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Report to: **Executive Committee**
Date of Meeting: **26 April 2006**
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **Local Government By-Election - Electoral Ward 32
(Avondale South)**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise of the outcome of the by-election held in Ward 32 (Avondale South)
- ◆ allow consideration to be given to the allocation of Committee places previously held by Councillor Macdonald
- ◆ approve amendments to the Housing and Technical Resources and Social Work Resources Committee memberships

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that it be noted that, following the by-election held on 30 March 2006, Stanley Hogarth has been elected to represent Electoral Ward 32 (Avondale South)
- (2) that Committee and other associated memberships be allocated as follows:-
 - ◆ that Councillor Forrest fill the vacant places on the Executive Committee and Recruitment Panel
 - ◆ that Councillor Hogarth fills the vacant places on the following Committees and Forums:-
 - ◆ Corporate Resources Committee
 - ◆ East Kilbride Area Committee
 - ◆ Education Committee
 - ◆ Early Years Forum
 - ◆ Finance and Information Technology Resources Committee
 - ◆ Planning Committee
 - ◆ East Kilbride Licensing Division
 - ◆ Strathaven Town Centre Forum Steering Group
 - ◆ that Councillor Forrest be replaced by Councillor Hogarth on the Social Work Resources Committee and by Councillor H Mitchell on the Housing and Technical Resources Committee

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 30 March 2006 in respect of Ward 32 (Avondale South).

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 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
Stuart Brown	(Independent)	79
Peter Duff	(Scottish Labour Party Candidate)	315
Stanley Hogarth	(Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)	775
William Holman	(Scottish National Party (SNP))	221
Bernard Hughes	(Scottish Liberal Democrats)	59
Kirsten Robb	(Scottish Green Party)	71
	Ballot Papers Rejected	2
	Total Votes Cast	1522
	Electorate	3822
	Percentage Poll	39.8%

4.2. Stanley Hogarth has, therefore, been elected to represent Electoral Ward 32 (Avondale South) on South Lanarkshire Council.

5. Amendments to Committee Memberships

5.1. It is now proposed that Councillor Forrest fills the vacant places on the Executive Committee and Recruitment Panel.

5.2. It is also proposed that Councillor Hogarth fills the vacant places on the following Committees and Forums:-

- ◆ Corporate Resources Committee
- ◆ East Kilbride Area Committee
- ◆ Education Committee
 - ◆ Early Years Forum
- ◆ Finance and Information Technology Resources Committee
- ◆ Planning Committee
- ◆ East Kilbride Licensing Division
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5.3. In addition, it is proposed that Councillor Forrest be replaced by Councillor Hogarth on the Social Work Resources Committee and by Councillor H Mitchell on the Housing and Technical Resources Committee.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. None.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. None.

8. Other Implications

8.1. None.

9. Consultation

9.1. Not applicable.

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Chief Executive

12 April 2006

Link(s) to Council Objectives

None.

Previous References

Minutes of Executive Committee of 1 February 2006 (Paragraph 14).

List of Background Papers

Notice of Election Results from Returning Officer.

Contact for Further Information

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