

West Lothian Council SNP Group

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Agenda Item 8

Review of Council Appointments to Positions of Responsibility

Council Meeting November 2021

Following the 2 recent by elections here in West Lothian, the court of public opinion have decisively rejected the Labour Party and continue to endorse the SNP as the party to be trusted. Accepting the democratic decision of the electorate and their expectations that the largest political group in the Council, the SNP, should be involved in running the Council, the SNP group are disappointed that Labour have not resigned of their own volition.

The SNP Group therefore have no confidence, and neither do the electorate, in the sham claim that this Council is run by a minority Labour administration. It is time for the positions of responsibility to be reviewed under Standing Order 30(1). With the Council now consisting of 14SNP, 11Labour, 7Conservative and 1Independent we call on the Labour Group to resign from the Administration and a new SNP administration is appointed. If they do not resign then council agrees to end these appointments and elect replacements immediately, as per below.

Council therefore agrees to:

1. Notes the present service portfolios in the Scheme of Administration and that we appoint Executive Councillors for those policy areas.
2. Determine that the current arrangements should continue, pending any desired changes being approved at future council meetings.
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.

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