

## **Item: 4**

**Orkney Health and Care Committee: 4 February 2021.**

**Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership.**

**Report by Chief Executive.**

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To consider an appointment to a vacancy on the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Committee is invited to note:

#### **2.1.**

That membership of the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership comprises two elected members as follows:

- One representative from the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- One representative from the Orkney Health and Care Committee.

#### **2.2.**

That, in June 2019, the following appointments were made to the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership:

- Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor John T Richards.
- Orkney Health and Care Committee – Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge.

#### **2.3.**

That, following the death of Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge, a vacancy exists in respect of the Orkney Health and Care Committee's representative on the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership.

#### **2.4.**

That the nomination to fill the vacancy in respect of the Committee's representative on the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership will last for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely until May 2022.

**It is recommended:**

## **2.5.**

That the Committee nominates one of the members listed in section 5.3 of this report as its representative on the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership.

## **3. Background**

### **3.1.**

The Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership was formed in July 2015 and provides a meeting point for all those working with and providing services to children and young people in Orkney. The Partnership retains oversight of Orkney's Integrated Children's Services Plan and, in this respect, it is an advisory group, a stakeholder group and a consultation group.

### **3.2.**

The Partnership's vision is as follows:

- The ambition for all of Scotland's children is that they are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens. To achieve this every child and young person needs to be safe; healthy; achieving; nurtured; active; respected and responsible; and included.
- Planning and development for services for children and young people in Orkney is organised using a 'growing up' model. This is set in the context of developing and strengthening partnerships as part of the wider agenda of building community capacity, early intervention and preventative spend.

### **3.3.**

The Partnership's values are stated as follows:

- Orkney's ambition for children and young people is that this is a place where service providers and the community work together so that, as children and young people grow up, they get the right help, at the right time, in the right way.

## **4. Membership of the Partnership**

### **4.1.**

Anyone who has a role or relationship with children and young people can be a member of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership and this includes statutory and non-statutory service providers, volunteers and parents. The Partnership meets annually.

## 4.2.

The work of the Partnership is overseen by a steering group whose membership comprises a mix of professional, political and community representation. It is expected that members of the steering group will have strategic, management or front-line roles within their organisations. However, all the members of the steering group will be 'leaders' within their own context and people who make a difference or get things done. The steering group is expected to meet at least quarterly.

## 4.3.

Current membership of steering group is as follows:

- Nominated by an Accountable Body:
  - Elected Member representing Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
  - Elected Member representing Orkney Health and Care Committee.
- Standing Invitations:
  - Child Health Commissioner.
  - Police Scotland.
  - Care Inspectorate.
  - Scottish Children's Reporter Administration.
  - Statutory Consultees.
  - The Named Lead for any Integrated Children's Services Plan Action.
- Representatives from Orkney Health and Care:
  - Head of Children's Services.
  - Children's Services Manager.
  - Health Visitor.
  - School Nurse.
  - Social Worker (Children).
  - Social Worker (All Age Disability).
- Representatives from Education, Leisure and Housing service:
  - Head of Schools.
  - Principal Teacher Early Years.
  - Community Learning and Development Team Leader.
  - Orkney College.
  - Head Teacher.
  - Service Improvement Officer (Schools).

- Third Sector:
  - Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Orkney.
  - Partner Provider.
  - Representation from the Youth Workers Forum.

#### **4.4.**

In addition, the steering group may invite a practitioner with a special interest to contribute to the work and/or discussion that is taking place.

## **5. Vacancy**

### **5.1.**

In June 2019, the following appointments were made to the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership:

- Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor John T Richards.
- Orkney Health and Care Committee – Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge.

### **5.2.**

Following the death of Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge, there is currently a vacancy in respect of the Orkney Health and Care Committee's representative on the steering group.

### **5.3.**

Membership of the Orkney Health and Care Committee currently comprises the following:

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor J Harvey Johnston.
- Councillor Rachael A King.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson.
- Councillor John T Richards.
- Councillor Stephen Sankey.
- Councillor James W Stockan.
- Councillor Heather N Woodbridge.

### **5.4.**

It is therefore proposed that the Committee nominate one of the Elected Members listed above as its representative on the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership.

## **6. Method of Voting**

### **6.1.**

The Council's Standing Orders set out the process for making appointments or nominations.

#### **6.1.1.**

Standing Order 22.7 states:

In the making of appointments or nominations by the Council, where the number of candidates is greater than the number of vacancies, a vote shall be taken by secret ballot.

#### **6.1.2.**

Standing Order 22.13 makes provision for where two or more vacancies exist:

22.13. Where the number of vacancies exceeds one and where the number of candidates exceeds the number of vacancies, then the "first past the post" method of voting shall apply, subject to the following provisions:

22.13.1. The number of candidates amounting to the same number as there are vacancies and receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be held to be duly elected, nominated or appointed, as the case may be.

22.13.2. Where there is an equal number of votes between two or more candidates which affect such election, an extra vote will be taken between those candidates, whereby the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be held to be duly elected, nominated or appointed, as the case may be. And.

22.13.3. In the event that Standing Order 22.13.2 still produces an equality of votes, the decision will be by lot, whereby the first named candidate drawn shall be held to be duly elected, nominated or appointed, as the case may be, followed by the second named candidate, should there be more than two candidates with an equality of votes, until the number of candidates amounts to the same number as there are vacancies.

### **6.2.**

In the event that more than two nominations are made and consequently a secret ballot is required, the normal process is obviously not possible, given that the meeting is being held remotely on Microsoft Teams. Accordingly, the following process, which was used to make nominations and appointments at the Special General Meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2020, will be implemented:

- The Chair will confirm the nominations.
- All members should email the Clerk their nomination with the name of the candidate as the subject of the email.

- Once the Clerk has received 9 emails (or the total of those members present and voting), she will read out the names, as would normally happen during a secret ballot held in the Chamber.
- The Clerk will then announce the result.

## **7. Term of Appointment**

It is proposed that the appointment made to fill the vacancy on the steering group of the Orkney Childcare and Young People's Partnership should last for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely until May 2022.

## **8. Corporate Governance**

This report relates to governance and procedural issues and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

## **9. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report.

## **10. Legal Aspects**

There are no legal implications arising directly from the recommendation of this report.

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