

## **AGENDA ITEM 11**

**REPORT NO 306/22**

### **ANGUS COUNCIL**

**8 SEPTEMBER 2022**

#### **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES-**

#### **UPDATE**

#### **REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

#### **ABSTRACT**

This report provides an update to members in relation to the decisions taken at the statutory meeting of Angus Council on appointments to Outside Bodies.

The Council is asked to:

#### **1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- (i) Note the update as detailed in the Appendix;
- (ii) Note that further updates will be provided to members when officers have the requisite updated information on the remaining organisations, as detailed in the Appendix;
- (iii) note the position regarding Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve Management Committee and the William Lamb Studio Advisory Committee and that officers will now issue the questionnaire to these bodies seeking further information in accordance with the approved policy; and
- (iv) to note the position regarding Scottish Amateur Music Association and the Sharp Fund (now The Annie McLean Trust for the Elderly) and that further information is being sought by officers.

#### **2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN**

This Report contributes to the achievement of our priority that the council is efficient and effective as detailed in our Council Plan for 2022 – 2027.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

At the statutory meeting of Angus Council on 26 May 2022, the Council considered Report No 131/22 which proposed a policy framework for appointments to Outside Bodies.

The Council agreed:

- (i) to approve the Policy for Appointments to Outside Bodies, attached as Appendix 1 to the Report;
- (ii) to note the definition of an outside body which captured a requirement that the outside body contributed to the overall aims and objectives of the Council;
- (iii) to note the implications for individual elected members of being appointed to outside bodies;

- (iv) to make appointments, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 20, to the Outside Bodies listed in Appendix 2 to the report, (subject to the corrections/additions as detailed above) which comprised those bodies that the Council had an obligation to appoint to, and in doing so, pay due regard to the principle of improving the diversity of public sector bodies; as follows:

(Please note that the correction and additions detailed in recommendation (iv) related to

- the correct number of representatives required on Tayside Contracts Joint Committee,
- clarification regarding the representatives on CGLMC,
- the inclusion of Angus Citizen's Advice Bureau in Appendix 4 to Report 131/22 and
- the inclusion of Shared Apprenticeship Scheme Ltd and Voluntary Action Angus in Appendix 2 to Report 131/22. )

In accordance with the policy, the outside bodies listed in the attached **Appendix** were written to requesting the following information:

- a. confirmation that the Outside Body has adequate liability insurance in place, appropriate to its size, purpose and type;
- b. confirmation that the Outside Body will provide training on the Elected Members duties and obligations under the appointment; and
- c. confirmation that there are clear arrangements in place for Elected Members to exit from the Outside Body.

In addition to the above, if the organisation requests an Elected Member to act in a decision-making capacity, then in accordance with the approved policy they were asked to provide the Council with :

- a. most recent accounts prepared and audited in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, or the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006; and
- b. one year business plan and three-year summary business plan, if their annual budget exceeds £10,000 or details of the income and expenditure requirements for the forthcoming year if their budget is less than £10,000.

Members are asked to note the Appendix and that officers will provide a further update where there is a basis for any further appointments to be made, in accordance with the policy

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

## **5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 An equality impact assessment is not required.

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed 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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