

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING - 7 MARCH 2002

#### APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES/OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS ETC

##### Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite Council to consider vacancies and, where appropriate, appoint Members to vacant positions on various Committees/Sub-Committees and outside organisations following the resignation of a Member of the Council.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As a result of Councillor Taylor resigning as a Member of East Ayrshire Council, various vacancies have arisen for the posts which he held.
- 2.2 Members are aware that a By-Election will be held on 18 April 2002 to fill the vacant position.

#### 3. FILLING OF VACANCIES

In order to try to simplify the process of filling the vacant positions, this report has been set out in various sections as follows, viz:-

##### 3.1 Vacancies Attracting Cross-Party Nominations

- 3.1.1 **Chair of Community Services Committee** - It is appropriate that any Member be appointed to this position. Council is therefore invited to submit nominations for this position.
- 3.1.2 In the event that the present Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee is elected as the Chair, in turn, the position of Vice-Chair of Community Services Committee becomes vacant and, as above, is again open to any Member being appointed. Therefore, Council will be invited to make nominations for this position if this situation occurs.
- 3.1.3 It should be noted that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee automatically become ex officio members of the Community Safety Forum.
- 3.1.4 **Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust**

At the Council meeting held on 13 December 2001, the Council agreed that future appointees to the Chair of the Community Services Committee should

decline to accept the office of ex officio Trustee of the Trust. Council also agreed to recommend to the Trust to appoint Councillor Knapp as a further Member of the Council as Trustee. The Trust subsequently accepted the further nomination and also appointed Councillor Carmichael as Chair.

Following on as above, whoever is appointed as Chair of Community Services Committee must decline to accept the appointment as Trustee. If this situation occurs, Council will be invited to make a recommendation to the Trust to appoint a further Member as Trustee. It should be noted that the decision to accept the further nomination, if applicable, and the decision of Chair of the Trust is a decision for the Trust itself to make.

**3.1.5 Strathclyde Joint Police Board** - Council is invited to submit nominations for this position.

**3.1.6 Scottish Accident Prevention Council - Road Safety** - Council is invited to submit nominations for this position.

**3.1.7 East Ayrshire Woodlands** - Council is invited to submit nominations for this position.

### **3.2 Vacancies to be Filled by the Administration only**

In terms of the composition of Committees etc as set out in the Scheme of Delegation, the following vacancies fall to be filled by a Member of the Administration. Nominations are therefore sought at this stage to fill the following vacancies by Members of the Administration only, viz:-

- (a) **Community Services Committee**
- (b) **Policy and Resources Committee**
- (c) **Development Services and Planning Committee**
- (d) **Social Work Committee**
- (e) **Local Government Licensing Panel**
- (f) **Environmental Forum**
- (g) **Budget Scrutiny Group** (this position only requires consideration in the event that the appointment of any new Chair of the Community Services Committee may lead to review of the current composition of the Group).

### **3.3 Vacancies to be Filled by the Local Member**

Within this group, appointments are automatically filled by the Local Member and only require to be addressed following the outcome of the By-Election where appropriate, viz:-

- (a) **Southern Local Planning Committee** - Local Member automatically fills this position. No further action required.
- (b) **Doon Valley Local Committee** - Local Member automatically fills this position. As the position of Vice-Chair is still vacant at the moment, it is recommended that this matter be addressed following the By-Election.
- (c) **Dalmellington and District Conservation Trust Board of Management** - Local Member automatically fills this position. No further action required.
- (d) **Cumnock and Doon Valley Minerals Trust** - Although it is not automatic that the Local Member fills this vacant position, past convention has been that the Local Member for the area take up the position on the Trust. It is therefore recommended that this matter be addressed following the By-Election.

**4. POLICY/LEGAL/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.**

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1** It is recommended that Council consider the matters detailed in paragraphs 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of this report.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**