

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	3 November 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Amendments to Memberships of Committees, Forums and Joint Boards/Outside Bodies
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ request approval for proposed amendments to the membership of various Committees, Forums, Joint Boards and Outside Bodies following recent changes in the political composition of the Council
- ◆ request approval to a change in the membership of the Equal Opportunities Forum

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the recent changes in the membership of the Conservative and Independent Groups, as outlined in paragraph 3.3, be noted;
- (2) that, to reflect the current political composition of the Council:-
 - ◆ amendments to the committee memberships, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved
 - ◆ amendments to the memberships of certain Joint Boards/Outside Bodies, as detailed in Appendix 2, be approved;
- (3) that Councillor Razzaq replace Councillor Lennon as a member of the Equal Opportunities Forum and that Councillor Lennon fill the resulting vacancy as a substitute member; and
- (4) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political/independent groups and independent members, to finalise memberships as a consequence of the changes outlined in Recommendation (2) above.

3. Background

3.1. At the statutory meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2017, committee and forum membership details were approved and authority delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups, to finalise membership of Committees and Forums on the basis of the number of members and associated political composition approved by the Council. Since that meeting, any changes to committee memberships have been reported to either the Executive Committee or Council.

- 3.2. While there is no statutory requirement in terms of membership places, the Council endeavours to reflect the overall political balance in the membership of its committees, forums, Joint Boards and Outside Bodies insofar as is reasonably practicable.
- 3.3. Due to recent changes in the membership of the Conservative and Independent Groups as a consequence of Councillor Campbell and Councillor Burns becoming Independent members, it is proposed that the composition of Committees be amended. A copy of the current and proposed breakdown of committee memberships is detailed at Appendix 1, with changes highlighted in red.
- 3.4. There are no proposed changes to the composition of Forums.
- 3.5. In respect of Joint Boards and Partnership/Outside Bodies, it is proposed that changes to certain memberships be as detailed in Appendix 2, with changes highlighted in red.
- 3.6. Following a request from the Labour Group Business Manager, it is proposed that Councillor Razzaq replace Councillor Lennon as a member of the Equal Opportunities Forum, and that Councillor Lennon fill the resulting place as a substitute member.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. There are no employee implications arising from this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. There are no financial implications associated with the proposals contained in this report.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. There are no risks to the Council in relation to the recommendation contained in this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. No equality impact assessment was required in respect of the proposals contained in this report.
- 8.2. No formal consultation was required.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

14 October 2021

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Accountable, Effective. Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

South Lanarkshire Council 19 December 2018

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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Breakdown of Committee Memberships

Previous Council Breakdown:

Scottish National Party 25 (39.06%); Labour 17 (26.56%); Conservative 12 (18.75%); Independent Group 6 (9.37%), Liberal Democrats 3 (4.69%); Independent 1 (1.56%)

Committee	Total Membership	Leader ex officio	SNP	Labour	Con	Ind Group	Lib Dem
Resource Committees; Planning and Licensing Committees [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups]	26	1	10	7	5	2	1
Executive Committee [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups]	28	1	11	7	5	3	1
Climate Change and Sustainability Committee [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups]	28	1	11	7	5	3	1

Revised Council Breakdown:

Scottish National Party 25 (39.06%); Labour 17 (26.56%); Conservative 11 (17.19%); Independent Group 5 (7.81%), Liberal Democrats 3 (4.69%); Independents 3 (4.69%)

Committee	Total Membership	Leader ex officio	SNP	Labour	Con	Ind Group	Lib Dem	Inds
Resource Committees; Planning and Licensing Committees [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups]	26	1	10	7	4	2	1	1
Executive Committee [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups]	28	1	12	7	5	2	1	-
Climate Change and Sustainability Committee [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups]	28	1	12	7	5	2	1	-

Representation on Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board/Certain Outside Bodies

Previous Breakdown

Committee	Total Membership	SNP	Labour	Con	Ind Group	Lib Dem
Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board	8	3	2	2	1	-
Economic Growth Board	5	2	1	1	1	-
Getting It Right for South Lanarkshire's Children's Partnership	5	2	1	1	1	-
Safer South Lanarkshire Board	5	2	1	1	1	-

Revised Breakdown

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Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board	8	4	2	1	1	-
Economic Growth Board	5	3	1	1	-	-
Getting It Right for South Lanarkshire's Children's Partnership	5	3	1	1	-	-
Safer South Lanarkshire Board	5	3	1	1	-	-