

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
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DIRECTOR/HOS	Fraser Bell, Head of Legal and Democratic Services
TITLE OF REPORT	Appointment of a Chairperson to the Sport Aberdeen Board
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT:-

To advise Council on the resignation of Mr Fred Dalgarno as the Chairperson of Sport Aberdeen and to request that Council approve the appointment of Mr Colin Taylor as the new Chairperson of Sport Aberdeen.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that Council

- a) Note the resignation of Mr Fred Dalgarno as a Director and Chairperson of the Sport Aberdeen Board; and
- b) Approve the appointment of Mr Colin Taylor as the new Chairperson of Sport Aberdeen.

3. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- 3.1 Sport Aberdeen is a Tier 1 arm's length external organisation (ALEO) which provides management, development and operation of a wide range of leisure services for and on behalf of Aberdeen City Council. It was formed on 9 July 2010 and has a contract until July 2020.
- 3.2 The Sport Aberdeen Board is comprised of 13 Trustee Directors, three of which are councillors appointed by the City Council. The Articles of Association, which govern the charitable body, allow for the appointment of an independent chair to be elected from within the Board of Directors. As per article 9.3.1 of Sport Aberdeen's Articles of Association, elected members are excluded from taking on the role of Chairperson.

- 3.3 At its meeting on 28 June 2017, the Sport Aberdeen Board accepted the resignation of Fred Dalgarno, both as Chairman and Trustee Director. It had been Mr Dalgarno's intent to stand down in 2018; however extenuating circumstances necessitated bringing this forward. Mr Dalgarno had been the Chairperson of Sport Aberdeen since 2010.
- 3.4 Sport Aberdeen has developed succession plans and the Board unanimously agreed that these be brought forward, after which the Board nominated Colin Taylor to be the new Chairperson of the Board, following his previous position as Deputy Chairperson of Sport Aberdeen.
- 3.5 Mr Taylor holds a number of voluntary roles in organisations and charities across Aberdeen and was the founding chairperson of the Aberdeen Sports Council and a former advisor to sportscotland. He is currently Dean of Guild for the City of Aberdeen.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications for the Council as Sport Aberdeen has operational responsibility as an ALEO in this business area.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The recommendations contained within this report are consistent with the governance arrangements for Sport Aberdeen and the provisions within the Articles of Association. Council should be mindful that there may be legal implications if a decision was made not to appoint Sport Aberdeen's nominated Chairperson.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

- 6.1 Financial - No significant risk.
- 6.2 Employee – No significant risk.
- 6.3 Customer/Citizen - Effective leadership and governance arrangements can mitigate risk to service users and ensure that Sport Aberdeen can continue to operate effectively and safely in the local economy.
- 6.4 Environmental - No significant risk.
- 6.5 Technological - No significant risk.
- 6.6 Legal - There may be legal risk if Council resolved not to appoint Sport Aberdeen's nominated Chairperson.
- 6.7 Reputational – There may be reputational risk to the Council if it resolved not to appoint Sport Aberdeen's nominated Chairperson.

7. IMPACT SECTION

Economy

Sport Aberdeen contributes to the local economy through employment and the provision of services. The appointment of qualified and dedicated leaders in conjunction with robust governance arrangements should enable Sport Aberdeen to continue to operate effectively within the local economy.

People

No significant equalities implications have been anticipated. An Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment has been completed and submitted to the Council's Equalities team.

Place

No significant impact on place.

Technology

No significant impact on technology.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

9. APPENDICES

N/A

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