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Report to: **Executive Committee**
Date of Meeting: **24 May 2006**
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Local Government By-election – Electoral Ward 6
(Biggar/Symington and Black Mount)**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the outcome of the by-election held in Electoral Ward 6 (Biggar/Symington and Black Mount)
- ◆ allow consideration to be given to the allocation of Committee and other places previously held by the late Councillor McAlpine
- ◆ approve an amendment to the membership of the Roads Safety Forum

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that, following the by-election held on 11 May 2006, it be noted that Hamish Stewart has been elected to represent Electoral Ward 6 (Biggar/Symington and Black Mount);
- (2) that Councillor Stewart fill the vacant places on the:-
 - ◆ Enterprise Resources Committee
 - ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee
 - ◆ Planning Committee
 - ◆ Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust
 - ◆ Biggar Town Centre Forum
- (3) that Councillor Gauld fill the vacant place on the Clydesdale Area Committee;
- (4) that Councillor Gray fill the vacant place and Councillor Stewart replace Councillor Forrest on the Roads Safety Forum; and
- (5) that Councillor Buchanan fill the vacant place on the Corporate Connections Board.

3. Background

3.1 In terms of Rule 43 of the Scottish Local Government Election Rules 2002, the Returning Officer has advised the Council of the result of the by-election held on 11 May 2006 in respect of Ward 6 (Biggar/Symington and Black Mount).

3.2 There is no meeting of South Lanarkshire Council scheduled to take place for some time and, therefore, this report on the results of the by-election and the allocation of Committee places and outside body representation is being submitted to the Executive Committee.

4. Result of Election

4.1. The number of votes polled for each candidate was as follows:-

Candidate		Votes
Ralph Baker	(Scottish Labour Party Candidate)	87
Thomas (commonly known as Tom) Mitchell	(Scottish National Party (SNP))	523
Peter Rae	(Independent)	295
James (commonly known as Hamish) Stewart	(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party Candidate)	816
	Ballot Papers Rejected	5
	Total Votes Cast	1726
	Electorate	3499
	Percentage Poll	49.3%

4.2. Hamish Stewart has, therefore, been elected to represent Electoral Ward 6 (Biggar/Symington and Black Mount) on South Lanarkshire Council.

5. Amendments to Committee Memberships

5.1. It is now proposed that the vacant places on Committees and other Forums, etc be filled as follows:-

- ◆ Councillor Stewart to fill the vacant places on:-
 - ◆ Enterprise Resources Committee
 - ◆ Housing and Technical Resources Committee
 - ◆ Planning Committee
 - ◆ Biggar Town Centre Forum
 - ◆ Strathclyde Building Preservation Trust
- ◆ Councillor Gauld to fill the vacant place on the Clydesdale Area Committee
- ◆ Councillor Gray to fill the vacant place on the Roads Safety Forum
- ◆ Councillor Buchanan to fill the vacant place on the Corporate Connections Board

5.2. In addition, it was proposed that Councillor Stewart replace Councillor Forrest on the Roads Safety Forum.

6. Employee Implications

6.1 None.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Other Implications

8.1 None.

9. Consultation

9.1 None required.

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Chief Executive
17 May 2006

Link(s) to Council Objectives
Managing Resources

Previous References
Minutes of Executive Committee of 29 March 2006 (Paragraph 20)

List of Background Papers
Notice of Election Results from Returning Officer

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