

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
DATE	31 October 2013
LEAD OFFICER	Chief Executive
TITLE OF REPORT	Appointments
REPORT NUMBER:	OCE/13/026

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report brings before the Council changes to previously agreed appointments.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) That the Council agrees the appointment of Councillor Taylor as a member of the NESTRANS Board, replacing Councillor Grant.
- ii) That the Council agrees the appointment of Councillor Taylor as a member of the Strategic Development Planning Authority, replacing Councillor Grant; and that Councillor Grant replaces Councillor Taylor as a substitute member on the Authority.
- iii) That the Council agrees to appoint the Council Leader plus three further elected members to the Community Planning Aberdeen Board and five elected members to the Community Planning Aberdeen Reference Group.
- iv) That the Council agrees the appointment of Councillor Andrew Finlayson as Vice Convener of the Planning Development Management Committee.
- v) That the Council notes that to comply with its legal obligations in terms of the Prison and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011 it is required to appoint a replacement member of the Peterhead Visiting Committee, however as this member will be unable to attend the mandatory training and be PVG checked prior to closure of Peterhead Prison on 6 December it is recommended that no appointment be made; and
- vi) That the Council notes that regulation 148 (8) of the Prison and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011 provides that the proceedings of a visiting committee is not invalidated by any vacancy in the membership or any defect in the appointment of a member
- vii) That the Council notes Councillor Ironside CBE's replacement by Councillor Jean Morrison MBE as a member of the Disabled Persons Housing Service.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The report has no financial implications for the Council.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no other implications to this report.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

At its Statutory Meeting on 16 May 2012, the Council considered a report on the appointment of members to specific sub-committees, groups, Council-supported trusts and boards (CG/12/056). At that meeting and at subsequent meetings of Council and the Urgent Business Committee appointments have been agreed.

NESTRANS

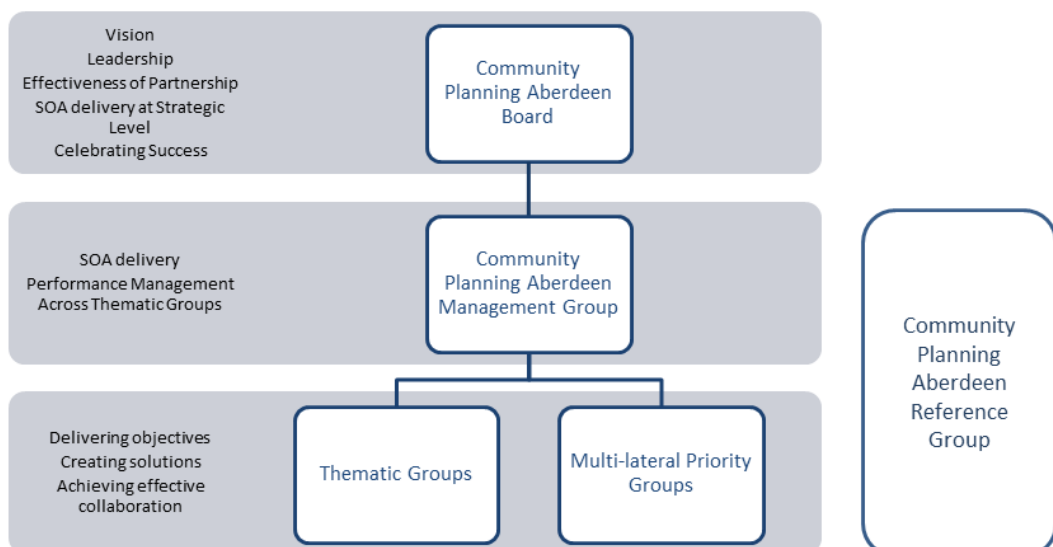
The Labour Group has now intimated that it wishes to appoint Councillor Angela Taylor as a member of the NESTRANS Board replacing Councillor Ross Grant.

Strategic Development Planning Authority

The Labour Group has now intimated that it wishes to appoint Councillor Angela Taylor as a member of the Strategic Development Planning Authority replacing Councillor Ross Grant. Councillor Grant would replace Councillor Taylor as a substitute member of the Authority.

Community Planning Aberdeen

Community Planning Aberdeen has recently undertaken a comprehensive review of its governance arrangements, following on from which the Partnership has now implemented the following new structure:



Previously, the Council Leader was a member of both the Community Aberdeen Planning Board and Management Group, with two further elected members (Councillors Graham and Kiddie) being appointed to the Community Planning Aberdeen Board.

Under the new structure, Council is asked to appoint the Council Leader and 3 elected members to the Community Planning Aberdeen Board and 5 elected members to the Community Planning Aberdeen Reference Group.

Planning Development Management Committee

The Administration has intimated that it wishes to appoint Councillor Andrew Finlayson as Vice Convener of the Planning Development Management Committee. The post is not that of a Senior Councillor and carries no additional remuneration.

Peterhead Prison Visiting Committee

Peterhead Visiting Committee has advised of the requirement for the Council to find and select one replacement Aberdeen City Council appointee on the Peterhead Prison Visiting Committee following the resignation of Ms Heather Morgan. The Council has been requested to make one external member appointment to the Committee in accordance with the legislation.

As members may be aware HMP Peterhead will close on 6 December prior to the opening of HMP Grampian in early 2014. As such, the Visiting Committee will also cease on 6 December 2013.

Further to an appointment being made to the Committee, each appointee is required to complete a Protection of Vulnerable Groups check prior to being able to undertake their duties as a Visiting Committee member. This process takes approximately four to six weeks and therefore might not be completed prior to the Visiting Committee disbanding.

Further to the PVG process being completed, a new member would then be required to undertake a range of training prior to undertaking their duties. The indications are that much of this mandatory training will not be available during the rest of 2013.

In addition to the mandatory training provided by the prison, new members should also undertake a foundation training course provided by the Association of Visiting Committee (AVC). Unfortunately, again there is no further foundation training scheduled by the AVC for 2013.

Notwithstanding all of the above, to comply with its legal obligations in terms of the Prison and Young Offenders Institutions (Scotland) Rules 2011 the Council is required to appoint a replacement member of the Peterhead Visiting Committee. It is noted that as this member will be unable to attend the mandatory training and be PVG checked prior to

closure of Peterhead Prison on 6 December this will be a non-appointment. Regulation 148 (8) provides that the proceedings of a Visiting Committee is not invalidated by any vacancy in the membership or any defect in the appointment of a member.

Disabled Persons Housing Service

Finally, Councillor Len Ironside CBE is to be replaced by Councillor Jean Morrison MBE as a member of the Disabled Persons Housing Service.

6. IMPACT

Representation on the various sub-committees, trusts, boards and outside bodies assists the Council in fulfilling its role in delivering the Single Outcome Agreement.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The report deals with a change of Council representation on an outside body.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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