

## **Item: 5**

**Special General Meeting of the Council: 11 June 2020.**

**Orkney Health and Care Committee – Vacancies.**

**Report by Chief Executive.**

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

To consider making an appointment to a vacancy on the Orkney Health and Care Committee and the position of Vice Chair.

### **2. Recommendations**

The Council is invited to note:

#### **2.1.**

That, following the death of Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge, a vacancy exists on the Orkney Health and Care Committee.

#### **2.2.**

That the late Councillor Woodbridge was also Vice Chair of the Orkney Health and Care Committee.

#### **2.3.**

The proposal to fill the vacancy on the Orkney Health and Care Committee, together with the post of Vice Chair, as outlined in section 4 of this report.

#### **2.4.**

That the appointment made to fill the vacancy on the Orkney Health and Care Committee, together with the post of Vice Chair, will last for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely until May 2022.

**It is recommended:**

#### **2.6.**

That an appointment be made to the vacancy on the Orkney Health and Care Committee from the list of members at section 4.3 of this report.

#### **2.7.**

That, following the appointment to the vacancy, an appointment to the post of Vice Chair be made from the membership of the Orkney Health and Care Committee, noting the existing membership, as detailed at section 4.2 of this report.

## **3. Background**

### **3.1.**

Following the death of Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge, a vacancy exists on the Orkney Health and Care Committee. The late Councillor Woodbridge was also Vice Chair of that Committee. Arrangements are being made for a by-election to be held on 1 October 2020.

### **3.2.**

In terms of the Scheme of Appointment of Members to Committees, which forms Appendix 1 to the Standing Orders, appointments to the Orkney Health and Care Committee do not form part of the allocations procedure. Therefore, it is open to the Council to make an appointment to the existing vacancy.

## **4. Orkney Health and Care Committee**

### **4.1.**

The Orkney Health and Care Committee comprises nine members of the Council as follows:

- 3 voting members on the Integration Joint Board.
- 3 other members who act as proxies for the Integration Joint Board.
- Convener.
- Leader.
- Depute Leader.

### **4.2.**

Existing membership is as follows:

- 3 voting members on the Integration Joint Board:
  - Councillor Rachael A King.
  - Councillor John T Richards.
  - Councillor Stephen Sankey.
- 3 other members who act as proxies for the Integration Joint Board:
  - Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
  - Councillor David Dawson.
  - One vacancy.
- Councillor J Harvey Johnston – Convener.
- Councillor James W Stockan – Leader.
- Councillor W Leslie Manson – Depute Leader.

### **4.3.**

It is therefore recommended that one of the undernoted members be appointed to the vacancy on the Orkney Health and Care Committee:

- Councillor Alexander G Cowie.
- Councillor Norman Craigie.
- Councillor Robin W Crichton.
- Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.
- Councillor John A R Scott.
- Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Councillor Graham L Sinclair.
- Councillor Magnus O Thomson.
- Councillor Owen Tierney.
- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

### **4.4.**

In terms of the Standing Orders, it is for the parent Committee to appoint the Vice Chair. However, given that all scheduled meetings are cancelled until further notice, it is considered appropriate, under the current circumstances, that the Council should appoint a Vice Chair. This appointment will assist and support the current Chair, Councillor Rachael A King, given that Orkney Health and Care provides a pivotal role in the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Accordingly, following the appointment to the vacancy on the Orkney Health and Care Committee, it is recommended that one of the members be appointed Vice Chair.

## **5. Appointments**

It is proposed that the appointment made to fill the vacancy on the Orkney Health and Care Committee, together with the post of Vice Chair, should last for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely until May 2022.

## **6. 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.

## **7. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of the recommendations of this report.

## **8. Legal Aspects**

### **8.1.**

With limited exceptions, section 56 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 provides that a local authority may arrange for the discharge of any of their functions by a committee of the authority, a sub-committee, an officer of the authority or by any other local authority in Scotland. The discharge of functions also includes doing anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of these functions.

### **8.2.**

There are no statutory rules in force in Scotland as to which councillors should be appointed to which committee. Councils have a discretion to decide the membership of their committees and sub-committees.

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