

THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE COUNCIL – BLENDED MEETING

19th May, 2022

10.00 a.m. – 2.55 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Tom Adams, David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Ken Caldwell, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Rod Cavanagh, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, Julie Ford, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Jean Hall Muir, Judy Hamilton, Alycia Hayes, Cara Hilton, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Gary Holt, Andy Jackson, Margaret Kennedy, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, Jane Ann Liston, Mary Lockhart, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid, Julie MacDougall, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, Derek Noble, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Gordon Pryde, Bailey-Lee Robb, David Ross, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Jonny Tepp, Ann Verner, Andrew Verrecchia, Ross Vettrains, Craig Walker, Darren Watt, Daniel Wilson, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

1. CHAIR

The Returning Officer (as required by Section 4(4) of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994) took the Chair until the Provost was appointed.

2. RETURNING OFFICER REPORT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION 2022 AND MEMBERSHIP OF FIFE COUNCIL

The Council considered a report by the Returning Officer listing the membership of Fife Council.

Decision

The Council noted the report.

3. ELECTION OF PROVOST

NOMINATIONS FOR PROVOST

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Erskine, moved that Councillor Leishman be appointed as Provost.

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Verner, moved that Councillor Beare be appointed as Provost.

Roll Call

For Councillor Leishman - 40 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell,

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Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

For Councillor Beare – 33 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Julie Ford, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

Decision

The Council agreed that Councillor Leishman be appointed as the Provost of Fife Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 a.m. and reconvened at 10.40 a.m.

4. **ELECTION OF DEPUTE PROVOST**

Motion

Councillor Ross, seconded by Cllr Erskine, moved as follows:-

"The Council agree to appoint three Depute Provosts - one each from SNP, Liberal Democrat and Conservative political groups - to assist with the delivery of the civic business in Fife.

The role of the Depute Provost will not attract a special responsibility allowance.

Nominations for the appointment as Depute Provost from each of these groups are invited and should be submitted to the Proper Officer."

Amendment

Councillor Beare, seconded by Councillor Ford, moved as follows:-

"Council will appoint one Depute Provost today and the SNP will nominate Cllr Lesley Backhouse."

Roll Call

For the Motion- 40 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine,

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David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

For the Amendment – 34 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Julie Ford, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

The motion was accordingly carried.

Decision

The Council agreed that three Depute Provosts be appointed and each of SNP, Liberal Democrat and Conservative groups would send their nomination to the Proper Officer.

5. **STANDING ORDERS**

The Council considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services which invited the Council to agree a set of Standing Orders to allow the business of the meeting to be conducted.

Decision

The Council:-

- (1) agreed the set of Standing Orders set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) noted the minor changes marked in track changes in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (3) delegated authority to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to make any consequential and non-substantive amendments to the Standing Orders arising from this report.

6. **MINUTE OF MEETING OF FIFE COUNCIL**

The Provost, seconded by Councillor Ford, moved that the minute of Fife Council of 10th March, 2022 be approved.

Decision

The Council agreed to approve the minute.

7. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Motion

Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Walker, moved as follows:-

Part 1 Decision Making Arrangements

1. It is clear that SNP Group in the recent Local Government election 2022 was given a mandate by the people of Fife to help create the next Administration of Fife Council. With that in mind we are proposing a committee based system that will involve all elected members, will put the interests of Fife and its people first, will promote equality, recognise and respect the rich diversity of Fife and its communities and citizens, and will have clear lines of responsibility regarding political decision making, and scrutiny.
2. To ensure that the Council can conduct its business and also further develop the framework for its governance, Council agrees to receive a report at the full Council meeting on 16th June 2022 as follows:-
 - (a) Establishing the following Committees as the basis for the governance framework and applying the principle of political balance
 - i. Policy and Resources Committee (17 members)
 - ii. Education Committee (12 members)
 - iii. Environment and Protective Services Committee (12 members)
 - iv. Housing, Leisure and Community Services Committee (12 members)
 - v. Strategic Planning, Economic Development, Transportation, Technical and Engineering Services Committee (12 members)
 - vi. Social Work, Children and Adult Services Committee (12 members)
 - vii. Area Committees (7 Committees based on the previous structure of these Committees)
 - viii. 2 planning committees (11) (NEF and C&WF - chaired by an area chair)
 - ix. Standards, Audit and Scrutiny Committee (11 members)
 - x. Regulation and Licencing Committee (15)
 - (b) setting out remits for each of the Committees established in accordance with the above, together with recommendations for any other statutory or regulatory committees that may be required.

