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| Report to: | Executive Committee |
| Date of Meeting: | 14 December 2011 |
| Report by: | Chief Executive |

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| Subject: | Local Government By-Election - Electoral Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock) |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise on the outcome of the by-election held in Electoral Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock)

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that, following the by-election held on 8 December 2011, it be noted that John Menzies has been elected to represent Electoral Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock).

3. Background

- 3.1. The Local Government (Scotland) Act 2004 introduced proportional representation in the form of the Single Transferable Vote (STV) to local government elections.
- 3.2. Following the sad death of Councillor Gilligan, arrangements were made to hold a by-election on Thursday 8 December 2011 to fill the resulting vacancy in Electoral Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock), a multi-member ward comprising 4 members.

4. Result of By-Election

4.1. The number of first preference votes polled for each candidate in Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock), was as follows:-

| Candidate | Party | No of first preference votes | Elected (Stage No) |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Stuart Gallacher | Scottish Labour Party | 607 | |
| Connar McBain | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 214 | |
| John Campbell Menzies | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 822 | Yes (Stage 1) |
| Ballot Papers Rejected - 16 | | Total Valid Votes Cast – 1,643 | |
| Electorate – 14,068 | | Percentage Poll – 11.79% | |
| Quota (number of votes required to be elected – 822) | | | |

4.2. John Menzies has, therefore, been elected to represent Electoral Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock) on South Lanarkshire Council.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. None.

7. Other Implications

7.1. Committee memberships will require to be considered and arrangements made to allocate Committee places to Councillor Menzies.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. None required.

Archibald Strang

Chief Executive

9 December 2011

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

Accountable, effective and efficient

Previous References

Executive Committee 16 November 2011 (Paragraph 18)

List of Background Papers

Results sheet for Electoral Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock) held by the Returning Officer

Contact for Further Information

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