

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Council: 30 May 2007

Subject: Appointments to Working Groups, Outside Bodies and Joint Boards

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This report advises Members of the requirement for appointments to be made to Working Groups, Outside Bodies and Joint Boards.

2. Background

- 2.1** At the meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council held on 16 May 2007, a report was submitted requesting nominations to various Working Groups, Outside Bodies and Joint Boards. The Council agreed to continue the appointments to these organisations until the next meeting of Council on 30 May 2007.
- 2.2** There are a number of working groups which have been formed by the Council which will be continuing in the new Council.
- 2.3** The Council is also required to make nominations to a number of Outside Bodies and Joint Boards. Appointments are made by the Council, and reflect the requirements provided by the organisations.

3. Main Issues

Working Groups

- 3.1** A list of Working Groups which require appointments is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Outside Bodies

- 3.2** A list of organisations which have requested nominations from the Council is attached as Appendix 2 to this report. The Council has written to these organisations and obtained confirmation that nominations require to be made.

Joint Boards/Committees/Strategic Partnerships

- 3.3** A list of Joint Boards, Joint Committees and Strategic Partnerships which require nominations from the Council is attached as Appendix 3 to this report.
- 3.4** In considering these nominations Members should make note of those organisations that already have meetings scheduled which will require attendance by the nominated Member(s).

Ex-officio Justices

- 3.5** Normally, following an Election, a Local Authority would, in terms of the District Courts (Scotland) Act 1975, nominate up to one quarter of its Members to serve as ex officio Justices for its area.
- 3.6** Members are asked to note that ex officio Justices will cease to hold office when the relevant provisions of the Criminal Proceedings etc (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 come into force. It is anticipated that the 2007 Act will come into force in December 2007 and Members are asked to agree that no such nominations for ex officio Justices be made by this Council.
- 3.7** When the relevant provisions of the 2007 Act are in force, a Member of a Local Authority may exercise certain signing functions. These signing functions in terms of the 2007 Act are:-
- (a) Signing any document for the purpose of authenticating another person's signature;
 - (b) taking and authenticating by signature any written declaration; and
 - (c) giving a signed certificate of (i) facts within the giver's knowledge, or (ii) the giver's opinion as to any matter.

Further guidance will be given to Members once a date has been set for the relevant provisions of the 2007 Act to be brought into force.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** There was no requirement for a risk analysis.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1** Members are asked to agree nominations to the list of Working Groups, outside bodies and Joint Boards as shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to this report, giving speedy consideration to those organisations where meetings have been already scheduled.

8. Recommendations

8.1 Members are asked to agree:-

- (a) to make nominations to the appropriate organisations as detailed in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to this report; and
- (b) not to make any appointments of ex-officio justices at this time.

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Date: 18 May 2007

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Appendices:	Appendix 1 – List of Working Groups Appendix 2 – List of Outside Bodies Appendix 3 – List of Joint Boards
Background Papers:	Criminal Proceedings etc (Reform) (Scotland) Act 2007 District Courts (Scotland) Act 1975
Wards Affected:	None