

Item: 17

General Meeting of the Council: 5 October 2021.

Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

Church Representative.

Report by Chief Executive.

1. Purpose of Report

To confirm the nomination from the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in respect of a church representative on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

2. Recommendations

The Council is invited to note:

2.1.

That Mr Hugh Halcro-Johnston, the Church of Scotland representative on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee, has stood down, creating a vacancy.

2.2.

That the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has subsequently nominated Reverend Fraser Macnaughton to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee for the period to May 2022.

It is recommended:

2.3.

That the nomination of Reverend Fraser Macnaughton, as the Church of Scotland representative to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee to May 2022, be confirmed.

3. Church Representative

3.1.

The Council, in accordance with Section 124 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, must appoint to the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee three religious representatives. At least one of the three representatives must be a representative of the Church of Scotland and is to be nominated in such a manner as may be determined by the General Assembly of the Church.

3.2.

The church representatives are full members of the Committee with full voting rights.

3.3.

On 4 July 2017, the Council confirmed the nomination of Mr Hugh Halcro-Johnston as the Church of Scotland representative to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee for the period May 2017 to May 2022.

3.4.

Mr Hugh Halcro-Johnston has recently stood down as the Church of Scotland representative. The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has subsequently nominated Reverend Fraser Macnaughton to serve on the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

3.5.

Reverend Macnaughton's appointment will last until May 2022, following which he may be reappointed. Confirmation will be sought from the General Assembly in due course.

4. Corporate Governance

This report relates to the Council complying with 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.

5. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of the recommendations of this report. All appointed church representatives are entitled to claim travel and subsistence for attendance at meetings or training courses.

6. Legal Aspects

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

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