

Item: 15

General Meeting of the Council: 2 July 2019.

Community Development Sub-committee.

Report by Interim Chief Executive.

1. Purpose of Report

To make appointments to the Community Development Sub-committee.

2. Recommendations

The Council is invited to note:

2.1.

That membership of the Community Development Sub-committee comprises the following:

- Convener.
- Leader.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Two other members.

2.2.

That the following appointments have been confirmed:

- Convener – Councillor J Harvey Johnston.
- Leader – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Graham L Sinclair.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Alexander G Cowie.

2.3.

That, consequently, two vacancies remain on the Community Development Fund Sub-committee.

2.4.

That, as the term of this Council is five years, it is proposed that appointments to the Community Development Fund Sub-committee should last for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely for three years until May 2022.

It is recommended:

2.5.

That, in addition to the ex officio appointments, the Council appoints two other members to the Community Development Sub-committee.

2.6.

That the appointments should be for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely for three years to May 2022.

3. Introduction

3.1.

In 1998, the Council established a Community Development Fund for the New Millennium to enable works to be carried out in the county, which would not otherwise have taken place, to mark the beginning of the new millennium.

3.2.

In April 2005, the Policy and Resources Committee noted the success of the Community Development Fund for the New Millennium in achieving community development, providing a focus for community spirit, and gaining substantial partnership funding.

3.3.

A working group was subsequently established to review the Community Development Fund for the New Millennium and, as a result, further funding was allocated to the fund, renamed the Community Development Fund.

3.4.

Tranches of funding have continued to be made available, following a review of the Community Development Fund when outstanding balances were nearing full allocation.

4. Remit

4.1.

The Community Development Fund Sub-committee has full delegation to determine applications for financial assistance from the Community Development Fund towards capital projects.

4.2.

Eligibility criteria for the Community Development Fund are flexible, with each project being considered on its own merits. All projects assisted by the Community Development Fund must provide benefit to, or be available to, the community as a whole. Funding is not prioritised to any particular area or areas of Orkney.

4.3.

The following basic principles are applied.

- The Community Development Fund should attract the maximum amount of external match funding into Orkney.
- There should be no ongoing cost to the Council as a result of any of the projects supported by the Community Development Fund.
- No assistance from the Community Development Fund should be given to projects that would normally be carried out by the Council itself.

5. Existing Constitutional Arrangements

The Community Development Fund Sub-committee, which reports directly to the Council, comprises the following membership:

- Convener.
- Leader.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.
- Two other members.

6. Previous Membership

The following members were appointed to the Community Development Fund Sub-committee for the period May 2017 to May 2019:

- Convener – Councillor J Harvey Johnston.
- Leader – Councillor James W Stockan.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Graham L Sinclair.

- Vice Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Andrew Drever.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Robin W Crichton.
- Vice Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor John A R Scott.
- Two other members:
 - Councillor Norman Craigie.
 - Councillor Rachael A King.

7. Appointments

7.1.

The Leader, Councillor James W Stockan, was appointed at the Statutory General Meeting of the Council held on 16 May 2017.

7.2.

At the Special General Meeting held on 14 May 2019, the following appointments were made:

- Convener – Councillor J Harvey Johnston.
- Chair, Development and Infrastructure Committee – Councillor Graham L Sinclair.
- Chair, Education, Leisure and Housing Committee – Councillor Gwenda M Shearer.

7.3.

On 4 June 2019, Councillor Andrew Drever was appointed Vice Chair of the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

7.4.

On 5 June 2019, Councillor Alexander G Cowie was appointed Vice Chair of the Education, Leisure and Housing Committee.

7.5.

The Council is invited to nominate two other Members to serve on the Community Development Fund Sub-committee, noting the ex officio appointments referred to above.

7.6.

As this Council is for a five year term, it is proposed that all appointments should last for the remainder of the term of this Council, namely for three years 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 as a result of the recommendations of this report.

10. Legal Aspects

10.1.

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.

10.2.

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

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