

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE - 13 NOVEMBER 2001

NOMINATIONS TO COSLA EXECUTIVE GROUPS

Report by Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek nominations to CoSLA Executive Groups.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Convention meeting on 26 October 2001, approval was given to the establishment of 12 Executive Groups chaired by 12 “permanent” spokespersons as follows:-

<u>Executive Group</u>	<u>Spokesperson</u>
1. Modern Governance	Cllr Corrie McChord, Stirling Council
2. Finance	Cllr John Pentland, North Lanarkshire
3. Personnel Resources	Cllr Frank Russell, City of Edinburgh
4. Education	Cllr Helen Law, Fife
5. Arts and Leisure	Cllr Elizabeth Harris, Fife
6. Social Services and Health Improvement	Cllr Ronnie McColl, West Dunbartonshire
7. Environment, Sustainability and Community Safety	Cllr Hugh Halcro-Johnston, Orkney
8. Economic Development and Planning	Cllr Willie Dunn, West Lothian
9. Roads and Transportation	Cllr Alison Magee, Highland
10. Housing	Cllr Alistair Gray, Angus
11. Rural Affairs	Cllr Andrew Campbell, Dumfries and Galloway
12. Urban Affairs	Cllr James Harkins, Renfrewshire

3. CoSLA: KEY PRIORITY AREAS AND OPERATION OF THE EXECUTIVE GROUPS

- 3.1
- ◆ Appendix I details the key priority areas of work agreed by CoSLA.
 - ◆ Appendix II provides further information on the priority work for each Executive Group.
 - ◆ Appendix III provides information on the operation of the Executive Groups.

- 3.2** It is anticipated that the Executive Groups will prioritise their more detailed workplans at their first meeting.
- 3.3** CoSLA has agreed that early meetings of the Executive Groups should be held and East Ayrshire Council is invited to nominate its representatives for each of the Executive Groups numbered 1-10 in the table above. The Review Group established to review the operation of CoSLA has proposed such Executive Groups would normally comprise the Chair or Vice-Chair or Executive Portfolio Holder from each Member Council.
- 3.4** Arrangements will be put in place for papers, minutes and any other documentation relating to Executive Groups to be placed on CoSLA's web site and comments through the website route will be welcomed. Following the receipt of nominations, a membership list will be compiled for each Executive Group and meeting dates arranged in consultation with the spokespersons. Members will be notified of meeting dates and a provisional agenda by e-mail.

4. URBAN AND RURAL EXECUTIVE GROUPS

- 4.1** In respect of the Urban and Rural Executive Groups, previously, nominations to the rural network or forum were invited on the basis of Councils with a population density of less than 300 per kilometre². This gave a membership of Highland, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Argyll and Bute, Shetland, Orkney, Scottish Borders, Dumfries and Galloway, Perth and Kinross, Aberdeenshire, Stirling, Moray, Angus, South Ayrshire, East Ayrshire, East Lothian, North Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, Midlothian and Fife. In respect of the urban network, Councils were invited to opt in.
- 4.2** For the purposes of this round of nominations, East Ayrshire Council is invited to decide for itself whether to opt in or out of both the urban and rural networks.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1** No additional financial expenditure other than approved Member expenses in accordance with East Ayrshire Council's approved scheme.

6. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS - Nil.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1** It is recommended:
- (i) that nominations be agreed for each Executive Group numbered 1-10 in para 2.1 of the report;
 - (ii) that the Committee decide whether East Ayrshire Council should opt in or out of both the Urban and Rural Networks and thereafter agree nominations if required; and

- (iii) that it be remitted to the Chief Executive to make the necessary nomination arrangements and advise CoSLA accordingly.

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9 November 2001

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Correspondence from CoSLA dated 26 October 2001.

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AGENDA