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3. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Administration and the Group Leaders on all policy and other appropriate matters which require a decision before the next Council meeting on 16th June 2022.
4. To invite the political groups to discuss and make their views known about the proposals prior, if possible, to the Council meeting of 16th June; and
5. To review the effectiveness of the revised governance framework no later than one year following adoption of the revised framework.

Part 2 Appointment of Committee Conveners/Positions of Responsibility

The Council resolves

1. that the position of Leader and Depute Leader of the Administration and Leader of the Opposition are agreed and appointed today.
2. that the appointment to all other positions of Special Responsibility be deferred to the next meeting of the Council on 16th June and that Special Responsibility Allowances be assigned at that meeting.
3. to invite nominations for the positions of Leader and Depute Leader of the Administration and Leader of the Opposition.

Part 3 Appointment of the Conveners of Committees

That Council

1. Agree that the Chief Executive calls meetings of the seven Area Committees within the next four weeks to invite Area Committees to agree their Area Convenors; and
2. Resolve to request nominations from each political party for membership of:
 - (a) the Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board - sufficient to fill 8 places on the Board (and 8 reserves) on the basis of political balance, i.e. 4 SNP, 2 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrats and 1 Conservatives; and
 - (b) COSLA Convention - sufficient to fill 6 places on the basis of political balance, i.e. 3 SNP, 2 Labour, and 1 Liberal Democrat.

Part 4 Emergency Working Groups

The Council resolves to form three short term working Groups (of not more than 12 members each) that will work with the Administration and Officers and focus on eliminating/reducing backlogs/pressures caused in part by the public health crisis. The working groups will work over the summer period and make recommendations to the appropriate committee.

- i. Temporary Accommodation/Homelessness - the working group to investigate all means possible to increase the council housing stock including and especially removing the limit on the purchase of ex-council houses.

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- ii. Cost of Living Pressures - the working group to bring together all sections of the council involved in the elimination of poverty with a view to identifying people and families under pressure, optimise uptake of national and locally administered benefits, maximise Fife Council support budgets, and mobilise/organise local communities to work cohesively with the Council and other support networks
- iii. Covid backlogs - the working group to identify the backlogs in service delivery due to the pandemic (excluding roads and pavements) and the extent of the problem.

All 3 working groups should be given priority status and work across council services. All proposals to alleviate the identified issues should take into account current financial plans without creating future budget streams and concentrate on one-off funding models.

Amendment

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Erskine, moved as follows:-

Part A

To ensure that the Council can conduct its business and also to further develop the framework for its governance, Council resolves to establish the following decision making structure:

1. A Cabinet Committee responsible for strategic policy decisions.

Membership of the Cabinet will be the Leader of the Council (Chair), six strategic spokespersons (appointed in accordance with Part C paragraph 1 of this motion) and ordinary members up to a total of 21 members (including the spokespeople but excluding the Chair). The ordinary members will be appointed on the basis of political balance. Should the number of strategic spokespeople from one party exceed that party's politically balanced allocation on the Cabinet then those spokespeople will be additional members of the Cabinet (over and above the 21 noted above) and with full voting rights.

2. Four Scrutiny Committees, based on the following broad remits:

- Education
- People and Communities (including social care, children's services and housing)
- Finance, Economy and Corporate Services (including HR and Planning)
- Environment, Transportation and Climate Change

Each Scrutiny Committee will have the power to make recommendations to the Cabinet Committee for consideration and will be responsible for:

- considering call-ins from the Cabinet Committee
- in depth scrutiny of areas of policy and performance as determined by the Committee
- considering matters referred for scrutiny by the Cabinet Committee

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- Service monitoring reports

Membership of the Committees will consist of 16 members appointed on the basis of political balance. The Chair will be appointed by the Committee at its first meeting.

