

**ANGUS COUNCIL – 16 MAY 2017**

**APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES  
AND  
ELECTION OF CONVENERS AND VICE-CONVENERS/  
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES/  
APPOINTMENT OF TEACHER AND CHURCH REPS TO THE  
CHILDREN & LEARNING COMMITTEE**

**REPORT BY THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**ABSTRACT**

This purpose of this Report is to make appointments to Standing Committees of the Council in terms of Standing Orders, and to appoint Conveners and Vice-Conveners to the Standing Committees. The Council is also required to appoint teacher and church representatives to the Children and Learning Committee.

**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council is asked to:-

- (i) note the Standing Committees of the Council;
- (ii) appoint Conveners and Vice-Conveners to the Standing Committees in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 7;
- (iii) appoint members to each of the Standing Committees in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 32, and in particular in so far as possible, give effect to the principles regarding political balance;
- (iv) in terms of Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to appoint to the Children and Learning Committee three persons representing religious interests:
  - (i) one individual representing the Church of Scotland;
  - (ii) one individual representing the Roman Catholic Church;
  - (iii) one individual as a third Church Representative; and
- (iv) to appoint two persons nominated by the Teacher's Panel of the Angus Joint Negotiating Committee for Teachers who are employed as Teachers in the educational establishments under the management of the school to the Children and Learning Committee.

**2. BACKGROUND**

In terms of Standing Order 6(2) a local authority is required to elect Conveners and Vice-Conveners of each of the Standing Committees of the Council and to appoint members to each of the Standing Committees. In making appointments of Conveners and Vice-Conveners, members are asked to note that the term of office of Conveners and Vice-Conveners will be the term of office of the Council or, in the case of a person appointed to fill a casual vacancy, the remainder of that term. The holders of the offices shall cease to hold office immediately on ceasing to be a Councillor and which will also be entitled to resign at any time during their term of office.

Standing Order 31 details the Standing Committees of the Council as follows:-

- (i) Children and Learning;

- (ii) Civic Licensing;
- (iii) Communities;
- (iv) Development Standards;
- (v) Policy and Resources;
- (vi) Scrutiny and Audit.

The remits for each of the Standing Committees are detailed under the Order of Reference of Committees

[http://www.angus.gov.uk/downloads/file/159/standing\\_orders\\_and\\_related\\_documents](http://www.angus.gov.uk/downloads/file/159/standing_orders_and_related_documents)

In terms of membership of the Standing Committees, the Council is required to appoint members in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 32. Members should note that the Development Standards Committee consists of 13 members and the Civic Licensing Committee consists of 10 members. All other Standing Committees of the Council consists of 15 elected members. In appointing members to Committees, the Council must, so far as possible, give effect to the principles regarding political balance, as set out in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, except in the case of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee where a majority of members must not be members of the Administration. The Leader and Depute Leader of the Council are also not permitted to be members of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee.

In terms of Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, local authorities are required to appoint two persons representing the religious interests of the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church. The Council also makes provision for the appointment of a third member to the Children and Learning Committee, normally from the Episcopal Church. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services will advise members of the names of these individuals following the deadline for expressions of interest on 5th May 2017.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising as a direct result of the recommendations contained in this report.

### **4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None

**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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