

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING - 7 JUNE 2007

NOMINATIONS FOR CoSLA PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT

Report by Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek ratification to support a nomination to CoSLA for the position of President/Vice-President.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 CoSLA is required to elect its principal office bearers at the first meeting of the Convention following the election of Councillors, under the terms of their Constitution. Such a meeting is required to be held within nine weeks of the election date.
- 2.2 CoSLA's constitution states that the principal office bearers are the President and two Vice-Presidents. The constitution also requires the election of one Vice-President who is not a member of the political group or coalition which forms the majority in CoSLA.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT/VICE-PRESIDENT

- 3.1 A letter has been received by the Chief Executive from CoSLA seeking nominations for CoSLA's President and Vice-Presidents.
- 3.2 The letter advises that any nominations for the President and two Vice-Presidents must be sent in writing to CoSLA's Chief Executive by Wednesday 6 June 2007. In order to be valid, nominations must be made by the representative's own member Council and supported by one other Council.
- 3.3 Angus Council is nominating Councillor Rob Murray, Leader of the Opposition of Angus Council, for the position of President, failing which, the Vice-President position.
- 3.4 The Leader of the Council has been asked, and has agreed, to support this nomination and a letter to that effect has been issued to CoSLA's Chief Executive in order to meet the 6 June timescale with the proviso that this decision will require formal ratification by the Council on 7 June 2007.
- 3.5 CoSLA have confirmed that their Chief Executive will write to all member Councils setting out the names received for each position, the Council they represent, and the member Council supporting their nomination on Wednesday 13 June 2007 and this information will be circulated to the Council representatives on CoSLA.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

5. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 Council is asked:-

- (i) to ratify the support for the nomination of Councillor Rob Murray, Angus Council, to the position of CoSLA President, failing which, Vice-President position; and
- (ii) that the Chief Executive notify CoSLA accordingly.

Fiona Lees
Chief Executive

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31 May 2007

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter from CoSLA dated 10 May 2007.

Any person wishing to inspect the background paper relative to this report should contact Julie McGarry, Administration Manager on Tel No (01563) 576146. Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Fiona Lees, Chief Executive on Tel No (01563) 576103.