3. Seven Area Committees, based on the previous structure for Area Committees. Council agrees to delegate the appointment of Chairs to Area Committees but only where the Committee reaches a majority decision on the appointment. If a majority decision cannot be reached the Committees do not have delegated authority to make an appointment and the matter will be referred back to full Council for determination in accordance with the agreed procedures.
4. A Standards, Audit and Risk Committee with a membership of 10 and politically balanced.
5. A Regulation and Licensing Committee with a membership of 16 and politically balanced.
6. A West and Central Planning Committee, with a membership of 16 based on a politically balanced consideration of the constituent areas and chaired by one of the Conveners of the Area Committees.
7. A North East Fife Planning Committee which will be constituted in the same way as in the previous administration, and with the same Chair as the North East Fife Area Committee
8. Political groups are invited to submit nominations to the Proper Officer for membership of the Cabinet and Committees based on political balance

Part B

1. To allow the Council to continue to determine relevant matters in the interim, Council resolves that the Area Committees shall assume the same terms of reference as in the current Committee Powers.
2. Council further resolves to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the appropriate spokespersons, on all policy and other appropriate matters which require a decision before the next Council meeting.
3. Council agree that the next meeting of full Council will be on 9 June 2022. The Chief Executive will ensure that all seven Area Committees convene within two weeks of today's meeting, and that the four Scrutiny Committees will convene by the end of June 2022, to consider the appointment of Chairs only and
4. Council agrees to bring forward a revised Scheme of Administration based on this decision making structure and including any additional statutory, regulatory or other committees that are recommended, to the next

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Council meeting. The effectiveness of the revised Scheme of Administration will be reviewed no later than 1 year following adoption of the revised Scheme of Administration.

Part C Appointment of Leader of the Council and Positions of Responsibility

The Council resolves

- 1 To create the following positions of special responsibility.
 2. Leader of the Council
 3. Leader of the Opposition
 4. Spokesperson for Education
 5. Spokesperson for Housing and Building Services
 6. Spokesperson for Finance, Economy and Strategic Planning
 7. Spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change
 8. Spokesperson for Communities and Leisure Services
 9. Spokesperson for Health and Social Care (to be the Council's representative on the Board of NHS Fife and to act as Chair/Vice Chair of the Integrated Joint Board)
 10. Chair of the Regulation and Licensing Committee and Licensing Board
 11. Four chairs of Scrutiny committees and
 12. Seven chairs of Area Committees
- 2 To invite nominations for the positions at (a) to (i) above
- 3 To agree that the above posts be assigned Special Responsibility Allowances as set out in the attached appendix. *Appendix 1 to the minute.*
- 4 That political groups are invited to submit nominations to the Proper Officer for membership of the Health and Social Care Integrated Joint Board sufficient to fill 8 places on the Board, to include the Strategic Spokesperson for Health and Social Care (and 8 reserves) on the basis of political balance.
- 5 That political groups are invited to submit nominations to the Proper Officer sufficient to fill 6 representatives for the COSLA Convention on the basis of political balance.
- 6 That Council will consider the appointment of any remaining positions of responsibility at its next meeting on 9th June 2022 including the Chair of the Standards, Audit and Risk Committee.

Roll Call

For the Motion- 34 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Julie Ford, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb,

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Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

For the Amendment – 41 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

The amendment was accordingly carried.

Decision

The Council agreed in terms of the amendment and consequently considered the appointment of the following positions of special responsibility:-

1. Leader of the Council
2. Leader of the Opposition
3. Spokesperson for Education
4. Spokesperson for Housing and Building Services
5. Spokesperson for Finance, Economy and Strategic Planning
6. Spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change
7. Spokesperson for Communities and Leisure Services
8. Spokesperson for Health and Social Care (to be the Council's representative on the Board of NHS Fife and to act as Chair/Vice-Chair of the Integrated Joint Board)
9. Chair of the Regulation and Licensing Committee and Licensing Board

The meeting adjourned at 12.45 p.m. and reconvened at 1.30 p.m.

NOMINATIONS FOR LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Erskine, seconded by Councillor Craik, proposed that Councillor Ross be appointed as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Verner, proposed that Councillor Alexander be appointed Leader of the Council.

Roll Call

For Councillor Ross - 41 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie,

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Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

For Councillor Alexander – 33 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Julie Ford, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Ross as Leader of the Council.

NOMINATIONS FOR LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Councillor Verner, seconded by Councillor Neal, proposed that Councillor Alexander be appointed as Leader of the Opposition.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously that Councillor Alexander be appointed as Leader of the Opposition.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPOKESPERSON FOR EDUCATION

Councillor Verner, seconded by Councillor Cavanagh, proposed that Councillor Walker be appointed as Spokesperson for Education.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Erskine, proposed that Councillor Hilton be appointed as Spokesperson for Education.

