

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Interim Director of Corporate Services

Council: 25 January 2012

Subject: Vacancies on Outside Bodies

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To request the Council to make nominations in respect of vacancies on outside Bodies which will arise following the resignation of Councillor Geoffrey Calvert.

2. Background

- 2.1 Councillor Geoffrey Calvert has intimated his intention to resign from the Council with effect from 27 January 2012. This will result in membership vacancies on the following Outside Bodies:-

Dumbarton Senior Citizens Committee
Highland Reserve Forces and Cadets Association
Loch Lomond Rescue Boat Management Committee
National Association of Councillors
Strathleven Regeneration Company (Substitute)
West Dunbartonshire Licensing Board

- 2.2 Councillor Calvert is also a member of the following committees: -

Appeals Committee
Audit & Performance Review Committee
Housing, Environment & Economic Development Committee
Licensing Committee
Tendering Committee
Licensing Committee

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 The Council is asked to consider filling the vacancies which have arisen as a result of Councillor Calvert's resignation.

- 3.2 As regards replacing Councillor Calvert on committees, on 23 February 2009 Council agreed the following procedure for the replacement of Members on Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Groups:-

"Where a Member has been nominated by a political group and that Member resigns, a replacement Member will be appointed by the respective political group and notified to Committee Admin no less than 11 clear days prior to the date of the next meeting."

Accordingly the Labour group can replace Councillor Calvert on committees on which he serves.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no implications for employees of the Council.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications for the Council associated with this report as the cost of attending meetings of these outside bodies has been included in existing budgets.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 There is a risk that the Council might incur some reputational damage if it does not fill these vacancies.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 The issues raised within this report will not have an adverse impact on any equality group.

8. Strategic Assessment

8.1 The filling of these vacancies will ensure that there is a continuous link between the Council and its outside bodies, some of which work in partnership with the Council to achieve a number of the Council's Strategic Priorities such as improving the environment and protecting vulnerable groups.

9. Conclusions and Recommendations

9.1 The Council is asked to consider whether it wishes to fill the vacancies on outside bodies which have arisen as a result of Councillor Calvert's resignation.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All Wards