

COMMITTEE	Statutory Council
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TITLE OF REPORT	Appointment of Baillies
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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-**

To request that members consider appointing Baillies to assist the Lord Provost in the performance of his/her duties.

**2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that Council

- a) Determines whether or not the office of Baillies should continue;

If Council determines that the office of Baillies should continue, it is further recommended that Council:

- b) Appoints such number of Baillies as it deems appropriate;
- c) Notes the decision of Council of 16 May, 2012 whereby it was agreed that any serving former Lord Provost would automatically become a Baillie;
- d) Agrees that the allocation of robes and chains be at the discretion of the Lord Provost;
- e) Agrees that the Baillies will receive no remuneration; and
- f) Notes that those undertaking civic duties on behalf of the Lord Provost are entitled to claim reimbursement from the Council's Civic Head Allowance.

**3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES**

- 3.1 The role of Baillie was reintroduced at the meeting of Council of 25 June 2003 in order that a small number of named Councillors could deputise for the Lord Provost at civic occasions, enabling a sense of tradition to be brought to these events, and reduce the demands made on the Lord Provost.
- 3.2 At the meeting of Council of 16 May 2007, members further agreed that any serving former Lord Provost would automatically become a Baillie.
- 3.3 In 2003, four Baillies were appointed (one from each political group). In 2007, five Baillies were appointed (one from each political group, and Councillor Reynolds as a former Lord Provost). And in 2012, five Baillies were appointed (one from each political group, and Councillor Reynolds as a former Lord Provost).
- 3.4 The robes and chains which Councillors can be invited to wear on formal occasions are those of former Baillies (pre 1975). It is proposed as per the recommendations that robes and chains should continue to be allocated to Councillors by invitation by the Lord Provost on specific occasions such as graduation ceremonies, Remembrance Sunday and civic funerals.
- 3.5 In 2003, it was agreed that Baillies would not receive remuneration, and the same decision was taken by members in 2007 and 2012. However those undertaking civic duties on behalf of the Lord Provost are entitled to claim reimbursement from the Council's Civic Head Allowance.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report, (other than those outlined at 3.5 of this report) as it is recommended that the Baillies would not receive remuneration for their duties.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

#### **6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK**

Risks relating to reimbursements can be mitigated through compliance with the Members Allowances and Expenses Guidance.

#### **7. IMPACT SECTION**

##### **Economy**

No impact on economy.

## **People**

The implementation of the recommendations will enable a sense of tradition to be brought to civic occasions in circumstances when the Lord Provost may not be able to attend.

## **Place**

If Baillies are not appointed there may be a risk that if the Lord Provost cannot attend a civic event then no designated Council representative could carry out ceremonial duties on their behalf. This may have implications on the degree of prestige brought to civic events.

## **Technology**

No impact on technology.

## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- CG/12/044 - Report to statutory meeting of Council – 16 May 2012 (Appointment of Baillies)

## **9. APPENDICES**

N/A

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