chair	Kirsteen Sullivan	Labour
NHS	Lothian Health Board	John McGinty	Labour

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