

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by Strategic Lead – Regulatory**

**Council: 29 January 2020**

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**Subject: Vacancies on Committees and Other Bodies**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To advise the Council of the outstanding vacancies on committees, joint boards/committees and outside bodies.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1** Council is asked to consider the filling of the vacancies shown in the appendix to this report.

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1** The filling of vacancies has been considered by the Council at previous meetings on 17 May 2017, 28 June 2017 and 29 August 2018.

#### **4. Main Issues**

- 4.1** Councillors play a central part in making decisions and setting policies that impact on their wards and across West Dunbartonshire as a whole. Membership of committees and/or other bodies allows them to take part in that decision making process.
- 4.2** Committee Services has made efforts since the latter decision in August 2018 to obtain nominations for the outstanding vacancies. However, some positions and substitute positions remain unfilled, as detailed in the appendix to the report.

#### Educational Services Committee

- 4.3** The Educational Services Committee is a key committee with a remit that covers a wide range of functions that affect the young people in West Dunbartonshire. It is important that all positions on the committee are filled.

#### Substitute Members

- 4.4** It is important that where only one member of West Dunbartonshire Council sits on an external body that a substitute member is named when this has also been requested. This reduces the chance of the Council not being represented at meetings of that body.

## Knowes Housing Association (Management Committee)

- 4.5** These vacancies are open to any member of West Dunbartonshire Council, however the Association has requested that the nominee(s) have an interest in the local area covered by the Association, namely Ward 4 - Kilpatrick.

### **5. People Implications**

- 5.1** There are no people implications.

### **6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1** Any additional travel costs incurred as a result of elected members attending meetings of other organisations will be covered within the existing budget.
- 6.2** There are no procurement implications.

### **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1** The non-filling of the vacancies on Council committees may contribute towards meetings being inquorate and important business not being dealt with within required timescales.

### **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1** There is no impact on equalities groups.

### **9. Consultation**

- 9.1** Officers from the Council's Legal and Finance sections have been consulted on the content of this report.

### **10. Strategic Assessment**

- 10.1** The continuation of Council business and its representation on other organisations will contribute towards achieving the Council's Strategic Priorities.

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<b>Appendix:</b>	Vacancies on Committees and Other Bodies
<b>Background Papers:</b>	<p>Report to Statutory Meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 17 May 2017 – Appointments to Council Committees and Other Bodies</p> <p>Report to meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 28 June 2017 – Vacancies on Committees and Other Bodies</p> <p>Report to meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council on 29 August 2018 – Vacancies on Committees and Other Bodies</p>
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All wards

**Vacancies - November 2019**

<b>Committees and forums</b>	<b>No. of Vacancies</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Educational Services Committee	1	Open to any opposition councillor
Joint Consultative Forum (JCF)	1	Open to any opposition councillor
Licensing Board	1	Open to Labour councillors
Licensing Committee	1	Open to Labour councillors
Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers	1	Open to any opposition councillor
<b>Joint Boards / Partnership</b>		
Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board	1 sub	Open to any opposition councillor
Dunbartonshire and Argyll & Bute Valuation Joint Board (VJB)	1 sub	Open to any opposition councillor
<b>Outside Bodies</b>		
Knowes Housing Association (Management Committee)	1	Open to all councillors
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