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| Report to: | South Lanarkshire Council |
| Date of Meeting: | 19 December 2018 |
| Report by: | Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) |

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| 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 a change in the political composition of the Council

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that, to reflect the current political composition of the Council:-
 - ◆ amendments to the committee/forum memberships, as detailed in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 and Appendix 2, be approved;
 - ◆ amendments to the memberships of certain Joint Boards/Outside Bodies, as detailed in Appendix 4, be approved; and
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political/independent groups and independent member, to finalise memberships.

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. The current composition is detailed at Appendices 1 and 3 to the report.
- 3.3. As a consequence of a change in the political make-up of the Council, it is proposed that the composition of Committees be as detailed in Appendix 2.

3.4. In relation to Forums, it is proposed that the composition be on the following basis:-

| Total Membership | SNP | Labour | Con | Ind Group | Lib Dem | Ind |
|---------------------|-----|--------|-----|-----------|---------|-----|
| 10 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | |

3.5. In respect of Joint Boards and Partnership/Outside Bodies, it is proposed that changes to certain memberships be as detailed in Appendix 4.

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. Other Implications

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

6.2. There are no issues in terms of sustainability in relation to the recommendations contained in this report.

7. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

7.1. No equality impact assessment was required in respect of the proposals contained in this report.

7.2. No formal consultation was required.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

26 November 2018

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

◆ Accountable, Effective. Efficient and Transparent

Previous References

South Lanarkshire Council 18 May 2017

Executive Committee of 28 February 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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South Lanarkshire Council

Current Breakdown of Committee Memberships

Council Breakdown:

Scottish National Party 25 (39.06%), Labour 18 (28.12%), Conservative 14 (21.87%), Independent Group 6 (9.37%), Liberal Democrat 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 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 2 | |
| Executive Committee [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups] | 28 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Recruitment Committee To be chaired by Leader of the Council [Facility for named substitutes] | 6 | - | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | |
| Planning Local Review Body [Facility for named substitutes] | 10 | - | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | |
| Conference Allocation Committee Depute Leader and Business Manager of Ruling Administration + 1 other Ruling Group representative, Depute Leader and Business Manager of Largest Opposition Group + 1 other Opposition Group member (not from the Largest Opposition Group) | 6 | | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | |

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Proposed Breakdown of Committee Memberships (as at December 2018)

Council Breakdown:

Scottish National Party 24 (37.50%), Labour 17 (26.56%), Conservative 14 (21.87%), Independent Group 7 (10.94%), Liberal Democrat 1 (1.56 %), Independent 1 (1.56%)

| Committee | Total Membership | Leader ex officio | SNP | Labour | Con | Ind Group | Lib Dem | Ind |
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| Resource Committees; Planning and Licensing Committees [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups] | 26 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | |
| Executive Committee [Provision for up to 4 substitutes from individual groups] | 28 | 1 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 1 | - |
| Recruitment Committee To be chaired by Leader of the Council [Facility for named substitutes] | 6 | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | |
| Planning Local Review Body [Facility for named substitutes] | 10 | - | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | |
| Conference Allocation Committee Depute Leader and Business Manager of Ruling Administration + Depute Leader and Business Manager of Largest Opposition Group + 2 other Opposition Group members (1 from the Conservative Group and one from the Independent Group) | 6 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | |

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Current Representation on Joint Boards and Partnership/Outside Bodies

| Body | Total Membership | SNP | Labour | Con | Ind Group | Lib Dem |
|---|------------------|-----|--------|-----|-----------|---------|
| Lanarkshire Valuation Joint Board [Provision for substitutes from individual groups] | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | - | |
| Economic Growth Board | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | |
| Getting It Right for South Lanarkshire Children's Partnership (GIRFEC) | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | |
| Safer South Lanarkshire Board | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | |
| Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) [Provision for substitutes from individual groups] | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | |

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