Roll Call

For Councillor Walker - 32 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

For Councillor Hilton – 41 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt,

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Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Hilton as Spokesperson for Education.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPOKESPERSON FOR HOUSING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Councillor Verner, seconded by Councillor Barrera, proposed that Councillor Backhouse be appointed as Spokesperson for Housing and Building Services.

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Erskine, proposed that Councillor Hamilton be appointed as Spokesperson for Housing and Building Services.

Roll Call

For Councillor Backhouse - 33 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

For Councillor Hamilton – 40 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Hamilton as Spokesperson for Housing and Building Services.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPOKESPERSON FOR FINANCE, ECONOMY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

Councillor Verner, seconded by Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw, proposed that Councillor Hall Muir be appointed as Spokesperson for Finance, Economy and Strategic Planning.

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Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Erskine, proposed that Councillor Craik be appointed as Spokesperson for Finance, Economy and Strategic Planning.

Roll Call

For Councillor Hall Muir - 33 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

For Councillor Craik – 41 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Craik as Spokesperson for Finance, Economy and Strategic Planning.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPOKESPERSON FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Erskine, proposed that Councillor Wincott be appointed as Spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change.

Councillor Verner, seconded by Councillor Jackson, proposed that Councillor Vettraino be appointed as Spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change.

Roll Call

For Councillor Wincott - 41 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

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For Councillor Vettrains – 33 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettrains, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Wincott as Spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPOKESPERSON FOR COMMUNITIES AND LEISURE SERVICES

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Craik, proposed that Councillor Erskine be appointed as Spokesperson for Communities and Leisure Services.

Councillor Verner, seconded by Councillor Neal, proposed that Councillor Goodall be appointed as Spokesperson for Communities and Leisure Services.

Roll Call

For Councillor Erskine - 41 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

For Councillor Goodall – 33 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettrains, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Erskine as Spokesperson for Communities and Leisure Services.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPOKESPERSON FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Erskine, proposed that Councillor Graham be appointed as Spokesperson for Health and Social Care.

Councillor Verner, seconded by Councillor Jackson, proposed that Councillor Liewald be appointed as Spokesperson for Health and Social Care.

Roll Call

For Councillor Graham - 41 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

For Councillor Liewald – 33 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Graham as Spokesperson for Health and Social Care.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE REGULATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE AND LICENSING BOARD

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Erskine, proposed that Councillor Adams be appointed as Chair of the Regulation and Licensing Committee and the Licensing Board.

Councillor Verner, seconded by Councillor Goodall, proposed that Councillor Lindsay be appointed as Chair of the Regulation and Licensing Committee and the Licensing Board.

Roll Call

For Councillor Adams - 41 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson,

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Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Darren Watt, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

For Councillor Lindsay – 33 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Louise Kennedy-Dalby, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

Decision

The Council agreed to appoint Councillor Adams as Chair of the Regulation and Licensing Committee and the Licensing Board.

8. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO FIFE LICENSING BOARD

The Council considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services which advised that, in terms of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005, a Licensing Board required to be established at the first meeting of the Council following a local government election.

Decision

The Council agreed:-

- (1) to elect ten members to the Fife Licensing Board, based on political balance; and
- (2) that nominations for the membership be notified to the Proper Officer from all political groups.

9. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO REGIONAL TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP

The Council considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services which asked Council to appoint three members and three substitute members to the South East Scotland Regional Transport Partnership.

Decision

The Council agreed that:-

- (1) Councillors Glen, Davidson and Lawson be appointed as Fife Council members of the South East Scotland Regional Transport Partnership; and

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- (2) Councillors Hayes, Craik and Dempsey be appointed as Fife Council substitute members of the South East Scotland Regional Transport Partnership.

10. ESTABLISHMENT AND APPOINTMENTS TO THE EDUCATION APPEAL COMMITTEE AND EDUCATION APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

The Council considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services to which proposed that both the Educational Appeal and Education Appointment Committees be established and members appointed.

Decision

The Council agreed:-

- (1) to establish the Education Appeal Committee and the Education Appointments Committee; and
- (2) that nominations for the membership be notified to the Proper Office from all political groups.

11. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The Provost advised that as agreed earlier in the meeting, the next meeting of Fife Council would be scheduled for Thursday 9th June, 2022.