

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL**

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**Report to: Clackmannanshire Council**

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**Date of Meeting: 18 May 2023**

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**Subject: Election of Roles and Elected Member Representation on Outside Bodies following changes to Labour Group Leadership**

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**Report by: Chief Executive**

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**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for Council to note the replacement appointments to the various roles and outside body positions as set out in the recommendations following changes made to the Labour Group leadership.

**2.0 Recommendations**

That Council:

- 2.1 Notes that from 4 April 2023, following the decision of Councillor Kenneth Earle and Councillor Kathleen Martin to step down from Labour Group Leadership positions, Councillor Janine Rennie has been appointed as Leader of the Labour Group and Councillor Mark McLuckie has been appointed as Depute Leader of the Labour Group.
- 2.2 Notes that Councillor Janine Rennie, in her role as Leader of the Opposition, replaces Councillor Kenneth Earle as Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee with effect from 4 April 2023.
- 2.3 Notes that Councillor Janine Rennie, in her role as Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee is awarded a special responsibility allowance with effect from 4 April 2023.
- 2.4 Notes that Councillor Janine Rennie was an existing member of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Kenneth Earle has indicated that he will remain an ordinary member of the Committee, therefore no further appointments are required.
- 2.4 Appoints Councillor Janine Rennie, in her role as Leader of the Labour Group, to replace Councillor Kenneth Earle as a member of the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal Joint Committee, with Councillor Earle replacing Councillor Rennie as a substitute member.
- 2.5 Notes that Councillor Janine Rennie, in her role as Leader of the Labour Group, replaces Councillor Kenneth Earle as a member of the Clackmannanshire Alliance.

2.6 Notes that Councillor Janine Rennie, in her role as Leader of the Labour Group, replaces Councillor Kenneth Earle as a member of the CoSLA Convention.

### **3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1. At the Labour Group Annual General Meeting held on 4 April 2023, Councillor Kenneth Earle (Leader of the Labour Group) and Councillor Kathleen Martin (Depute Leader of the Labour Group) stepped down from office. Councillor Janine Rennie was appointed as Leader of the Labour Group and Councillor Mark McLuckie was appointed as Depute Leader of the Labour Group.
- 3.2. At the Statutory Meeting of Clackmannanshire Council held on 25 May 2022, as part of the “Council’s Decision Making Framework and Special Responsibility Allowances” report, the Council agreed that the Leader of the main Opposition would chair the Audit and Scrutiny Committee. Therefore as the new Leader of the main opposition, Councillor Janine Rennie takes up the role of Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee with effect from 4 April 2023. It was also agreed as part of the report, that the role of Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee is awarded a senior councillor responsibility payment. Councillor Janine Rennie was an existing member of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and Councillor Kenneth Earle has indicated that he will remain an ordinary member of the Committee; therefore no further appointments are required.
- 3.3. The Standing Orders for the Stirling and Clackmannanshire City Region Deal Joint Committee set out that membership includes 3 elected members of Clackmannanshire Council (being the Leader of the Council and the Leaders of the other two political groups), with Clackmannanshire Council having also appointed 3 substitute members. If a Member resigns from the Joint Committee, the relevant Constituent Authority will be entitled to appoint/nominate (as the case may be) another representative. As Councillor Janine Rennie is now the leader of a political group, it is recommended that she is appointed as a member of the Joint Committee, with Councillor Kenneth Earle being appointed as a substitute member of the Joint Committee.
- 3.4. The Memorandum of Understanding and operating framework for the Clackmannanshire Alliance sets out that membership includes the leaders of three main political parties, therefore Councillor Janine Rennie, in her role as Labour Group Leader, replaces Councillor Kenneth Earle.
- 3.5. The constitution of CoSLA requires that Council delegations reflect the political balance of individual councils. At the meeting of Clackmannanshire Council held on 23 March 2023, as part of the “Appointments for (a) Vice Convenor of the Regulatory Committee; and (b) CoSLA Convention”, nominations were sought from the Labour Group to replace an elected member as the Council’s representative on the outside body on the CoSLA Convention. At that time, it was advised that a nomination would be made following the Labour Group AGM. The AGM has now taken place; and Councillor Janine Rennie, in her role as Labour Group Leader’ is nominated for the position on the CoSLA Convention.

- 3.6. Elected Members nominated to fill some positions may be required to undertake training on their duties. Such training will normally be provided in-house and appointed members should be prepared to attend.
- 3.7. In accordance with Section 4 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, every elected member has a personal responsibility to register interests, financial or otherwise. The Code advises that Councillors must register all directorships and positions of office in public bodies, clubs, organisations and societies. Guidance notes on the registration of interests have been issued to every Clackmannanshire Councillor.

#### 4.0 Sustainability Implications - n/a

#### 5.0 Resource Implications

##### 5.1. Financial Details

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes

- 5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

##### 5.4. Staffing

#### 6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

#### 8.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

- Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all
- Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life
- Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential
- Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish

- (2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

#### 9.0 Equalities Impact

- 9.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?  
 Yes  No

**10.0 Legality**

- 10.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

**11.0 Appendices**

- 11.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None.

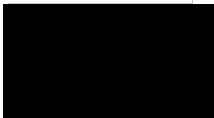
**12.0 Background Papers**

- 12.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)  
 Yes  (please list the documents below) No

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