

URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 23 May 2023. Minute of Meeting of the URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Yuill, Convener; and Councillors Crockett, Grant, Greig, Houghton, McLellan (as substitute for the Vice Convener) and Radley.

Also in attendance:- Councillors Allard and Brooks.

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DETERMINATION OF URGENT BUSINESS

1. In terms of Section 1.3 of the Committee Remit and in accordance with Section 50B(4)(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Committee was informed that it had to determine (1) that the item on the agenda was of an urgent nature; and (2) that the Committee required to consider the item and take decisions thereon.

The Convener moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Radley:-

That the Committee agree that the item was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day to enable members to consider the matter at the earliest opportunity.

On a division, there voted:- for the procedural motion (4) - Convener; and Councillors Greig, McLellan and Radley; against the procedural motion (3) - Councillors Crockett, Grant and Houghton.

The Committee resolved:-

to adopt the procedural motion and thereby agree that the item was of an urgent nature and required to be considered this day to enable members to consider the matter at the earliest opportunity.

SENIOR COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENTS - COM/23/162

2. The Committee had before it a report by the Director of Commissioning which sought replacement appointments to Senior Councillor roles following the resignation of Councillor Nicoll from those roles.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee -

- (a) appoint a Co-Leader in place of Councillor Nicoll with immediate effect;
- (b) appoint a Vice Convener of the Urgent Business Committee in place of Councillor Nicoll;
- (c) note that the Partnership can replace Councillor Nicoll on Council Committees and the Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee, if required, however as

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Councillor Nicoll is currently Convener of the Aberdeen City Region Deal Joint Committee, it would be for the Joint Committee to appoint a replacement Convener;

- (d) note that the Partnership can replace Councillor Nicoll on outside bodies from within the Partnership; and
- (e) note that the constitution of the Community Planning Aberdeen (CPA) Board stipulates that the Chair of the CPA Board will be the Leader of Aberdeen City Council, and in the event that the Council appoints Co-Leaders, the Co-Leaders will determine who will undertake the role, and will notify the Chief Executive of Aberdeen City Council.

The Convener moved, seconded by Councillor Radley:-

That the Committee approve the recommendations, subject to appointing Councillor Allard as Co-Leader and Vice Convener of the Urgent Business Committee in terms of recommendations (a) and (b); and note that Councillor Allard would be the Chair of the CPA Board in terms of recommendation (e).

Councillor Grant advised that he had an amendment, as below, however it would require Standing Orders to be suspended.

That the Committee -

1. note the contents of the report;
2. agree to suspend Standing Orders 4 and 5 and therefore remove Councillor Yuill from office as Co-Leader and Convener of the Urgent Business Committee;
3. agree to appoint Councillor Crockett as Leader of the Council;
4. agree to appoint Councillor Crockett as Convener of the Urgent Business Committee; and
5. agree to instruct the Interim Chief Officer - Governance (Assurance) to report to Council on 14 June 2023 with regard to senior councillor appointments.

Councillor Grant moved as a procedural motion, seconded by Councillor Crockett:-

That the Committee suspend Standing Orders 4 and 5 as above.

On a division, there voted:- for the procedural motion (3) - Councillors Crockett, Grant and Houghton; against the procedural motion (4) - Convener; and Councillors Greig, McLellan and Radley.

The Committee resolved:-

to reject the procedural motion.

Councillor Grant moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Crockett:-

That the report be referred simpliciter to Council on 14 June 2023.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion by the Convener (4) - Convener; and Councillors Greig, McLellan and Radley; for the amendment by Councillor Grant (3) - Councillors Crockett, Grant and Houghton.

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The Committee further resolved:-
to adopt the motion.
- IAN YUILL, Convener.

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