

Report

Report to: **South Lanarkshire Council**
Date of Meeting: **23 August 2023**
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Outcome of Local Government By-election – Electoral Ward 9 (East Kilbride West) - and Amendments to Committee and Outside Body Memberships**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- advise of the outcome of the by-election held in Ward 9 (East Kilbride West)
- advise on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 37(c), because of the timescales involved, by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Depute Provost and an ex officio member, to approve revised memberships of committees and outside bodies following the by-election

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that it be noted that, following the by-election held on 6 July 2023, Kirsty Williams has been elected to represent Electoral Ward 9 (East Kilbride West) on South Lanarkshire Council;
- (2) that, to reflect the current political composition of the Council, the breakdown to the committee memberships, as detailed in Appendix 1, be noted;
- (3) that the action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 37(c), by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Depute Provost and ex officio member, to approve the revised membership of committees and outside bodies, as detailed at paragraph 5. 2, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. Arrangements were made to hold a by-election on Thursday 6 July 2023 to fill the vacancy in Electoral Ward 9 (East Kilbride West), a multi-member ward comprising 3 members.

4. Result of By-Election

4.1. Specific information in relation to the by-election in Ward 9 (East Kilbride West) is as follows:-

Electorate – 13,412

Percentage Poll – 25.7%

Total Valid Votes Cast – 3,423

Quota (number of votes required to be elected) – 1,712
Ballot Papers Rejected - 27

4.2. The number of first preference votes polled for each candidate was as follows:-

Candidate	Party	No of first preference votes	Elected (Stage No)
Bill Dorrian	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	904	
Cameron Eadie	Scottish Greens – Think Global Act Local	131	
Robert Gillies	Scottish National Party (SNP)	778	
Kristofer Keane	Independent	99	
Jonathan Jack Richardson	Scottish Family Party	42	
Jake Stevenson	Scottish Liberal Democrats	83	
Kirsty Williams	Scottish Labour Party	1,386	Yes (Stage 6)

4.3. Kirsty Williams has, therefore, been elected to represent Electoral Ward 9 (East Kilbride West) on South Lanarkshire Council.

5. Places on Committees

5.1. Due to the updated political composition of the Council, the composition of Resource, Planning and the Recruitment Committees required to be amended. A copy of the current and revised breakdown of committee memberships is detailed at Appendix 1, with changes highlighted in red.

5.2. In order to allow the continuity of Council business following the summer recess, consultation was undertaken with the Business Managers of the affected Groups and the following changes made to committee and outside body memberships:-

- ◆ that Councillor Lennon fill the vacant place on the Planning Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Brown and Councillor Cooper replace Councillor Ferguson-Miller and Councillor Cowan respectively as a member and substitute member of the Recruitment Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Frame fill the vacant substitute place on the Executive Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Williams replace Councillors Johnston-Dempsey, Councillor Bradley and Dewar on the Social Work Resources, Housing and Technical Resources and Finance and Corporate Resources Committees respectively;
- ◆ that Councillor Kerr replace Councillor Chalmers on the Community and Enterprise Resources Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Falconer replace Councillor Bradley on the Education Resources Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Dewar replace Councillor Donnelly as a member of the Planning Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Frame fill the vacant place on the Planning Local Review Body;
- ◆ that Councillor Dewar replace Councillor Donnelly on Planning Local Review Body;
- ◆ that Councillor Donnelly replace Councillor Gray on the Licensing Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Horsham replace Councillor Loudon as a substitute member on the Licensing Committee;

- ◆ that Councillor Toner fill the vacant place on the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Horsham replace Councillor Calikes as a member of the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee, with Councillor Gray filling the place of substitute member;
- ◆ that Councillor Johnston-Dempsey fill the vacant place on the Equal Opportunities Forum;
- ◆ that Councillor Dewar fill the vacant substitute place on the Finance and Corporate Resources Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Bradley fill the vacant substitute place on the Housing and Technical Resources Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Calikes fill the vacant substitute place on the Petitions Committee;
- ◆ that Councillor Anderson and Councillor Williams fill the vacant places on Licensing Division No 2 (East Kilbride); and
- ◆ that Councillor Williams and Councillor Macdonald fill the vacant places as representatives on East Kilbride Sports Council

5.3. A copy of the revised committee memberships is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

5.4. A copy of the revised outside body memberships is attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. None.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

8.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

9. Other Implications

9.1 There are no risks or sustainability issues in terms of the information contained in this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1 There was no requirement for an equality impact assessment or formal consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive

10 August 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent

Previous References

- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council of 24 May 2023

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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Breakdown of Committee Memberships

Previous Council Breakdown:

Scottish National Party 27 (42.19%); Labour 24 (37.50%); Conservative 7 (10.94%); Liberal Democrats 3 (4.69%); Independent Group 2 (3.13%); Green 1 (1.56%)

Committee	Total Membership	Leader ex officio	SNP	Labour	Con	Lib Dems	Ind Group	Green
Resource and Planning Committees [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups]	26	1	11	9	3	1	1	-
Recruitment Committee [Provision for named substitutes]]	6	-	3	2	1	-	-	-

Revised Council Breakdown:

Scottish National Party 26 (40.63%); Labour 25 (39.06%); Conservative 7 (10.94%); Liberal Democrats 3 (4.69%); Independent Group 2 (3.13%); Green 1 (1.56%)

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Committee	Total Membership	Leader ex officio	SNP	Labour	Con	Lib Dems	Ind Group	Green
Resource and Planning Committees [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups]	26	1	10	10	3	1	1	-
Recruitment Committee [Provision for named substitutes]]	6	-	2	2	1	1*		

* Following negotiation between the Lib Dems, Independent Group and Green member, the place was allocated to the Lib Dems, with the substitute member from the Independent Group