

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE - 7 AUGUST 2007

APPOINTMENTS TO CoSLA EXECUTIVE GROUPS

Report by Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek nominations for appointment to CoSLA Executive Groups.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Convention meeting on 29 June 2007, approval was given to an interim political structure which would include six Executive Groups covering the full range of Local Government issues. It is anticipated that these Executive Groups will commence meeting in August 2007 with the interim arrangements ratified and/or amended at the October Convention meeting. The six Executive Groups are detailed in the Appendix to this report.
- 2.2 CoSLA have highlighted that these interim appointees do not necessarily have to be those who will eventually undertake the role(s) for East Ayrshire Council after CoSLA makes a final decision on its political structures in October.

3. REPRESENTATION REQUIRED

- 3.1 CoSLA have advised that membership of the first 5 of these Executive Groups will be one Elected Member from each Local Authority giving a membership of 32.
- 3.2 For Executive Group 5, Resources and Capacity, in addition to the 32 members appointed by the Councils, 1 representative from each of the other Executive Groups will be appointed (by the 5 Groups) to this Group, bringing membership of this Executive Group to 37. It is envisaged that this link between the Executive Groups will strengthen the relationship between the resources and service issues.
- 3.3 With regard to the Executive Group 6, Strategic Human Resources Management, nominations are not requested at this time. However, CoSLA have advised that the make-up of this Executive Group will be 2 members from each of the other 5 Executive Groups with 3 Fire Conveners and 3 Police Conveners making up the first 16 members. For the remaining 16 places, nominations will be sought from the 16 Councils not already represented on the Group by any of the first 16 members, ensuring all Councils will be represented on this Executive Group.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that each Executive Group will meet four times each year and that some of these meetings will be held outwith the CoSLA Conference

Centre in Edinburgh. A calendar outlining the proposed dates will be issued by CoSLA in due course to allow dates to be diarised until the year end.

- 3.5** Officer support at the meetings will be requested from the relevant professional associations for each Executive Group; however, officers will only take part in the meetings as directed by the Chair.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** There are no financial implications arising directly from this report other than approved Member expenses in accordance with East Ayrshire Council's approved Scheme.

5. LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** None arising directly from this report.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1** It is recommended:

- (i) to nominate one Elected Member to each of the first five CoSLA Executive Groups as detailed in Appendix I to the report, namely: . Health and Well-being; Education, Children and Young People; Community Well-being and Safety; Regeneration and Sustainable Development; and Resources and Capacity; and
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to advise CoSLA accordingly.

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Chief Executive

2 August 2007

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Correspondence from CoSLA dated 18 July 2007.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers relative to this report should contact Julie McGarry, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576147. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Fiona Lees, Chief Executive on Tel No (01563) 576019.

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APPENDIX

REMITTS OF EXECUTIVE GROUPS

1. HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- Social Care/Joint Future
- Free Personal Care
- Care Homes
- Supporting People
- Homelessness (Support & Social Care)
- Local Government & NHS Interface
- CHPs/CHCPs
- Older People's Services
- Mental Health
- Substance Misuse
- Health Improvement

2. EDUCATION, CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

- Integrated Children's Services
- Education
- Child Protection
- Corporate Parenting
- Young People/Youth Work
- Children and Young People's Commissioner
- Youth Justice

3. COMMUNITY WELL-BEING AND SAFETY

- Community Safety
- Community Justice Authorities
- Housing, Homelessness and Housing Improvement
- Social Justice/Inclusion
- Consumer Protection/Trading Standards
- Environmental Health
- Lifelong Learning & Community Learning
- Arts, Culture and Leisure
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Health Improvement

4. REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Economic Development
- Planning
- Roads and Transportation
- Regeneration
- Environmental Issues
- Tourism
- Energy
- Waste
- Water Services
- Building Services
- Sustainable Development

5. RESOURCES AND CAPACITY

- Finance
- Asset Management
- Efficient Government
- Outcome Agreements
- Procurement
- Shared Services

6. STRATEGIC HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- Personnel Resources
- Workforce Development/Planning
- Recruitment
- Liaison with Unions
- Negotiations
- Single Status