

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Council: 28 January 2009

Subject: Representation on Outside Bodies

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Council is asked to consider making a nomination to the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances.

2. Background

- 2.1 A request has been received from Dundee City Council seeking the nomination of an elected member to serve on the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 In April 2007, Dundee City Council hosted a seminar to launch the setting up of the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Waste Management, at which the remit and terms of reference were adopted (shown an appendix to this report). This forum of Scottish Councils was created by COSLA as an elected member group to aid the identification of a Scottish Local Authority viewpoint on radioactive waste management issues; to act as an interface with the Scottish Government, Scottish Parliament and regulatory bodies as they consult on radioactive waste management and clean-up policy and practice; and, to influence national policy on radioactive waste management in the interests of affected communities.
- 3.2 Unfortunately, progress was stalled first by the long term illness of the Chair, Councillor George Regan of Dundee City Council, and then by the absence, again long term, of the officer providing the secretariat to the forum. Arrangements are now being made for the re-launch of the forum under its new title and will probably take place via an update conference in March 2009 (date still to be confirmed).
- 3.3 The Council is therefore invited to nominate an elected member to serve on the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 It has been suggested by the Forum Secretary that an appropriate officer be nominated from within this Council to provide support and advice to the elected member who is nominated to serve on the new Forum. There are no other personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The elected member nominated to serve on this outside body will be entitled to claim reasonable expenses incurred when attending meetings.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** There is no requirement to undertake a risk assessment in relation to the recommendations of this report.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1** The Council is asked to make a nomination to the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances.

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Background paper: Correspondence from Dundee City Council dated 30 December 2008.

Appendix: Remit and Terms of Reference of the Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances

Wards Affected: None affected.