

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Committee : Council 27 May 2009

Subject: Labour Group AGM – Nominations to Committees and Outside Bodies

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise Council that the Labour Group AGM on 25 May 2009 may result in resignations from membership of certain committees and outside bodies and to advise as to how Council should deal with this.

2. Background

- 2.1** On 25 February 2009 Council agreed that where a member of a committee has been appointed by a political group then in the event of resignation of that member the political group would be entitled to nominate their replacement. The replacement requires to be notified to Committee Admin no less than 11 clear days prior to the date of the next meeting. No further Council decision would be necessary.

At its March meeting Council nominated members of outside bodies. However Council did not make any similar dispensation in respect of membership of outside bodies. Accordingly it will still be a matter for a Council to approve any appointments to outside bodies.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** If resignations result from the Labour Group's AGM on 25 May the position on appointing replacements is as follows:-
- Committees – the Labour Group can merely intimate their replacement members to Committee Admin. No further Council decision is required.
 - If the Labour Group intimate that they wish to replace members of outside bodies then this will require a Council decision. Council will also require to suspend standing orders as a decision on appointments to outside bodies has been taken within the last six months and this would change the terms of that decision.

- If a member of an outside body resigns then the appointment of a replacement member will be for Council. However, in that event it will not be necessary for Council to suspend standing orders, as no decision is being made which varies the previous decision.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personal issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial issues.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 In the event that members of committees or outside bodies resign it is important that procedures are in place to ensure new appointments are made expeditiously.

7. Conclusions and Officers Recommendations

7.1 Council is recommended to:-

- 1 Note that if any members resign from membership of committees following the Labour Group AGM that it will be a matter for the Labour Group to decide on the replacement members, by intimating to Committee Admin.
- 2 To note that if members resign from membership of outside bodies that it will be for Council to nominate replacements.
- 3 To note that if Council is requested to remove and replace members on outside bodies that this is a matter for Council to decide on which would also require suspension of standing orders.

Joyce White
Executive Director of Corporate Services

Person to Contact: Andrew A Fraser, Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, G82 3PU. Telephone 01389 737800
e-mail: andrew.fraser@west-dunbarton.gov.uk

Appendices:

Background Papers:

Wards Affected: All